

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



Fourth Avenue, Teignmouth TQ14 9DT

Tel: 01626 773905

e-mail: office @olsp.uk

Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



Newsletter: 16th January 2023

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford



HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2023.

Whilst it has been a wet and windy start to the term, that has not stopped the fabulous learning at OLSP. We have welcomed Mr Hopkins on a Wednesday morning to do music lessons with some classes and will be welcoming Adele Willets from TCS after the half term break to pick up music with Y6. It has been lovely hearing whole class recorder and ukulele ensembles.

Please do all particularly take note of page 11 in our newsletter. There are a lot of dates to include on your calendars and these will be added to. (I am very aware our wonderful Friends have a few dates too!)

We have a several trips coming up and will be looking for parent helpers. If this is something you think you might like to do, or if you can spare an hour or two during the week to do some volunteering in school, for example listening to readers, please do let Sarah, or Natalie know in the office. We will need to process a DBS, but this is a quick and easy process.

Finally, our Spring Term parent meetings are noted on the parent dates and letters will be coming out for this soon. Meanwhile, please remember, if there is anything you are concerned about, please do not wait until then to raise and contact the school to speak to the class teacher, or myself.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Please can we ask for our community to pray for Iris, Ossie, Marylou and Joey who have begun their journey to prepare for the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

For children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, this is a big deal. And for all of us, no matter how many times we have received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, it should always be a big deal.

What makes it so special the first time is the same thing that makes it special every time!

Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. We should not take it for granted!

This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion, it is an exciting event for the whole family. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before!

If you would like to register your child, please contact the parish on 01626 774640.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

to Jemma from Jemma Childminding (and who runs our Breakfast and After School Clubs).



Jemma achieved a resounding 'met' in all areas after a visit from Ofsted on Thursday. We had no doubts and it is lovely to get the stamp of approval.

A massive well done Jemma! We think you are awesome.

THIS TERMS CLUBS:

Open library from 3:15-4pm with Mrs Newton Browne Mondays

Footlights Dance Academy - Monday evenings

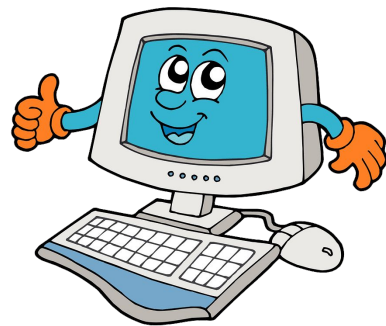
Spanish with Dani 3:15-4:00pm from Wednesday 4th January (£7)

Ultimate Frisbee with Mr Selley (Premier Sports) Thursdays, 3:15-4:15pm

Multi-Skills with KS2 with Mr Mason, Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm

Computing Club with Mr Meehan, Friday 3:15-4:15pm

SATs Maths booster sessions 8:00 am-8:30am on a Thursday- Miss Wathen (Miss Wathen will be contacting individual parents regarding this)

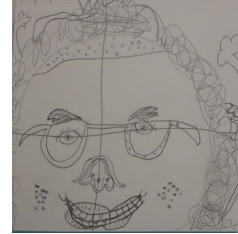


EARLY YEARS

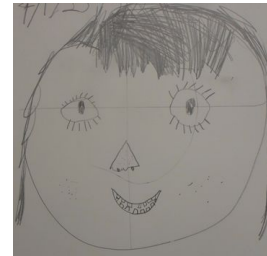
After discussions around how the seasons have changed the children have made bird feeders with Mrs Newton Browne for the school to help make sure the birds have enough food.



YEAR 1 & 2

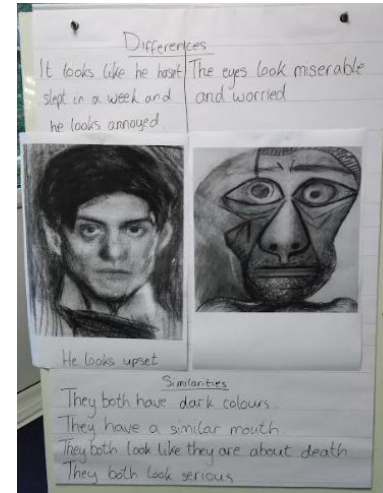
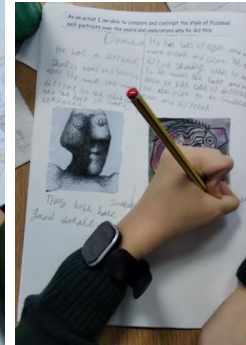
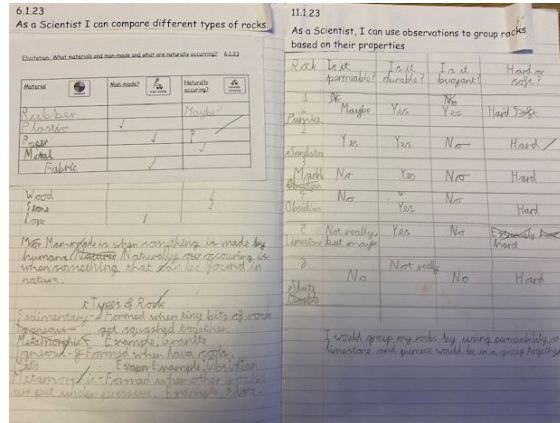
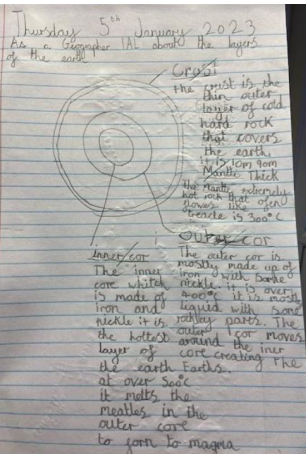


With Mrs Emmerton on Thursday afternoon, the children began to learn about Vincent Van Gogh. They looked at his self-portrait and then created their own, whilst looking in mirrors. I think they look fabulous!



