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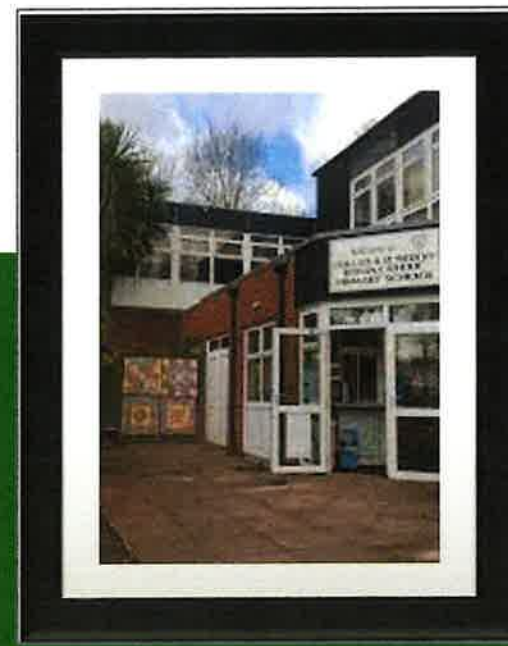
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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



Newsletter: 17th October 2022

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford



HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our consultation evenings. If you didn't make an appointment, please do. It is never too late and all teachers are happy to spend time to ensure you feel fully informed.

We had great fun at our school Poetry Slam on Friday. Y2, Josh M explained poetry beautifully, saying 'it is a way of mixing up our words to create something lovely'. Both staff and children performed incredibly well and we heard classic, funny, short and long poetry. We have discussed projecting our voices and adding in more actions. Next term we intend to have another go, but will invite parents to join us. Look out for the date.

We were very proud of our start of the school year fire practice. All of the children were out of the building and lined up on the playground, calmly and sensibly in 1 minute and 40 seconds.

We have been very lucky to have had two ex-pupils visiting our school to carry out work experience. It has been lovely to see them and hear how they have missed OLSP, but have continued to do well in their education. You will also notice over the next few months we will be welcoming trainee teachers into our Year 1 and 2, and our Year 5 class. This means OLSP are doing their bit to develop teachers for the future, but also giving us extra pairs of hands and enthusiasm.

It is only one week left until half term and we can not believe where the time has gone. Our next newsletter will be 7th November. Please don't forget that Monday 31st October is an inset day and school is therefore closed to pupils. We hope you all have a lovely break.

God bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL



We are pleased to be able to open our doors to parents to join our Harvest Liturgy led by class ½ on Friday 21st October at 9am.

We are also asking for food donations (non perishable please!) to send over to HITS. The Chaplains came round last week to speak to the children about the charity and what sort of items we can bring in.

NEXT TERMS CLUBS (AUTUMN 2):

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

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

Homework Club with Miss Mortimore, Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm

Multi-Skills with KS1 with Mr Mason, Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm

Computing Club with Mr Meehan, Friday lunchtimes

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



CODE CLUB NEWS FROM MRS DAY AND PAUL

The group for Code Club has grown over the term as word of mouth has got out about how fun it is! A lovely mixed age, gender and ability group.



We are able to take more children if you are interested - now open to years 1-6. Paul will be continuing with us for the rest of the academic year.

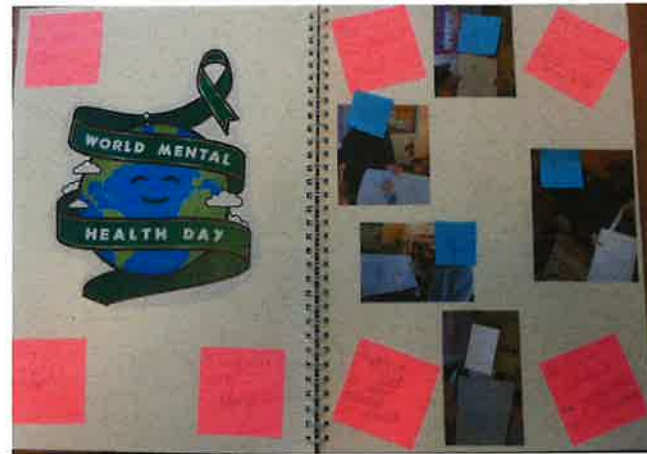
What a star!

