

OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



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Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford



HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

It continues to be busy, busy, busy at OLSP.

The children were thrilled to return after the holidays and test out our new outdoor gym equipment. Every child across the school has given them the big thumbs up!

We were very impressed with every KS2 child's behaviour whilst attending swimming lessons. The first session seemed to be over very quickly for them as the aim was to ensure a clear understanding of each child's swimming ability. However, one child told me he had learned to swim in that one session! Very impressive.

The afternoon was spent listening to Ruth and Alex, two local musicians, entertaining us with classical pieces on the keyboard, flute, piccolo and bass flute. The favourite piece was definitely 'Pirates of the Caribbean'. It was noted that one of the musician's parting comment was "how focussed and engaged the children were. Especially in such challenging heat. Really lovely to see". What a lovely thing to hear said about our children.

Do take note of our diary page, we still have a lot on our agendas for the rest of this term.

God bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Our School Chaplains have continued to enjoy “Trustful Tuesdays”. Every week, pupils from a different year group gather to discuss the Gospel for that upcoming Sunday.

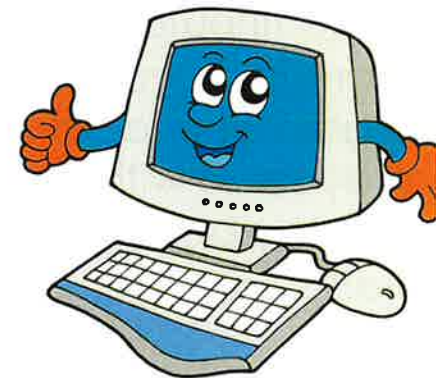
Also, last Sunday, the Parish joined Abigail, one of our Year 6 Chaplains, as she was welcomed into the Guild of St Stephen after over a year of Altar Serving. She was presented with a medal and did our school extremely proud with her clear and quietly confident responses to Father Mark's questions. The Guild of St Stephen is an International Organisation of Altar Servers founded in England in 1904. Their objectives are to encourage, positively and practically, the highest standards of serving at the Church's liturgy and so contribute to the whole community's participation in a more fruitful worship of God. They provide altar servers with a greater understanding of what they are doing so that they may serve with increasing reverence and prayerfulness and thereby be led to a deepening response to their vocation in life.



SUMMER 2 TERMS CLUBS:



- Open library from 3:15-4pm with Mrs Newton Browne Mondays
- Footlights Dance Academy - Monday evenings
- Spanish with Dani 3:15-4:00 pm every Wednesday until the end of term (£7)
- Year 3/4 Multi sports club with Mr Mason every Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Cricket Club with Mr Selley every Thursday (Premier Sports) 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Year 1/2 Football with Mr Stamp 3:15pm-4:15pm
- Computing Club with Mr Meehan, Friday 3:15-4:15 pm (*Final Session for computing club will be Friday 14th July*)
- Costume for Carnival Club (KS2 only. Commencing from 12th July)





BOOK AMNESTY



Please can you check at home for any books that should have been returned to school (they will have the school stamp in the front cover). We are particularly missing Phonics books; our budget will be massively impacted should we need to replace these, so we would really appreciate your help in retrieving any.

Also if you have any books that you no longer use and are looking to donate, please consider sending them into school for our Library (we politely request that these are not books that have been taken from the free box outside of the office).

Absence Request Forms Reminder (S2)

Please could we remind all Parents and Carers that if your child has a medical appointment, we require you to complete an S2 form. This needs to be done giving as much notice as possible (ideally 2 weeks in advance of the appointment). We appreciate your understanding of this.



Adults' Mobile Phones



We have recently spotted some parents leaving the nursery playground area, speaking on their mobile phones. We strictly remind all parents, staff and visitors that the use of mobile phones is prohibited once inside the school gates. This is to ensure the safety of your children and we greatly appreciate your understanding of this.

EARLY YEARS

This week in Maths the children have been looking at volume and capacity. We have got the water play out and used jugs, containers, spoons and cup measures to work out the volume of each one.



YEAR 1 & 2

James a fireman from Bovey Tracey Fire Brigade, visited us in Class 1/2 today. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning how to keep themselves safe at home and the role of the fire service. The children may come home and check that they have a smoke alarm and ask you to check that it works.



