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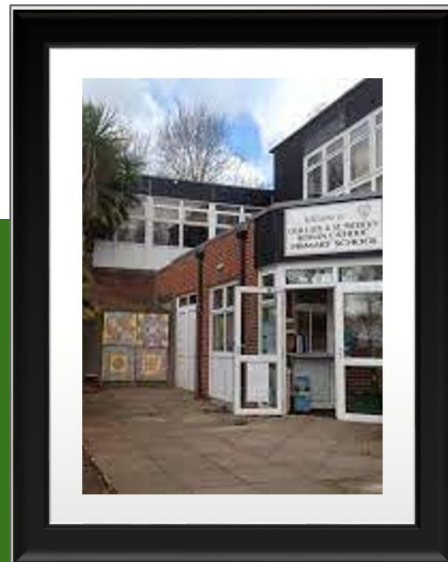
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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



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Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford



HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

It has been a busy couple of weeks, with lots going on. Our builders were scheduled to finish off the Early Years outdoors, but were delayed because of illness. We are hoping to get another date soon and promise to keep you posted. We are hoping that there will be further works to improve the overall look of our school over the summer holidays, replacing the cladding and other minor works. Watch this space!

Our wonderful Friends have been meeting regularly. Amongst other things, they are planning to remove the condemned amphitheatre where the wood is rotting, so that the area can be revitalised. We would be lost without such a wonderful group of supportive parents, working so hard to help us make the school an attractive environment.

As usual, please make a note of the dates below. There is a lot going on and we wouldn't want anyone to miss out. Key Stage 2 teachers will have spoken to their classes recently about entering this year's Junior Speaks competition. Do talk to your child about it and encourage them to have a go. The aim is to talk to an audience about a topic close to their hearts for a minimum of ten minutes. The list of entrants and topics need to be sent to the Rotary Club by the 10th February. Last year's talks were great and I can't wait to hear about this year's exciting topics.

God Bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

'The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.'

Isaiah 9:2

In the week beginning 23rd January, the Gospel tells of Jesus calling His disciples and the reading from Isaiah describes Jesus as 'a great light'. The classroom prayers joined those two themes, inviting children to reflect on how, like the first disciples, we are called to follow Jesus, the gift from God who lights up our lives!

Children called on the first disciples, now saints, to pray for them as they get to know God more and try to be good followers of Jesus.

These daily prayers build up a Litany of Saints over the week; perhaps you could make intercessions to the saints a part of your family prayer time.

You might like to close your prayer times with this short prayer:

**Dear Jesus,
You light up our lives!
Help us today to follow you,
and follow in the footsteps of
the saints who have gone
before.**

Amen

SPRING 2 CLUBS:

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

Footlights Dance Academy - Monday evenings

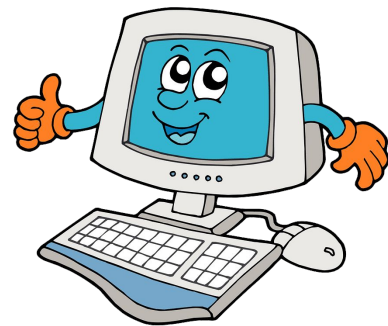
Spanish with Dani 3:15-4:00pm from Wednesday 4th January (£7)

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

Year 5 & 6 football club 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)

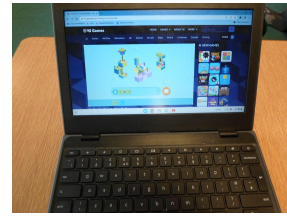


EARLY YEARS

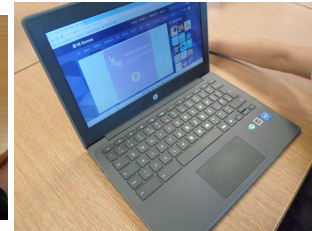


In EYFS this week during our RE lessons we have been looking at celebrating and how people celebrate. We used this as an opportunity to explore and investigate Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. We learnt about the story of the Emperor and how he decided on what animals should have a year named after them.

YEAR 1 & 2



During computing, the children in Class 1/2 have been learning what an algorithm is. They have been making lego models and mazes and then creating algorithms to tell other people how to make or complete them. This week, they used, 'Coding for Carrots' to write their own algorithms for a computer to follow.









YEAR 3

This week in year 3 we have been looking at the formation of mountains and volcanoes. The children have found it really interesting understanding how these amazing natural features of our Earth are made. Similarly, we've looked to how fossils are made and the fossilisation process. I can't express the interest class 3 have shown this term in our geography and science units.

YEAR 4

This week, Class 4 have been learning about different plants and animals which have had to adapt to the rainforest. The children were intrigued about the different animals that were listed including the spider monkey and fire ants. The children have really enjoyed this theme in Geography and can't wait to see what more entails.

Animals adapted	How have they adapted?	Plants adapted	How have they adapted?
	They can move quickly through the trees and use all four limbs to grip a branch. They can also swing from one branch to another. They can also use their tail as a fifth limb to help them swing. They can also use their tail to grip a branch.		Rainforest trees have buttress roots because it is the rain gets on the ground it will be muddy so it will be unstable. However, the buttress roots make it stable so it doesn't fall.
	Toucans have very large bills. They use them to pick up food and to attract a mate. They also use them to peck at insects and to dig for food. They also use them to dig for food. They also use them to dig for food.		Lian have adapted by wrapping tightly around the tree and then growing. They also have a very up close to reach the sunlight.
	Fire ants have a very large body. They use their body to pick up food and to attract a mate. They also use their body to peck at insects and to dig for food. They also use their body to dig for food.		
	Flies have a very large body. They use their body to pick up food and to attract a mate. They also use their body to peck at insects and to dig for food. They also use their body to dig for food.		



