



# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

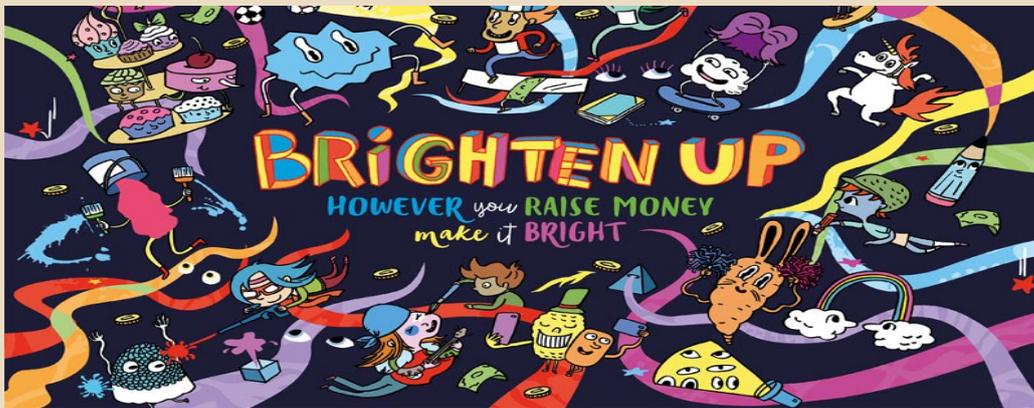
## NEWSLETTER

12th January 2024

It has been another busy week at Our Lady of Good Counsel. The children have been introduced to their new areas of learning in each curriculum subject and I am sure they have been sharing their new learning with you. We are looking forward to sharing their progress, achievements and work with you during this term.

### CAFOD Brighten Up Day

On Friday 19th January we will be holding our Brighten Up Day to raise money for the work CAFOD have been doing in El Salvador. The children have been finding out about this work and the ways in which they can get involved. On Friday 19th January they can come into school dressed in brightly coloured clothes or just wear one brightly coloured item or accessory. Parents and children can make a donation and, as promised, if the children raise more than £300 then they will be able to tape Mrs Chawner to the wall.



### School Virtues

Self-control      Courage      Hope

Love      Justice      Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ

This term's virtue is Justice.



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## Star of the Week

Reception	Bea	Excellent effort using her 'Fred Fingers' to sound out words.
	Harry	Always making the most of the various learning opportunities in the classroom.
Year 1	Jonique	Consistently working hard in every task she is given, including always keeping the classroom super tidy.
	Joshua A	Always following the tick behaviours in school and setting a super example to others, particularly when showing everyone how to be an active listener on the carpet.
Year 2	Inara	Super handwriting. Inara takes time to ensure his writing is neat and letters are formed correctly.
	Joey	Putting 100% effort into all his learning. Joey is working hard to make sure his work is accurate and of a high standard.
Year 3	Ethan	A super attitude this week in English. Ethan has been using a thesaurus to upgrade his vocabulary.
	Rudy	Great effort in PE. Rudy has participated brilliantly in dance and quidditch, showing his brilliant skills.
Year 4	Edward	An improved attitude to learning. Edward has tried really hard this week to take with his handwriting and presentation. He has challenged himself to improve vocabulary in his writing.
	Gabriella	Coming back to school with an extremely positive attitude towards her learning. Gabby is trying very hard in every subject, taking care with presentation and handwriting.
Year 5	Ephraim	Participating and being engaged in all lessons this week.
	Ezekiel	Consistently reading three or more times every week with an adult at home.
Year 6	Charlie	Being an amazing active learner in all lessons. Participating in partner talk and offering the whole class his thoughts and opinions.
	Tallulah	Being an active learner in lessons this week. Showing how engaged she is and answering



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## Diary Dates

Date	Event
<b>January</b>	
Friday 12th	Network Rail working with Key Stage 2
Friday 19th	CAFOD Brighten Up Day—details to follow
<b>February</b>	
Thursday 8th	Celebration of Learning assembly
Thursday 8th	Last day of term
Friday 9th	INSET day
	HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 19th	Return to school
Friday 23rd	Celebration of Learning day
<b>March</b>	
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
<b>April</b>	
Monday 15th	INSET day
Tuesday 16th	Return to school



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## Attendance

Children who do not attend school regularly often struggle to catch up with work missed or become anxious learners so it is important school attendance is taken seriously. The table below shows the categories for attendance/absence. We will be writing to the parents of any children whose attendance has dropped below 95% to offer support to improve attendance.

As a school we are fully committed to providing an excellent educational experience and journey for your children and this depends on them being at school every day. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like any support with your child's attendance.

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

## A final thought ...

Joy does not simply happen to us.

We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.

Have a great weekend.