YEAR 3

This week we were junk modelling in History and the children all created an Iron age roundhouse. We then all went up on the hill on the field and created a class 3 hill fort complete with a wooden fence. The children then imagined they were an invading tribe and realised the benefits of living in a hill fort.



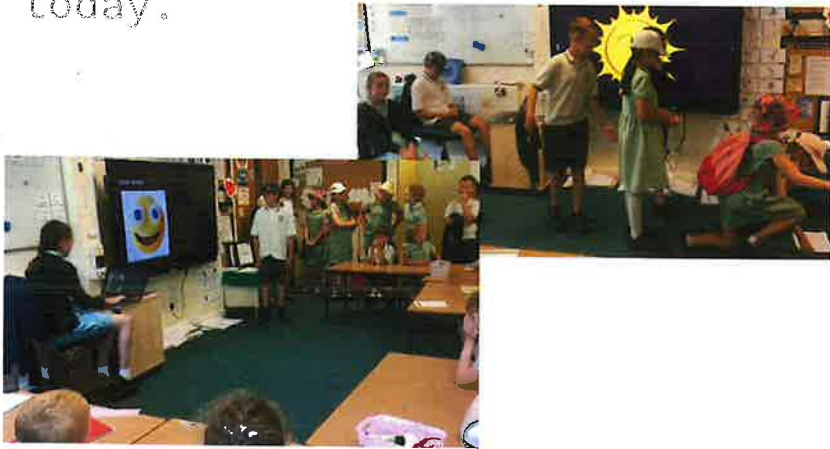
YEAR 4

This week, Class 4 have been finalising their final writes on their own independent stories. Once finished, the children took their time reading each others and providing feedback on how they could improve.



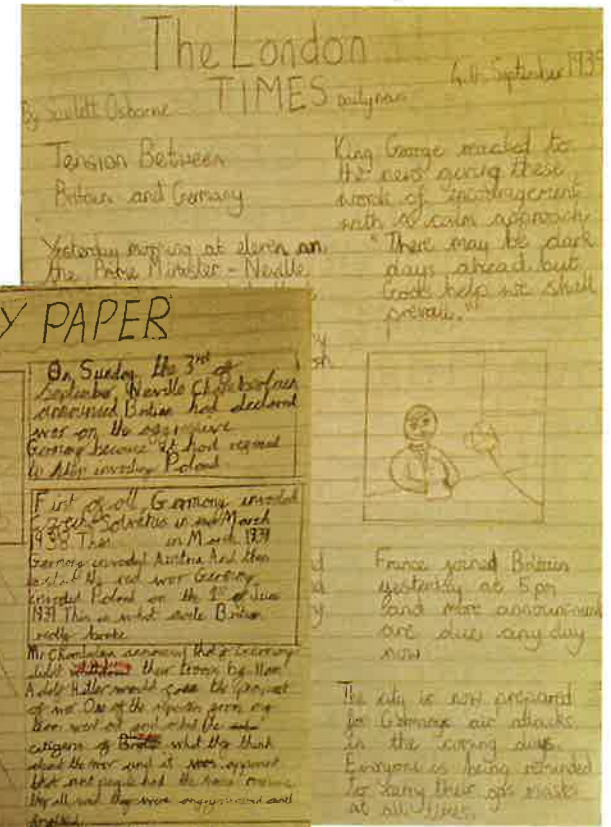
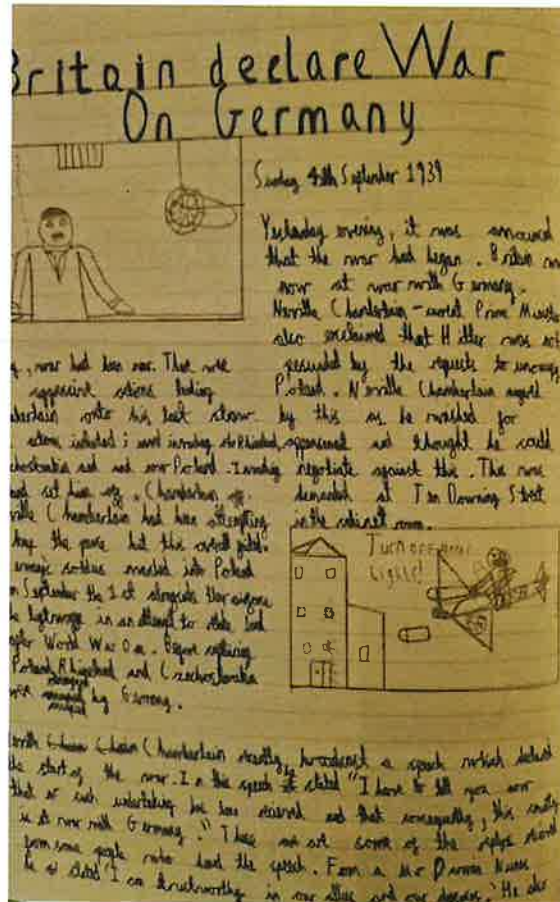
YEAR 5