Year 3 in the last 2 weeks have been looking at the layers of the Earth in Geography. They have been learning what's underneath our feet and what our Earth is made up on. On the back of this, in Science we have been geologists and studying rocks. How different types of rock are formed and how this gives them different properties. They have been experimenting with some rocks and have found them truly fascinating to the point they have bought some rocks in from home and we have grouped them.

This week in Class 4, the children have been comparing different Picasso self-portraits identifying similar and different features. Pupils have been carefully thinking about the different expressions the self-portraits show and how they have developed over time. The children are really enjoying this unit in Art this term so far!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have begun their music lessons with Mr Hopkins and have enjoyed their start to learning how to play the recorder. He has been blown away by the musical talent in the class!



YEAR 6

This week Year 6 have started their abstract self portraits. The children really embraced this learning and the outcomes look amazing! Well done Year 6!



PROUD AT OLSP

A big well done to Eliza for being the awesome winner of Teignmouth library's 50th birthday card competition. What a brilliant entry!



We are delighted to have been chosen to receive a full aquarium kit for our school as part of the Maidenhead Aquatics Fishkeeper Fry project. As part of the project our children will learn about all aspects of setting up an aquarium, keeping fish and ensuring the aquatic environment thrives.

DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	6.1.23	13.1.23
	Peace	Kindness
Early Years	Noah	Elliott
Y1 & 2	Estrella	Eliza
Y3	Caitlyn	Stephanie
Y4	Paris	Archie A
Y5	Thelma	Bailee
Y6	Kieran	Alice



STAR OF THE WEEK

	6.1.23	13.1.23
Early Years	Ivy	Theo
Y1 & 2	Albie	Eva
Y3	Ivie-Beau	Hollie
Y4	Mia	Archie B
Y5	Juliana	Lucas
Y6	Oli	Louis





All Devon schools have been asked to sign up to a charter whereby we all aim to get our children into school at least 97% of the time. Well done to Year 1, 2, 3 and 6 for achieving that this week.

Days off school add up to lost learning

3-13th Jan 2023	
Reception	96.83%
Year 1/2	97.71%
Year 3	98.38%
Year 4	94.05%
Year 5	95.00%
Year 6	97.5%

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

These are the dates we have so far. We will keep you informed if more events need to be added in.

THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION POINT

Would you rather see a giant ant or a tiny giraffe?????



1st February	Year 5 and 6 to watch Matilda at TCS	9th March	Year 4 - Mass, Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Shaldon
9th Feb	Year 5 - Mass Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Shaldon	14 March	Mother's Day Gift Shop
13th-17th Feb	Spring Half Term	21 March	Bag2School
20th Feb	Inset Day - School closed to children	28th March	Dawlish Water Rotary Quiz - Y6
21st & 22nd Feb	Spring parent meetings	31st March	Last Day of Spring term (return 17th April)
7th Feb	Y1/2 trip to Paignton Zoo	27th April	Y3/4 trip to Paignton Zoo
28th Feb	Junior Speaks heats	5th May pm	Coronation celebrations
14th Feb	Valentine's Cake Sale	9-12th May	Y6 SATS week
2nd March	World Book Day	15-19th May	Y6 residential to Simonsbath
7th March	Junior Speaks final	26th June	Early Years trip to Paignton Zoo
17th March	St Patrick's Disco	27th June	Y5/6 trip to Paignton Zoo

"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



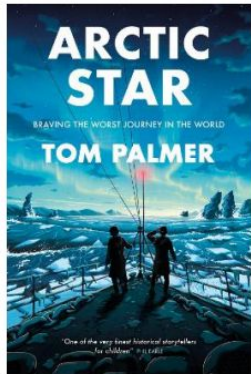
Stuck Inside - Sally Anne Garland

What do you do when you're stuck inside and all the fun is outside? Tilly has to stay in until a big storm passes by. Her pup Toby has to stay in until his sore paw gets better. And there is absolutely, positively nothing fun to do. Then a hopeful Toby brings Tilly his leash, and Tilly gets an idea! With delightful illustrations, this sweet story of exploration, creativity, and seeing old things in a new light will spark the imagination of any child who feels "stuck."

Arctic Star – Tom Palmer

Winter 1943. Teenagers Frank, Joseph and Stephen are Royal Navy recruits on their first mission at sea during the Second World War. Their ship is part of an Arctic Convoy sailing to Russia to deliver supplies to the Soviets.

The convoys have to navigate treacherous waters, sailing through a narrow channel between the Arctic ice pack and German bases on the Norwegian coast. Faced with terrifying enemy attacks from both air and sea, as well as life-threatening cold and storms, will all three boys make it home again?





SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at OLSP is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Mrs O'Sullivan, 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/) -

<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.

Free online support sessions for parents and carers of young people aged 9 to 12



Following the successful Let's Talk Teenagers programme, a series of free online support sessions called '[Let's Talk Pre-teens](#)' is starting next week (Tuesday 17 January).

These sessions are an opportunity for parents and guardians of young people aged 9 to 12 to hear about some of the challenges young people face today, and the tools they can use to support them. The sessions will take place on Tuesday 17, 24 and 31 January and will cover topics such as:

- Difficult emotions
- Relationships
- Mental health

[Find out more and book a place on the 'Let's Talk Pre-teens' Eventbrite page.](#)