YEAR 5

This half term, our geography has been an investigating water. The class worked in groups to demonstrate their learning of the courses of a river in creating a 3D model.



YEAR 6

This half term year 6 have been enjoying music lessons with Mr Hopkins. They have been learning to play the ukulele and playing to popular music that they enjoy.



PROUD AT OLSP

A **BIG** well done to Mia, who on Saturday 21st January, cut the length of her hair to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you too, would like to sponsor her, you can donate towards this cause the link is:

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/mia-bouchami>

BEFORE



WELL
DONE!



AFTER



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	20.1.23	27.1.23
	Tolerance	Integrity
Early Years	Tyler	Oliver
Y1 & 2	Callum	Ted
Y3	Mary Lou	Lyra
Y4	Theo F	Sebastian
Y5	Riley	Leo
Y6	Ona	Zac



STAR OF THE WEEK

	20.1.23	27.1.23
Early Years	Isla	Evelyn
Y1 & 2	Sophie	Josh M
Y3	Flynn	Kaya
Y4	Erin	Zach
Y5	Gracie	Celia
Y6	Louis	Wilf





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.

13-27th Jan 2023	
Reception	90.11
Year 1/2	94.02
Year 3	92.72
Year 4	94.04
Year 5	92.43
Year 6	93.19

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

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

30th Jan	Year 5 - Mass Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Shaldon (please note change of date)	17th March	St Patrick's Disco
1st February	Year 5 and 6 to watch Matilda at TCS	9th March	Year 4 - Mass, Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Shaldon
7th Feb	Y1/2 trip to Paignton Zoo	14 March	Mother's Day Gift Shop
10th Feb	Valentine's Cake Sale	21 March	Bag2School
13th-17th Feb	Spring Half Term	28th March	Dawlish Water Rotary Quiz - Y6
20th Feb	Inset Day - School closed to children	31st March	Last Day of Spring term (return 17th April)
21st & 22nd Feb	Spring parent meetings	27th April	Y3/4 trip to Paignton Zoo
22nd Feb	1:30pm Ash Wednesday liturgy	5th May pm	Coronation celebrations
23rd Feb	Leather jewellery making for adults	9-12th May	Y6 SATS week
28th Feb	Junior Speaks heats	15-19th May	Y6 residential to Simonsbath
2nd March	World Book Day	26th June	Early Years trip to Paignton Zoo
7th March	Junior Speaks final	27th June	Y5/6 trip to Paignton Zoo

FRIENDS NEWS

We would first like to wish you all a very HAPPY NEW YEAR! and hope that you all had a very lovely Christmas.

We have been very busy planning lots of events to look forward to over this coming school year, so please find below lots of dates for your diaries!



Sunday 5th February - Ground Force Day

Friday 10th February - Valentines Cakes Sale
All Donations Welcome!

Thursday 23rd February 7:30pm - Adults
Leather jewellery making workshop

Tuesday 14th March - Superwoman (Mothers
Day) Gift Shop

Friday 17th March 5pm - 7pm - St Patrick's Day
Disco (with split age groups)

Tuesday 21st March - Bag2School
All donations to be at school before 9am.

Friday 5th May - Coronation Celebrations!

Easter Egg Trail - Throughout the Easter holidays

Thursday 13th June - Superman (Fathers Day)
Gift Shop

Friday 8th July - SUMMER BBQ!

"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



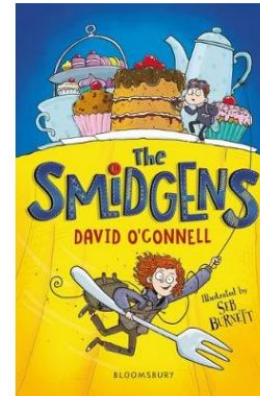
Hello, Rain! Kyo Maclear

The air is full of waiting. The sky is full of breeze. The trees gust and billow. All before it rains. Rumble, rumble. Distant thunder. Rain is coming, rain is coming. No matter what kind of weather you prefer, *Hello, Rain!* is a great reminder of the natural beauty all around us.

The Smidgens David O'Connell

Now Gafferty, her parents and her little brothers Gobkin and Grub are the only ones left, and the tunnels are forbidden territory. And then Gafferty finds an old map. A map that shows a place deep within the maze where Smidgen tribes can go to meet.

Smidgen tribes! Gafferty knows that she has to try to find them. But the tunnels are dangerous. And soon Gafferty discovers she's not the only one looking for the lost tribes, and that three inches of Smidgen hold more power than she ever imagined.





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/) -

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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.

GOVERNOR NEWS

We have two new Governor's joining us from February. Firstly we have a new Parent Governor, Mr Darral Saw:-

I have never served as a parent governor previously and am excited with what lies ahead. I have 2 children at OLSP, Max in year 2 and Mae in the nursery, both thoroughly enjoy their time at the school. It was the smaller classes and focus on the children that made the decision for my wife and I to enrol our children to this wonderful school. As well as my children I also have a Niece and Nephew that attend the school. I hope to work with my fellow governors and the school to continue to develop the positive vibe and feeling in the school and help to grow our OLSP family.

Secondly we welcome Christina Carlin as our Co-Opted Governor