Year 5 have started the term with performing a sun safety lesson to years 1 and 2 last week. They designed and wrote their own plays to share their knowledge learnt during PSHE. We are starting a new topic in History about the Anglo Saxons, learning about their way of life and our links with them today.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been very busy writing. The children have worked incredibly hard on their newspaper reports about the World War Two. They are using ambitious vocabulary and really thinking about their sentence structure.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	5.6.23	12.6.23
	Kindness	Fortitude
Early Years	Arthur	Seb
Y1 & 2	Jack	Lacie-Mae
Y3	Molly	Marylou
Y4	Zach	Laila
Y5	Lucas	Kamila
Y6	Louie TH	Emrys



STAR OF THE WEEK

	5.6.23	12.6.23
Early Years	Steffan	Chloe
Y1 & 2	Raffy	Jake
Y3	Oscar Sen	Darcey F
Y4	Archie A	Elsa
Y5	Emma	Mia
Y6	Adam	Maddison





Well done to Year 3.

6th June - 16th June	
Reception	96%
Year 1/2	96.21%
Year 3	98.50%
Year 4	93.57%
Year 5	91.80%
Year 6	97.04%

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR <small>190 days for your child's education</small>	<small>10 days absence</small> 180 Days of Education	<small>19 days absence</small> 171 Days of Education	<small>29 days absence A term missed</small> 161 Days of Education	<small>28 days absence</small> 152 Days of Education	<small>27 days absence</small> 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	

CHROMEBOOK LEASE TO BUY UPDATE

We are pleased to advise that our Chromebook lease to buy scheme will be up and running from 1st June in partnership with CHG-Meridian Education UK and Stone Group. From 1st June until the 30th June the portal (link below) will be opened for parents of children in current Yrs 2 - 5 to register, set up and manage direct debits (to start from September) to purchase a Lenovo NB 100E 64GB Chromebook for your child to use at school and home. Once payments are complete the chromebook will belong to you and your child.

All chromebooks will come with a neoprene case and may be personalised by the children. They will also have a high level of insurance including breakdown, accidental damage and theft and come with the appropriate Google licence and support.

The chromebooks will be set up over the summer and delivered to school (and your child/ren) in the first week of the Autumn term.

Please use the link relating to the yeargroup your child will be in from September.

[Parent Portal Link](#)

Our Lady & St Patricks Catholic Primary School,	Year 3 (Ref 11160 £11.36 + £317.13)	Portal Code : OURLADYYEAR3
	Year 4 (ref 11160 £11.36 + £317.13)	Portal Code : OURLADYYEAR4
	Year 5 (Ref 11162 £15.38 + £300.31)	Portal Code: OURLADYYEAR5
	Year 6 (ref 11170 £24.46 + £276.22)	Portal Code : OURLADYYEAR6

If you have any queries about this scheme please contact Mrs Brocksom (abrocksom@stnics.uk) Senior Administrator of St Nicholas and OLSP Catholic Primary Schools.

SPORTS DAY

It's finally here.



July 5th you are cordially invited to OLSP Sports Day Races which will be up on the top field.

The children will participate in a day of activities to earn points for their houses with the winner being crowned at the end of the day following the races.

The children will participate in a carousel of skill based games in the morning and then in the afternoon, parents, you are invited to come and attend the running races from 1:30pm to 3pm.

