

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

We have reached the end of our spring term and what a busy term it has been. Today we have been able to present 42 children with 100% attendance certificates for being in school every day of this term. Very impressive.

On Thursday I was delighted to accompany ten of our Year 5 and 6 children who took part in the annual Dawlish Rotary Quiz. Their knowledge really impressed me and some of the questions I never could have answered. Their impressive score of 111 out of 150 earned them third place.

Our return to school on the 15th April also means that the children will be able to wear their summer school uniforms. Please can I remind parents and carers to make sure they are matching the school rules regarding footwear. Children should be wearing suitable dark school shoes. Not trainers and no patterned socks (white, green, grey or black). We are very aware that our local secondary school are clamping down on school uniform and sticking to our rules will help our children in the future.

However, the 15th will also see our Year 6s heading off to Grenville House for their residential. I can't wait to hear how it all goes as I know they will have an amazing time.

Finally, all of our OLSP staff family would like to wish all of you a happy and holy Easter break. We hope the sun shines and you have fun and laughter with your families.

God bless to you all
Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Lent Lunches

On Friday last week, our pupil chaplains kindly helped serve a Lent lunch to members of the community at Teignmouth Methodist Church. The chaplains were so keen, kind and approachable; as always they made us and OLSP very proud. Thank you Chaplains!



The Stations of the Cross

On Wednesday this week, each class spent time in the School hall, visiting the beautiful Stations of the Cross that had been set up. As a Catholic school and in preparation for Easter, we look to the Stations of the Cross as a way of introducing the children to Jesus' Passion, breaking it down into stages that they can reflect upon and remember. The Stations are more than the retelling of a story: they are a prayerful participation in the event that lies at the heart of Christianity - Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The atmosphere in the school hall throughout this day was calm, peaceful and reflective.



SUMMER 1 TERM CLUBS:

These clubs are running after the Easter holiday

Please use this link to sign your child up



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8W1lqk0M3BC_Nx-UZbUMqmDZcys6sleZww_wslDlUznZcCQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

- Carnival Club Mondays 3:15 - 4:15pm (starts 22nd April)
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- KS2 Girls Football Club Wednesdays - 3:15pm - 4:15pm (Mr Stamp)
- KS2 Boys Football Club Wednesdays - 3:15pm - 4:15pm (Mr Mason)
- Lego club Thursday 3:15 - 4:15pm (Miss Humphrey)
- Maths SATS booster club (year 6 only. Until after SATs week). Thursday
- Yr1 - 6 Badminton Fridays 3:15pm - 4:30pm (Premier Sport)



You are invited...

to Premier Education's extracurricular activities!



Here's what's on near you...

Our Lady St Patricks Primary School Afterschool Club

Friday's : Badminton

Cost: 0

Time: 15:15 - 16:30 Age: 5-11

Dates: Friday 19th April - Friday 24th May

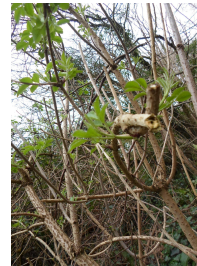
EARLY YEARS

The children in Stars and Moons class had a wonderful day pretending to visit India. They had passports and plane tickets that needed to be checked before boarding our plane in class. When they landed we went to an Indian cafe where they tried Mango (the national fruit of India) and other tropical fruit before dressing up in saris and other traditional dress and learning a Bollywood style dance. In the afternoon we learnt more about where India is in the world and what its flag looks like and its wildlife. We also tried some traditional food. We boarded our plane again before returning home for the end of the day.



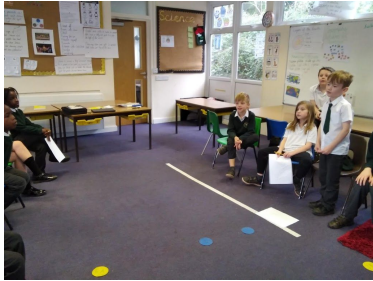
YEAR 1 & 2

The children in Mars class had another fantastic trip to the Nature Reserve. The purpose of the trip was to look for signs of spring. It also gave us the opportunity to compare how the Nature Reserve had changed since our last visit. Thank you to our adult helpers for coming.



YEAR 3

This week the children looked at democracy as one of our British values. We watched a video about how the government debate in the Houses of Parliament and then re-enacted a debate of our own.



YEAR 4

Saturn class have been conducting their TAPs assessment in science this week. They have been conducting different investigations where the children were trying to hear the different pitch of sounds when using different objects. The objects included - a balloon, a ruler, an elastic band, a xylophone and their own bottle of water.