EARLY YEARS

In Art this half term we have been truly inspired by the Autumn season. Children have been creating leaf foxes, hand hedgehogs, scrapbook owls and potato print leaves. The children are looking forward to sharing these with you when they come home next week.



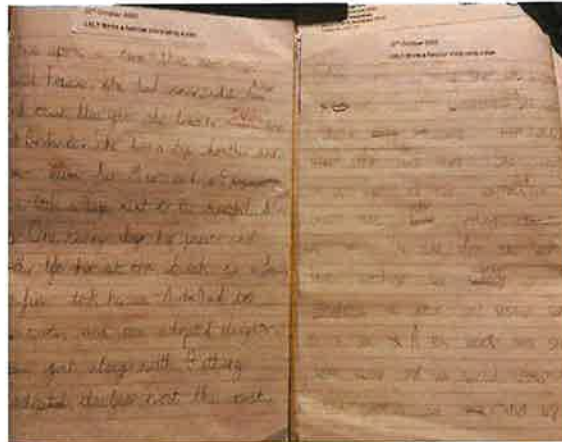
YEAR 1 & 2



The children in class 1/2 knew so much about looking after their mental health. Isabelle explained "Mental health is the happy feelings and sad feelings but knowing how to stay happy."

YEAR 3

Year 3 this week have been writing lots of stories and have shared them with year 5. We also looked at where and how support from others can help us during time of ill mental health as part of World Mental Health Day. The children all designed a thank you card to someone who supports them when they're struggling with anxiety, feeling low or controlling their frustrations.



YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have been making their Indigenous clay pots in Art. We have been using different tools to mould the patterns on our pots to illustrate the Indigenous theme. Once dried, hopefully next week pupils will be applying colour to their designs.



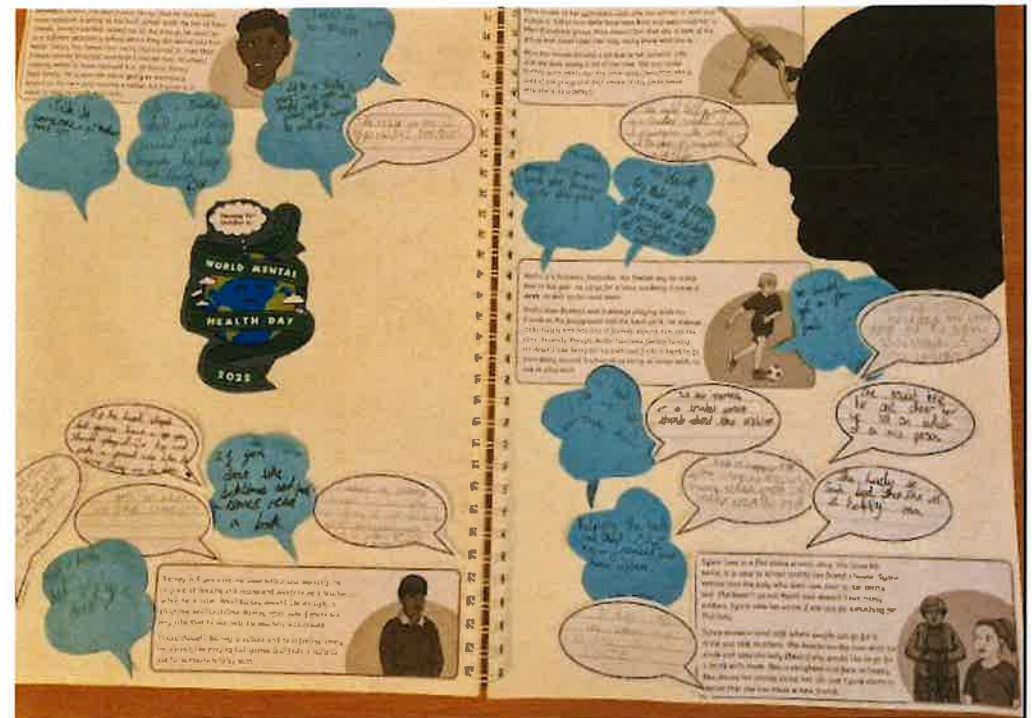
YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 finished their fantasy narratives about an emotion thief. They celebrated their learning and hard work by sharing their stories with the Year 3 children.