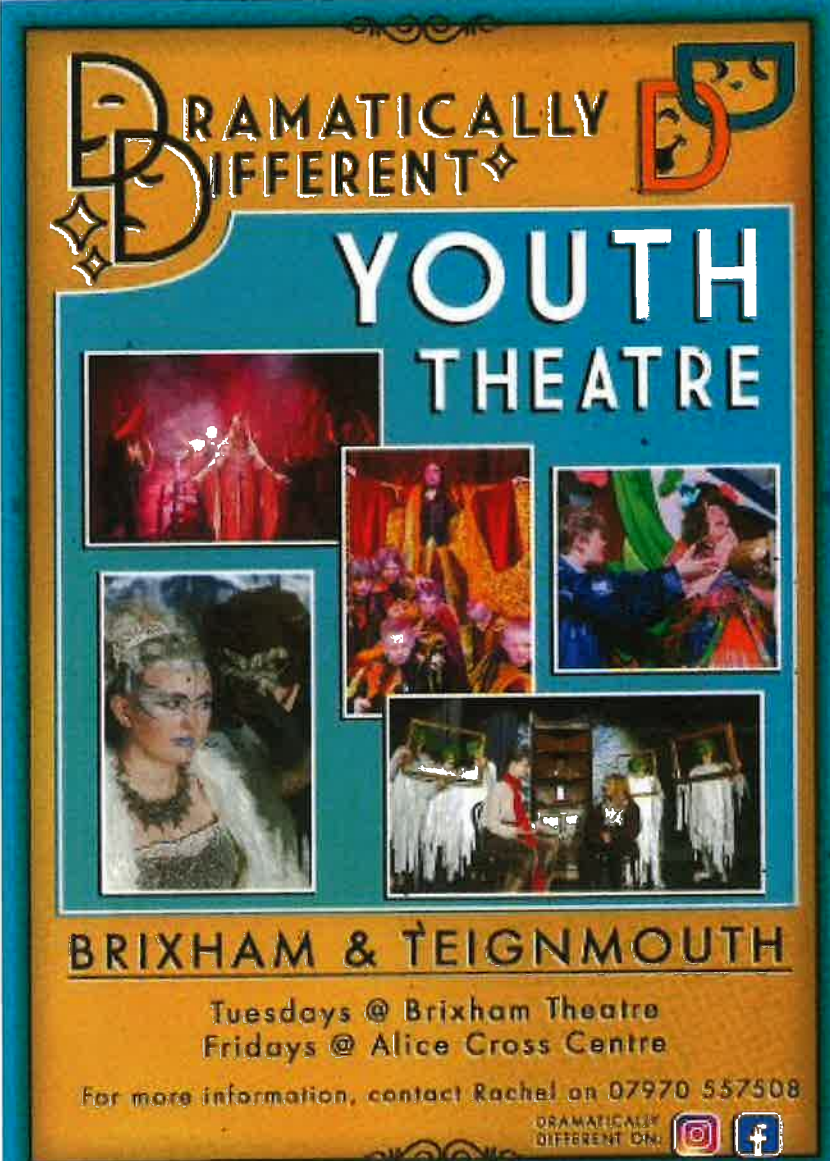
Each class will participate in a male/female 50m sprint followed by a each classes fun race designed by the children with some very interesting races being put forward. There will then be parent races followed by a final teachers fun race.


FRIENDS of OLSP are putting on refreshments as well as supplying the children with ice poles during the event.

It's shaping up to be an amazing day so hope to see you all there.



PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH A FEW PERIPATETIC MUSIC TEACHERS OFFERING PRIVATE LESSONS FOR ANY PUPILS INTERESTED IN LEARNING A NEW INSTRUMENT IN SEPTEMBER. ENQUIRE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CONTACT DETAILS AND PRICES, ETC.





DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT 

YOUTH THEATRE

BRIXHAM & TEIGNMOUTH

Tuesdays @ Brixham Theatre
Fridays @ Alice Cross Centre

For more information, contact Rachel on 07970 557508

DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT ON:  

Friends News

To all our Friends and local businesses, the Friends of OLSP need your help.

We are holding our annual summer BBQ on Friday 7th July and are looking for some more amazing raffle prizes.

Are you a decorator or builder that could donate a voucher to a local store?

Are you an estate agent that could donate a voucher to a local attraction?

Are you a local salon that could donate a voucher for a treatment?

Are you a shop owner that could donate a gift basket?

Can't think of anything specific but want to support the school? How about a small sponsorship donation?

We know that so many of you already do so much for the local community and we really appreciate you all!

If you can help in any way, we would be so very grateful!

For any donations and or sponsors, we will show your company logo on our Facebook page and all of our advertising.

