



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2024

Welcome back to the second half of the Lent term. This term promises to be busy as we build up and prepare for Easter. Please make sure you keep a note of all the events happening this term.

Celebration of Learning

Thank you to all the parents and carers who visited classrooms today as part of our celebration of learning day. You all play a key role in the education and development of your children and it is so important for the children to have the opportunity to share and talk about their learning.

Parents Evening

Our Lent term parents evenings will be on the 19th and 20th March, please make a note of the dates. Teachers will put up sign up sheets in the near future.

Year 4 Bake Sale

This week Year 4 held a bake sale in aid of their class charity, Guide Dogs for the Blind. They raised a magnificent £210. Thank you for support in both donating and buying the cakes.

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ

This term's virtue is Love



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Star of the Week

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| Reception | Omer | Enthusiasm and engagement during carpet time. Omer continues to grow in confidence to answer questions. This week Omer could tell the class that once we plant our bean we will need to water it. |
| | Harry | Harry has been working with great enthusiasm to ensure his letters sit on the line. |
| Year 1 | Reggie | Writing super sentences about where he lives as part of the Geography work. |
| | Alice | Super spiral work. Alice made spirals neat and small and very colourful too. |
| Year 2 | Matilda | Super positive attitude towards her learning and for making valuable contributions during discussions. |
| | Joey | Making a brilliant start to the new term. Joey is listening carefully and sharing his thoughts and ideas during discussions. |
| Year 3 | Arpitha | Super English writing this week. Arpitha wrote about dinosaur fossils and was able to read this back to herself with confidence. |
| | Katie | Moving up to level 8 in her reading. Katie has shown she can read confidently and display her comprehension skills. |
| Year 4 | The class | A fantastic start to the term. The children have all come back as active learners, showing all our values and impressing Mrs Taylor with their determination with our fractions topic. |
| Year 5 | Harry | Excellent participation in class and working hard with his group to produce a fantastic balanced argument. |
| | Aara | Consistently reading every week, even in the half term, and successfully completing all her quizzes with scores of 100%. |
| Year 6 | Coben | For being an amazing writer in English this week. He showed his knowledge of grammar and included all of his planned work. |
| | Emile | For being an active learner in all of her lessons this week. Offering her answer and explanations in Maths. |

Talented Athletes

Well done to our talented athletes taking part in their first session with a specialist coach this morning. Excellent team working skills demonstrated.

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| Joshua J | Sykes | Hugo | Ralphey | Hayden S | Kane | Ronnie |
| Thomas | Lilly S | | Joel | Miriam | Bella | Inara |
| Esme | Erik | Daisy | Emily M | Aimee C | | Lexie |



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Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Friday 23rd | Celebration of Learning day |
| March | |
| Thursday 7th | World Book Day |
| Monday 18th | Start of the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD |
| Tuesday 19th | Parents evening |
| Wednesday 20th | Parents evening |
| Wednesday 27th | Celebration of learning assembly |
| Thursday 28th | Easter Presentation |
| Thursday 28th | Last day of term |
| | EASTER BREAK |
| April | |
| Monday 15th | INSET day |
| Tuesday 16th | Return to school |



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Calling Catholic teachers

Do you know somebody who is a practising Catholic and who is a teacher or senior leader working in a school outside of the Catholic sector? The Diocese of Nottingham along with the Catholic Multi-Academy Trust is leading a virtual information session about working in a Catholic school on Monday 4 March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk).

Parish news - Lent 2024:

- Stations of the Cross every Friday from 19.00 beginning 16th February.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Sunday 18th February @ 15.00
- Lent Lunch Monday 4th March @ 13.00 Parish Hall
- Parish Lent Retreat Day Saturday 9th March 10.00-15.00 (includes Adoration and Benediction).
- HOLY WEEK
- Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: Mass Saturday 23rd March @ 18.00 Sunday @ 10.00.
- Chrism Mass: St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham 27th March @ 11.30. · Holy Thursday: -Mass of the Lord's Supper 28th March @ 19.00.
- Good Friday: 29th March Ecumenical Walk of Witness 11.30 from Station Road to St Denys Church, Market Square, Sleaford.
- Good Friday: Liturgy of the Passion @ 15.00. Stations of the Cross @ 19.00.
- Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday 30th March @ 18.00
- Easter Sunday Mass: 31st March @10.00

A final thought ...

Have patience with all things,
but first of all with yourself.

Have a great weekend.