YEAR 6

Year 6 focused on World Mental Health day. The children discussed scenarios and spoke about what the children should do to support their own mental health. Lots of wonderful solution focused ideas. Well done Year 6.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	7.10.22	14.10.22
	Courage	Kindness
Early Years	Lumen	Noah
Y1 & 2	Arthur	Izzy & Arlo
Y3	Ava	Olivia
Y4	Elsa	Theo W
Y5	Kamila	Rosie
Y6	Louis F	Olive



STAR OF THE WEEK

	7.10.22	14.10.22
Early Years	Oscar	Sarah-Anne
Y1 & 2	Hal	Max S
Y3	Marylou	Zach
Y4	Theo F	Edward
Y5	Bailee	Leo
Y6	Lily	Maddison





30th-12th October 2022	
Reception	78.26%
Year 1/2	93.07%
Year 3	90.12%
Year 4	93.24%
Year 5	95.03%
Year 6	98.28%

Well done to Year 6 for achieving 100% this week (all children in school, every day).

They were rewarded with 15 minutes extra play! They are determined to do it again.



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

20th October	Year 3 DSSP Personal Challenge Event
21st October	9am Harvest Festival led by Year 1 and 2
24th-28th October	Autumn Half Term
31st October	Inset Day for staff, school closed for pupils.
1st November	All Saints Day - Mass in the school hall at 10am
4th November	Wear Caps for Cash - raise money for CCRS
8th November 2pm	Phonic Workshop for parents in our EY unit. All parents invited, no matter what phase your child is at.

8th November	Year 5 - Explore the Orchestra Workshop - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
16th November	Year 5/6 World Cup Style Football Tournament
17th November	Selected Play Leaders training
13th December	Reception/Nursery Nativity
16th December	End of Autumn term
3rd January	Start of Spring term
1st February	Year 5 and 6 to watch Matilda at TCS
Provisional - 28th Feb 2023	Junior Speaks heats
Provisional - 7th March 2023	Junior Speaks final



FRIENDS NEWS

Friends News!

Half term is fast approaching and we have plenty of things planned, here are a some dates for your diaries!

21st October - Non Uniform Day, instead of £1 we are asking for donations for our Christmas Raffle Hampers. This can be anything from biscuits, bath bombs, chocolates, anything you would like to receive as a Christmas gift!

2nd November - Bag2School

2nd December - Christmas Wreath Making & Craft day

8th December - Christmas Gift Shop

12th December - School Disco

16th December - Non Uniform Day

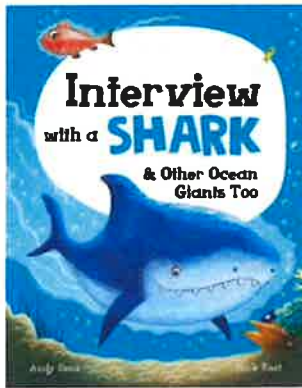
We look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a lovely half term break!

The Friends

"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



Interview with a Shark & Other Ocean Giants Too – Andy Seed

Features 'interviews' with a great white shark, blue whale, orca, sunfish, giant squid, narwhal, manta ray, octopus, conger eel, and angler fish. Plus, ideas for how to do your bit to help endangered species.

If you could talk to animals, what would you ask? Get familiar with 10 extraordinary ocean giants as they step up to the mic and share their habits, behaviour, likes and dislikes, favourite foods, and more. Each animal has its own story to tell... and its own attitude!



The Tindims and the Floating Moon – Sally Gardner

The Tindims can hardly see each other! A grumpy Gupper fog is swirling all over Rubbish Island and it won't leave the Tindims alone. And now their world has turned upside down as Ethel B Dina thinks the moon has fallen into the sea! Scrunch me a teabag, how are they going to get out of this pickle?



SPEAKING TO YOUR CHILD

Oracy question 2: Would you rather have a magic carpet that flies, or your own personal robot? Why??





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.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



Homeyards Holiday Fun

The Hope coffee van
drinks and home made cakes
for sale (cash or card)

All children and vulnerable adults
to be accompanied
by a parent or carer please

Tuesday 25th October 2022
3-6 pm

Free entry and activities to include :
Make and Film your own Shadow puppet with Monica-Shanta
(use adult's phone)
Storytelling with Sara Hurley. Craft with Teignbridge Ranger
Scavenger Hunt .Enjoy exploring the gardens

See Facebook " Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon " for any cancellation info.



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