



## WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week our Director of Performance and Standards Mrs Tibble visited school and carried out a computing deep dive. She chatted with Miss Lindo about our computing curriculum and visited EYFS, year1, 3 and 6 and spoke to children. Mrs Tibble always compliments us on the positive behaviour and attitudes of our children.

We are holding our second progress meetings for teachers and parents this afternoon in school. These will begin at 1 pm and an opportunity to find out how your child is doing and have a look at some of their work. Please ensure you arrive on time so that teachers can keep to their planned schedule. We will also be asking you to complete a parent view focusing on our school as a Catholic school. There will be questions focusing on our Catholic life and ethos, the opportunity for children to join in liturgy, mass and sacraments and also RE as a curriculum subject. You will only need to complete one per family and we appreciate your feedback.

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## FAMILY MASS

Thank you to **Alice, Emmanuel, Mila, Nicola, Olalola, Sewryn, Blanka, Chiwetara, Eliash, Eric, Lena, Medet, Patrick, Rey, Rozalia, Sinead, Daisy, Daniel, Dorian, Janice, Majka, Olly, Omobolaji, Zofia, Anthony, Charlie, Hanelle, Oskar, Pacem, Amelia, George, Jeremiah, Kyanna, Max, Nicola, Rose, Samuel, Tobechei, Victory, Zuzanna, Andzelika, Sam, Serghel, Tyler, Aidan, Caitlyn, Debbie, Dominik, Emily, Emilia, Jade, Mollie, Osinachi, Thomas, Victor, Zuzanna, Adebayo, Eduardo, Gabi, Joshua, Mikolaj, Olivia, Rufina, Sandra and Sophie** who joined us for Family Mass yesterday.



## CAFOD'S WALK FOR HUNGER /UKRAINE APPEAL

### UKRAINE APPEAL

On Friday our non-uniform day raised £250.82 so far for CAFOD's WALK FOR HUNGER appeal and UKRAINE APPEAL. If you would still like to donate, please do so this week before we send the money to CAFOD.

Thank you to all the families who supported our appeal for essential items to send to Ukraine. Some parents came and collected our items on Friday and they are now on their way to Ukraine.

Our collection box in our entrance will remain for the remainder of this half term. If you would like to donate they are asking for essentials, - toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, hairbrushes, combs, nappies, baby wipes, baby food, plasters, bandages etc. Thank you in advance.



## WORD OF THE WEEK: FASTING



We often give up things for Lent but fasting is not just about going without chocolate. It's about going without something you don't need in order to focus on the things you do. You might fast from watching TV or going on your phone and spend more time with your family and friends.

What can you give up for Lent that will help you understand the really important things in your life?

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Handball ( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Dodgeball (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Fitness ( Year 1,2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Tennis ( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

## ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time. This week Mrs Bradshaw said:

**The winners of this week's attendance are.....**

**Year 2 with 99.7%!! Congratulations Year 2!**

**YEAR 1 came a close 2nd with 98.3%!!**

**All classes this week were over 95% - Well Done to every student who attended every day this week - I know who you are!**

**Keep up the great work Our Lady and St. Edwards!**

### School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
03.01.22		07.01.22 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
10.01.22	13.01.22 Year 6 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	10.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Discipleship 14.01.22 Celebration Assembly	
17.01.22	20.01.22 Feast of Blessed Cyprian Tansi	17.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Inspire 21.01.22 Talent Show Auditions	
24.01.22	27.01.22 Year 5 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	24.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Challenge 28.01.22: Talent Show Final	
31.01.22	03.02.22 Year 4 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	31.01.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Care 04.02.22: Celebration Assembly	
07.02.22	08.02.22 Safer Internet Day 10.02.22 OLoL Trust Mass 10.02.22 Year 3 Retreat - Discipleship 11.02.21 INSET Day	07.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Healing 08.02.22 Safer Internet Day Assembly 09.02.22 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
<b>14.02.22</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
21.02.22		21.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Mercy 25.02.22: Celebration Assembly	23.02.22 – 25.02.22 Briars Residential Year 6
28.02.22	03.03.22 Year 2 Retreat afternoon 04.03.22 World Book Day	28.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Forgiveness 02.03.22 Ash Wednesday Mass	
07.03.22		07.03.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Prayer 07.03.22 Lent Reconciliation Service Year 4- 6 11.03.22 Celebration Assembly	
14.03.22	14.03.22 British Science Week 17.03.22 Year 1 Retreat afternoon	14.03.22 Word of the Week Assembly – Fasting 18.03.22 Celebration Assembly	14.03.22 Parents Evening 1:15-6:30pm
21.03.22	21.03.22 Assessment Week 25.03.22 World Maths Day	21.03.21 Word of the Week Assembly - Almsgiving	
28.03.22	28.03.22 Road Safety Quiz	28.03.22 Word of the Week Assembly – Sacrifice 01.04.22 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	

## PUPIL VOICE

We have continued on our Lenten journey in school last week. Our Word of the week was prayer and reminded us to spend a moment each day in prayer. Year 1 and 2 shared a Collective Worship together, they placed prayer stones around their focus area and spent time praying for our world.