YEAR 5

YEAR 6

Year 5 and 6 did amazingly well last week when they walked from Teignmouth to Dawlish to raise money for CAFOD.

They showed great resilience and smiled all the way. The staff at OLSP, are all very proud of each and every one of them!

This photo is the end of the walk and it is great to see so many still smiling. A great achievement! Well done to all!



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	18.03.24	25.03.24
	Peace	Temperance
Early Years	Henry L	Seb
Y1 & Y2	Sophie	Robert
Y3	Hal	Sonny
Y4	Ivie	Flynn
Y5	Freddie	Theo
Y6	Leo	Kamila

STAR OF THE WEEK

	18.03.24	25.03.24
Early Years	Gypsie - Leigh	Lumen
Y1 & 2	Raffy	Evelyn
Y3	Eva	Eliza
Y4	Marylou	Oscar F
Y5	Archie A	Ada
Y6	Lucas	Ava



18th - 28th March	
Reception	93.73%
Year 1/2	97.89%
Year 3	89.54%
Year 4	96.85%
Year 5	97.78%
Year 6	88.62%

Well done to Mars class, who also obtained a staggering 100% last week!

Is your child too poorly for School?

If you are unsure about your child's symptoms and whether to send them to school, the following link is very informative

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

Illness

Just a reminder that if your child is not going to be in school due to illness, please contact the school by 9.30am by leaving a message on the absence line or emailing the school office.

Please provide a specific reason for absence and ensure that you call the school every day that your child will not be attending.

If we do not have contact from you, the office will call all other phone numbers and a member of staff may visit your home. The absence will be unauthorised.

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 190 days for your child's education	10 days absence 180 Days of Education	19 days absence 171 Days of Education	29 days absence A term missed 161 Days of Education	38 days absence 152 Days of Education	47 days absence 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!	



Diary Dates

13th May

2.40pm Year 4 Class Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)

15th April

Summer Term Starts

16th May

School dinner Mexican theme day “Fiesta Fun” (Menu change - details will be sent nearer the time)

15th - 19th April

Y6 Residential

17th May

10am Mass for Pentecost (Parents/Carers invited)

18th April

2.40pm Year 3 Easter Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)

19th May

Pentecost

22nd April

2.40pm Year 1/2 Class Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)

20th May

2.40pm Year 5 Class Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)

23rd April

St George’s Day
School dinner theme day (Menu change - details will be sent nearer the time)

27th May

Half Term Holiday

25th April

9.45am Whole School Classical Concert

3rd June

INSET Day (Non-Pupil)

29th April

2.40pm Early Years, Crowning of Mary Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)

10th June

2.40pm Year 6 Class

1st May

Junior Speaks heats

4th July

Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church

6th May

May Day bank holiday

5th July

2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date)

8th May

Junior Speaks finals

19th July

3.30pm - 8.30pm School Barbecue

7th May

10am Mass for Pentecost in School

24th July

9am End of Year Mass

9th May

Year 3 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
Ascension Day

25th July

Last day of Summer Term

WB 13th May

SATS week for Year 6



Don't forget to let us know via the google form sent out if you will be joining us for our beach clean. There will be a treat for every child helper.

"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



JOIN PIP, ZENA AND LIBRO
ON THEIR NEW ONLINE ADVENTURE

The Secret Book Quest digital platform is quick and easy to sign up to online, where you can join Zena, Pip and Libro the cat on an exciting reading adventure. Signing up online will unlock access to The Secret Book Quest story, online games and downloadable activities!

To carry on your quest and unlock the next zone, visit your local library. As a library member, a child can sign up to receive their **free** pack, including stickers to collect along the way, puzzles to solve, certificates and a finisher's prize too.



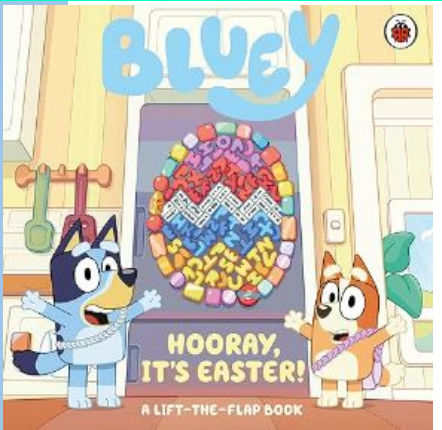
Head to www.tsbq.co.uk
or your local library to begin your adventure!