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WED 21ST JUNE WEAR YOUR BEST SUMMER HOLIDAY CLOTHES!

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED GIFTS ✓

✓ TEDDYS

TOILETRIES ✓

✓ BOTTLES AND CONFECTIONERY

INSTEAD OF MONEY DONATIONS, WE ARE ASKING FOR TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE PRIZES FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER BBQ. THANK YOU!



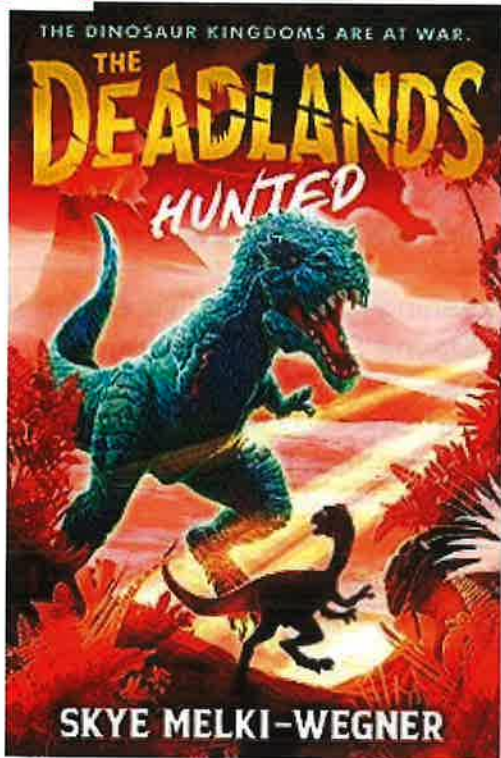
Don't forget your 50p's for Ice Pop Fridays! We will be outside the school office with our cool box.



Diary Dates

9th June	Swimming for KS2 (and weekly for 6 weeks)	4th July	Year 6 play performance @ 2:00 pm and @5:00 pm
19th June	Year 3 - Mass (Teignmouth)	5th July	Sports Day 1:30 - 3pm Races (Parents Invited)
21st June	Non Uniform Day (Children to bring in a tombola/raffle prize for the BBQ)	7th July	OLSP's BBQ
22nd June	Year ½ Mass (Shaldon)	11th July	Visit classes celebration evening 4-5pm for parents and carers
25th June	Ground Force 12pm Please join us to help work on our site.	12th July	-Y6 transition day at TCS -OLSP meet your new teacher day.
26th June	Early Years trip to Paignton Zoo	12th July	Presentation evening for Year 6 Civic Award (6:30pm at St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay)
27th June	Y5/6 trip to Paignton Zoo	19th July 9am	Leavers mass - at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church. Children to be taken there by parents - details will be sent nearer the time.
29th June	Feast of St Peter & St Paul. Mass will be celebrated in school at 2pm. Please let us know if you would like to attend.	21st July	9:15am Year 6 leavers assembly Animal Encounters in Early years

'So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall." - Roald Dahl



THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND



A new addition to our School Library this week.

Before there were dragons, there were dinosaurs...

Imagine a world in which the dinosaurs weren't killed by a meteor hitting the earth. A world in which dinosaurs have learned to speak. To dream. To wage war.

Eleri is an oryctodromeus, a small dinosaur raised in an underground warren. He dreams of becoming his herd's storyteller but when he saves an enemy soldier from a pterosaur attack, he is exiled to the Deadlands. To survive this scorched desert full of carnivores, he joins a herd of other young exiles, including a peppy stegosaur, a stoic sauropod, an irritable triceratops ... and a mysterious spy. Can five young misfits save their warring kingdoms?



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at OLSP is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Miss Wathen, or Deputies: Mrs Blatchford or Mrs Emmerton on 01626 773905 Our named governor for child protection is Mrs Lorraine Coulter

WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Rachel Ripley. Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. Everyone needs a Rachel in their lives!



ATTENDANCE

Justine Williams is our attendance officer. She will liaise with any families who have a child with below 95% attendance to offer support. Please remember if attendance is below 95% your child will be noted as persistently absent.

CPOMS and Operation encompass

At OLSP we use CPOMs as our system for recording information that we consider to be safeguarding information. As a parent you are entitled to see this information and may request to do so.

Further information about the programme can be found here -

<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/privacy-statement/>

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

