



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

22nd September 2023

It has been another busy week at Our Lady of Good Counsel. The children have been working really hard with the presentation of their work and with their handwriting, showing great self-control to be the best that they can be. We are already looking forward to sharing their work with you later in the term.

Learners' Code

The children now have their own Learners' Code booklet. All of the staff are looking for children who are displaying the school virtues each day. It has been fantastic to see a number of children having their booklets signed because they are consistently demonstrating the school virtues. We look forward to celebrating our first Bronze Learner later this term.

Performance Poetry

As part of their English lessons, the children have been reading, writing and performing poems. Next week, you will have the opportunity to see the children perform these poems. Each class will be presenting their poems on a different day. We would love for you to join us as the children perform their poems. Please arrive at school just before 2.55pm on the appropriate day and come to the main entrance.

Monday 25th September—Year 5

Tuesday 26th September—Year 6

Wednesday 27th September—Year 3

Thursday 28th September—Year 4

Friday 29th September—Year 2

Monday 2nd October—Year 1

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ

This term's virtue is Self-Control



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Star of the Week

Reception	Skyla	Looking at and discussing her reading book at home on a regular basis.
	Harry	Showing fantastic listening skills when learning about hospitals, and a great eye for detail when colouring in a picture of paramedics.
Year 1	Enoch	Super contributions in our RE topic this week exploring psalms and how we praise God. He had some beautiful ideas.
	Milan	Fantastic handwriting in all his books. Milan takes pride in his work and writes his letters beautifully.
Year 2	Grace	Being ready to learn, putting 100% effort into all her learning and being a role model for all other children.
	Lilley	Settling into her new school really well and being keen to learn during history.
Year 3	Harry	Determination to complete his work on time. Where there have been challenges with time or spelling, Harry has persevered and truly shown his love for learning.
	Katie	Great poetry work. Katie wrote her own version of 'The Sound Collector' and was able to use some fantastic verbs to discuss the sounds around us. She is a credit to the class with her continued positive attitude towards learning.
Year 4	Sadaf	Brilliant work in phonics this week. Sadaf has impressed all the adults in Year 4 with her brilliant progress in her reading.
	Harry	Fantastic attitude to learning in all subjects. Harry is always ready to learn, willing to help anyone in the classroom and shows all the school values.
Year 5	Letty	Participating and working really hard in all lessons this week. She has shown exemplary behaviour and been a positive example to others.
	Olivia	Working well with her group this week in English to achieve a fantastic actions and words performance of the poem 'Football Mad' by Benjamin Zephaniah.
Year 6	Matthieu	Being an active learner this week, volunteering his time to support the class and plan liturgies.
	Caitlin	Living out the school virtue of self-control when supporting and leading her group to be organised for performing our poem.



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Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be holding a coffee afternoon on Friday 29th September at 2pm in aid of Macmillan.

We would appreciate any cake donations to help us with this. Please can these be delivered to school on Thursday or Friday morning.

World Mental Health Day

We are taking part in #HelloYellow on 10th October for World Mental Health day.

We can all struggle with how we are feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need when they need it. But together, we can change this.

That's why we will be joining thousands of other schools in wearing yellow to stand out and show up for young people's mental health.

Children can wear yellow to school on 10th October and we ask parents/carers to make a donation to YoungMinds. Here is our JustGiving page where you can make a donation:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/kelly-cockerill-1695113420184?
utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fkelly-cockerill-
1695113420184&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/kelly-cockerill-1695113420184?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fkelly-cockerill-1695113420184&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)



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Breakfast Club

From Monday, the children attending breakfast club will enter school through the playground gate and straight into the school hall. This will mean that parents and children will not need to walk through the school car park.

A final thought

One small
positive thought
in the morning
can change your
whole day.

Have a great weekend.