



Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way

1st April 2021

Headteacher's News

As we finish for the Easter holidays, I would like to thank the staff for their unending energy this term. We have achieved a great deal under ever-changing circumstances - remote learning alongside in-school learning, quickly learning how to use all kinds of google extensions to provide high quality remote learning, a sense of humour and fun when running the class catch ups and, above all, remaining dedicated to each child in their care.

We are looking forward to a summer term that is filled with fun and a gradual move back to school looking more and more 'normal' whilst seizing all the positive developments that have come out of the last 12 months.



Many of you will have seen the beautiful Rainbow of Reflection on the fence over the last few days. Each child has contributed a piece for the rainbow - OLSP's reflection on the last 12 months. We have remembered the losses and the struggles but also found things to be positive and thankful for. If ever there was a message of Easter, it is the knowledge that pain and struggle is surpassed by joy and hope. It is a message that resonates with us throughout our daily lives.

On behalf of the staff and children, I would like to wish you a happy and blessed Easter.



Important Information

Breakfast and After School Club - Exciting News

We have finally been given the go ahead from the Trust to open OLSP's very own wrap around care for 3 - 11 year olds (Nursery - Y6) in September. This is fantastic news for our families and to enable us to attract new families to the school. There are a number of steps we now need to take to open - the first being to secure bookings from families for September so that we know what income we will have and to be able to advertise for the right number of staff. We will write to you again after Easter to open the booking system for the BASC and give you all the details of times, costs etc.

Way of the Cross

All of our children took part in a beautiful reflection to walk Jesus' way of the cross this week. In their class bubbles they took turns to walk through the 14 stations where each one had a short story, prayer and reflection. The atmosphere was beautiful and the children were so respectful and prayerful. It was a lovely way of marking this, special Holy Week.



Thrive Room - Thank you to the Friends!

Thrive is a specific way of supporting all children who are struggling with the social, emotional or mental health. We are lucky to have two Thrive trained practitioners on the staff who work regularly to support children's well being. Sometimes this might be a very light touch and only need short term support whereas for other children this might be longer term therapeutic support. It is well reported in the news that children's mental health has suffered in different ways as a result of the last 12 months whether that be through bereavement, social isolation or the result of domestic or financial struggles. Here at OLSP, we are well resourced to support children's pastoral needs. We are grateful to the Friends for additional funding which has enabled us to set up a Thrive room with resources that soothe, support sensory well-being and an environment that is nurturing.



Disciples of the Week

*W/B 22nd March 2021
Kindness*

Early Years	Albie
Year 1	Ethan
Year 2	Edward
Year 3	Gabriel
Year 4	Olive
Year 5	Charles
Year 6	Dexter and Edie

*W/B 29th March 2021
Peace*

Early Years	Ruby
Year 1	Ava
Year 2	Archie A
Year 3	Ivy
Year 4	Grace
Year 5	Megan
Year 6	Teagan

Well done to you all!

Friends' News

Thinking about what to do over the Easter holiday? Look no further than the 'Eggcellent' Easter Trail which is set up around Teignmouth. The egg-shaped clues are set up around town so you can find the clues as you enjoy some of the sunshine ahead. Please go to www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofolsp to buy a ticket for £1. This gives you access to the map and instructions. Once you have completed the map and found out the secret message hidden in the clues, drop the form into a box in Reception after Easter for us to get your Easter treat to you! There is more information on the Facebook Friends of OLSP page too. It will certainly be eggciting!

Thank you!

An Easter Prayer

Red is for the blood he gave

Green grass grew beside his grave

Yellow for his sun so bright

Black is when the day turned night

Purple for his hour of sorrow

Pink is for our new tomorrow

White is for the angel's clothes

Orange is for the day he rose

Butterflies burst from brown cocoons

Jesus frees us from the tomb.

He is risen - Alleluia!



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Our Lady and St Patrick's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Rachel O'Sullivan Deputy Child Protection Leads: Mrs A Folland, Mrs R Gordon, Mrs S Emmerton, Mrs J Osborne Named Governor for Child Protection: Mrs Lorraine Coulter