On Monday **Adebayo, Annastasia, Lucia, Maia, Meti, Precious, Shallom, Sophie and Zia** from our Chaplaincy team led year 4, 5 and 6 in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each child wrote a positive action on a footprint that they will do to walk alongside Jesus during Lent. Thank you to Fr Joe and Fr Liam for joining us.

On Friday **Adebayo, Lucia, Maia and Zia** led year 5 and 6 and some parishioners in the Stations of the Cross. They shared Jesus' final journey with reflections and prayers. This week some more members of our Chaplaincy Team will lead year 3 and 4. Please join us at 2:15pm in church.







## **PARISH NOTICES:**

**Synod: what did we say?** The full document of our parish responses to the Synod questions can be found on our website and there are some hard copies at the back of church. Below is a summary of our responses to questions 1 and 2.

### **1. What is my dream for the Church, for my parish, so that it can become more outward looking, more missionary?**

- i. That all ages feel they have a role and are valued within the church; to be fully present at mass
- ii. Returning to the roots of the early church. Community based, no hierarchy, lay community, led. Devolution of power/authority including on doctrine, to local bishops' conferences. Less dependent on structures and buildings. Church represented by the people
- iii. Concentrate on positive things rather than sexual sin.
- iv. Education – be open with young people about their questioning. Allow them to have a voice. Listen to prophetic voices – not just the majority. Make us a bit more uncomfortable.
- v. To change the language we use; language that invites and includes and welcoming
- vi. To be both welcoming and inclusive by accepting diversity in others. To be less judgmental. Open, engaged, concerned, embedded in the world, present, enthusiastic. A more equal church. A church that acknowledges women as full partners at every level. Openly inclusive of all people regardless of background, nationality, class, race, gender, sexuality. A church that allows women as well as men to be priests, and married clergy.

### **2. To achieve these dreams, what do we need to stop doing. What are we doing that needs to be developed or done differently?**

- i. Make more use of Deacons and deaconesses to help the shortage of priests. Allow parish priests to marry.
- ii. Talk to other churches who successfully engage locally. Visit other churches and faiths. Connection to community around and invite. Leave door of the church open. Bidding prayers that include the wider community.
- iii. Have children's liturgy every week. Issue invitations to all families in our Catholic schools to come to Mass and stay for refreshments afterwards.
- iv. Keep mass online, ensure the resources for those who don't have the internet.
- v. Stop emphasising sin, obligation, a sense of being 'against' the world. Be church that is affirming, positive, encouraging. Focus on young people – somehow we have to involve them. Less judgmental. Open to change
- vi. Say welcome in different languages. Have literature and language that is inclusive and images that reflect diversity

**The Pastoral Leadership team have already spent time considering the responses and so will the Parish Council. Out of these will come a way forward with several actions we'll take to reflect the vision emerging. Next week, a summary of the responses to questions 3 and 4.**

### **This week:**

- Scripture Groups: Our Lady & St Edward's Café, Wed 2-3 pm and Thursday 2pm in St Bernadette's room at Sacred Heart
- Community Café: Thursday at 1.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre - everyone welcome.
- Thursday; St Patrick's Day Mass; 9.30 at Our Lady & St Patrick's in the Meadows

**Easter Flower Workshop:** Learn to arrange flowers for your Easter table. We are holding a workshop on Wednesday 13th April at 7pm in Our Lady & St Edward's café. £10 per person. No skills are needed, just interest to learn. Flowers and sundries included, please bring foliage and scissors/secateurs. Booking required. Call Yvonne 07921912326 or Sadie 9113117 to book or for more info or contact the office. **Eucharistic Ministers and SVP:** over the next few weeks, Fr Liam is available to visit the housebound if they want Confession. Please let him know if this is the case. As always, if the housebound need a pastoral visit for Confession or Anointing, let the parish office know.