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND



The Garden, The Curtain and The Cross by Carl Laferton
Journey from the Garden of Eden to God's perfect new creation to understand why Jesus' death and resurrection are good news for us. This beautiful hardback Bible storybook for 3-6 year olds takes children on a journey from the Garden of Eden to God's perfect new creation. It is a gospel presentation that focuses on the significance of the temple curtain. God said "because of your sin you can't come in", but the moment the curtain tore in two, everything changed.
Children will learn why Jesus died and rose again and why that's the best news ever.

Bluey; Hooray it's Easter!
Bluey and Bingo are going on an Easter egg hunt following the clues left by the Easter bunny.
Will they find their eggs? Lift the flaps to find out!
Join Bluey and Bingo in this gorgeous lift-the-flap adventure!





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Venue: Our Lady and St Patricks Primary School

Dates: 2nd April - 12th April

Times: 09:00AM - 15:30PM

Price: £20.02

Ages: 5 - 12 year olds

Additional Info:

Please visit our website to book your child's place www.premier-education.com/parent-search Our lady and St Patricks

Taking every precaution

Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

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Scouts

4th Teignmouth
Scout Group

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Age 7 -16
years.

Join the Teignmouth Youth Choir

Monday afternoons in term time
3.45 – 4.30pm @ The Alice Cross Centre
First session free!
£15 per half term thereafter

Email for further details: teignmouthyouthchoir@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/teignmouthyouthchoir

Family Events Spring 2024



Peppa Pig Cinema Party!



Come on everybody it's time for Peppa's Cinema Party! This year Peppa Pig celebrates her 20th anniversary and to mark it- the **MOST EPIC PARTY EVER.**

Friday 16th February 11.00am & 2.00pm
£7.00 Adult, £5.00 child

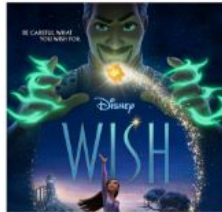
Craft Workshops



Make your own model of the Owl and the Pussycat in their iconic Pea-Green boat. Or make a mask of your favourite woodland animal.

Monday 12th February &
Monday 8th April.
10.30am-12.30pm
£15.00 per child
see website for further details

Disney's Wish



Young Asha makes a wish so powerful that it's answered by a cosmic force, a little ball of boundless energy called Star

Monday 12th February
11.00am & 2.00pm
Adults: £7.00 Children: £5.00

BOX OFFICE 01626 249049
www.pavilionsteignmouth.org.uk

Family Theatre Spring 2024



Sam O'Shanty



A nautically comic show for all the family, crammed with Fact - Farce & Fantasy, in which storytelling, Puppetry & the singing of shanties will entertain, enthral & delight..... **HUZZAR!**

Saturday 2nd March, 2.00pm
£8.00 Adult, £10.00 child

The Witch & The Egg



Witch does what witches do best... fly around scaring people and eating biscuits. The last thing she wants in her life is an **EGG!**

Should she have it for breakfast or hatch it? This show is an adaptation of the book 'The Witch's Egg' by Madeleine Edmondson.

Wednesday 14th February, 2.00pm
£8.00 Adult, £10.00 child

Laura Wall's Goose



This forty five minute interactive production brings Teignmouth's very own Laura Wall's laugh out loud illustrations and loveable characters to life. 'Goose' is an instant favourite with young and old.

Saturday 30th March 1.00pm & 3.00pm
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(**Apple**) or **Google Play (Android)**



Free behaviour support resources for schools and families

Have you heard of **My Family Coach**? It's an incredible free platform for schools and families for help and support with all areas of behaviour, school and family life.

The platform includes **over 50 hours of free support content** from the experienced team here at Team Teach. There's **articles, podcasts, videos, ebooks and quarterly online parent classes** that you and the families you support can attend and watch on-demand as well.

The resources and support cover a huge variety of topics and we're always adding more: Relationships, Communication, Mental wellbeing, Friendships, Bullying, Calming down, School life, Healthy living, At risk behaviour, Screen time.

And for this time of year, families might find articles on **understanding behaviour, managing changes to routines, how to enjoy a family Christmas, using family support for childcare in the holidays, supporting your child through the holidays** or **why self care isn't selfish** helpful.

It's all available 24/7 and completely free! To access the platform as a parent or a school, simply visit the **My Family Coach website** and create an account.

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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

Hi, my name is Steph, I'm the new Attendance and Welfare Officer here at OLSP. I will be monitoring attendance regularly to ensure that, where possible, every child is in school on time every day. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please leave a message with the office and I will contact you.



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.