



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

29th September 2023

We have reached the end of our first month back at school and the children, in all classes, are demonstrating fantastic learning behaviours every day. We are already very proud of the enthusiasm and determination they show for their learning. Thank you for your support in ensuring that they come to school with a spring in their step and are ready to learn.

A new school year

On Tuesday 3rd October, Father Peter and Deacon Tony will be joining us in school to celebrate Mass. The Mass will mark the start of our new school year. You are all very welcome to join us at 10am and Tuesday 3rd October.

Performance Poetry

A big thank you to all the parents, carers and family members that have already been along to see the class performance poetry. It's great for the children to have the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. It gives them a real purpose for their work and helps them to continue to grow into confident young people.

A fit and healthy school

The children have been flexing their muscles and keeping fit on our new playground gym equipment. We will share some pictures of them on the equipment next week.

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	Ellis	Being an amazing mathematician by using his observation skills to 'guess the rule'.
	Harry	Taking such care and pride in how his 'tidy up area' looks and then always looking for what else needs to be done.
Year 1	Serghey	Fantastic phonics work. He carefully segments and blends words and writes them out beautifully in his book.
	Logan	Excellent maths work this week, exploring ordering numbers. Logan is always keen to work with an adult and demonstrate his understanding in independent tasks too.
Year 2	George	Impressing Mrs Pettit and our Lay Chaplain, Hannah, with his knowledge about the scriptures and what happens during liturgical prayer.
	Bella	Super science knowledge and neat presentation when investigating the properties of plastic.
Year 3	Freddie	Trying his absolute best this week in maths. We have focused on comparing numbers and Freddie has used his determination to demonstrate understanding.
	Miya	Always coming into school with a smile and a positive attitude. Miya's attitude to her work never falters and she is always there to support her peers.
Year 4	Reuben	Fantastic work in English. Reuben gave 100% in his poetry performance, included some fantastic vocabulary in his writing and wrote a brilliant opening for his narrative.
	Vala	Giving 100% in maths this week. Vala has really impressed with her verbal reasoning, fluency in her times tables and her brilliant attitude to learning.
Year 5	Jason	Making fantastic contributions in all lessons especially in English when he was developing his vocabulary to produce some fantastic expanded noun phrases.
	Ephraim	Working really hard in all his lessons especially RE. He has been using some fantastic vocabulary when telling the class how he is unique.
Year 6	Hadia	Being a role model, engaging in class discussion and for fantastic presentation of her work.
	Charlie	Demonstrating excellent active learning by being ready for any task and supporting peers around him.

A special shout
out!

Well done to Reuben and Noah in Year 6 for completing over an hour of reading on MyON this week.



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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 Together we can create a brighter future for children and young people.



Scan the QR code to visit our Just Giving page.



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OUR LADY PTA PRESENTS



ELEMENTAL



Movie night @ school hall 3.15—5.15 pm WED 18TH OCTOBER
ALL PUPILS WELCOME. PG rated film.

£4 Entry for all pupils includes a snack, drink, Ice lolly and raffle entry.

At the end of the movie one child will win a £10 voucher and a movie night hamper to take home.

PERMISSION SLIPS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RETURNED BY Monday 16th October

This is a PG rated film. Parents are advised to watch the trailer to make sure this film is suitable for their child.



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Drop off and collection

The beginning and end of the day are very busy times, particular at the front of the school. We have systems in place to hopefully make drop off and collection of children as smooth as possible. Could we please ask that you do not park on the zigzag yellow lines on the road and that you park with consideration for others and avoid blocking cars in. Please ensure that your children are close to you at all times and are not running through the car park area.

The whole team is there to assist, so please remain calm and respectful when parking. This will help us to concentrate on keeping the children safe and ensure a smooth start and end to the day.

Could you please ensure that children do not use the playground gym equipment or trim trail unsupervised at the beginning or end of the day.

Parish notices

Sunday 1st October --Little Church --10 a.m. Mass--children aged 3-11 parents can also attend.

Sunday 1st October--Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction @ 15.00 all welcome.

Monday 2nd October --First Communion instruction begins--parish hall from 15.30. Children should be in Year 3 or above in school.

Tuesday 3rd October --Mass in school--10 a.m.--parishioners welcome.

Wednesday 4th October --Bible Study--Parish Hall @ 19.00

Friday 6th October CAFOD Family Fast Day

Saturday 7th October Men's Mass Walk and Pub Lunch--meet Bradgate Park Leicester for 10.30a.m 0115 953 9841. Mass at All Saints Church @ 10.30.

Sunday 29th October --Ecumenical Service @ Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church @ 18.00 --all welcome.

A final thought

Strength lies in differences not in similarities.

Stephen Covey

In diversity there is beauty and there is strength.

Maya Angelou

Have a great weekend.