**Covid Restrictions:** in the light of the removal of all legal restrictions of the pandemic, individual organisations still have to decide on guidelines, so; Mask wearing is no longer required, but if you are not vaccinated or have underlying health conditions, it is recommended for your own safety. Anyone is welcome to continue wearing a mask if they wish. Personal choice should be respected. Anyone distributing Holy Communion will wear a mask. Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind and on the hand. Hand sanitiser will continue to be provided at the doors of our churches. Ventilation of our churches will continue. Sign of Peace will continue to be offered; it is personal choice whether that is a gesture or handshake. If you have symptoms of Covid or have tested positive, please do not come to church. We have a duty of care to those who are vulnerable.

**Our Lady & St Edward's Summer Fair:** date set for Sat 16th July (mark your diary). Planning meeting on Tuesday 22nd March at 7 pm in OLSE Café to discuss stalls and any other ideas. All welcome.

**St Christopher's Church:** are requesting volunteers and ideas for a Holy Week Garden display at the church. Anyone with ideas and or are willing to help please contact Mavis Atkin on 07305 470715 or [mavis.atkin@outlook.com](mailto:mavis.atkin@outlook.com)

**Planned Giving Boxes** recommence on 10th April and are ready to collect from the churches. Going forward, new boxes will be issued to those who are eligible for Gift Aid or are housebound. Thank you for your continued financial support.

**First reconciliation and Holy Communion** preparation continues this week Mon 6 – 7 at OLSE. Tues 6 – 7 at SA, Wed 6 – 7 at SH. All children must attend with a parent.

*Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit! to the Irish Community in Nottingham.*



## **BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK**

This week we will be celebrating, exploring and investigating 'British Science Week' at OLSE.

The theme for this year's British Science Week is "Growth". We will be encouraging our young people to think about how the impact of human population growth has affected our planet and in particular the earth's biodiversity.

This theme started on 25th February when we had a visit from Zoolab and their amazing animals to share learning about living things, habitats and the importance of caring for endangered species.

Today Mrs Harrison will lead an introduction assembly for the whole school. Each class will be set a biology challenge to learn about a particular endangered British animal that has been impacted by human population growth. Each class will research their animal and will perform related experiments to develop their skills in working scientifically during a 'Science Activity Day'. We aim to share and display our findings with each other in school and online.

**Science Week Competitions:** Pupils will be given the opportunity to enter the poster competition for British Science Week – demonstrating the theme of 'Growth' in a creative way. Their poster could explore a tadpole's journey into a fully grown adult frog, or look at the ways population growth is affecting the planet.

The judges will be looking for:

- Creativity in approach – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme
- Content – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- Effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way

Posters need to be A4 or A3, flat/2-d and no glitter or plastic collage materials please, as this is harmful to the environment. The deadline for entering the poster competition will be 25th March so that entries can be sent off in time to the British Science Association.

LOL Trust is also running a wildlife photography competition for Science Week. Pupils need to submit a digital photograph that depicts the theme of growth and with spring nearly here it is a good time to get snappy looking for signs of new life. Digital photographs need to be sent into school via e-mail by 22nd April. There will be prizes for the winning photograph from each year group and the overall winning photograph will be submitted to represent our school in the Trust competition.

## **MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

### **ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED**

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Holy Souls RIP Jan Rivers RIP
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>10am (SA)</b>	<b>MASS</b> <b>Canon Malachy Brett's Intentions</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 (SH) 9.15 (OLSE) 5pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Michael Holmes RIP Peter Quang Tran Reception into church of Kath Kirk RIP
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>10am (SA)</b>  10am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> <b>Richard and Jane Trivett RIP</b> Requiem Mass for Kath Kirk RIP
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9am (OLSE)  9am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Bridget Sheeran and Padric Corcoran RIP Peter McAtominay & dec mem, Ballard and drew families
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	6:30pm (SH)	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	8:45 (St C) <b>9.30am(OLSE)</b> 10.00am (SH) <b>11.00am (SA)</b> 11:30am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> People of the Parish <b>Patrick Cunningham RIP</b> Mary & Tom Naughton RIP <b>Patrick Stanton</b> Peter Nguyen Dinh Nguyen

## **GIRLS PLAY FOOTBALL**

As part of the FA let Girls Play campaign to give all girls equal access to play football by 2024 Mr Jessop led some football coaching sessions for girls across Key Stage 2 on Wednesday. They took part in some football drills and finished the session with a match. He was very impressed with the skills of some of the girls and believe we may see them in the Women's Super league in the future.



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