



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

15th September 2023

We have reached the end of our first full week in school. This week we have been focusing on our tick behaviour of being an active learner. It has been a real pleasure to see the children engaged in their learning: showing curiosity, answering questions and showing great engagement and enthusiasm for their work. We all look forward to seeing this continue to grow over the coming weeks.

Meet the teacher

Many thanks to all of the parents and carers who attended our meet the teacher events. It was great to see so many of you in school. Please remember that teachers are available briefly at the beginning and end of each day. They can also be contacted via class dojo and will be happy to arrange to meet with you if you have a concern to discuss.

Celebrating learning

Each week two children in each class will be chosen as STAR OF THE WEEK. They will receive their certificate and celebrate this achievement in their class.

Each half term we will hold a Celebration Assembly during which we will recognise the achievements of the children in each class. The first of our Celebration Assemblies will be on Friday 20th October.



We have a fantastic PTA at Our Lady who work tirelessly throughout the year to raise money and organise events for the children and families. On the next page you will find details of how you can get involved.

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

The value for next week is Love of Learning



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Hello to everyone from Our Lady PTA.

Our Lady PTA is the group; of Teachers, parents/carers who organise events and activities at the school for the children to take part in.

Our Lady PTA's Mission Statement is:-

Our Lady PTA aims to help Our Lady of Good Counsel be the best School in Sleaford by:

- Supporting the head teacher by providing a range of events throughout the year for pupils and parents.
- Supporting the head teacher in improving community engagement and the profile of the school within the local community.
- Fundraising to secure the funds needed for facilities within the school that could not otherwise be provided for within the school budget.



Our Lady PTA do this by organising events in the school such as movie nights, competitions, school discos, non-uniform days, raffles, Christmas market stalls, bingo and horse racing nights, Year 6 leavers party and many other events over the school year.

This enables Our Lady PTA to provide money to buy things such as the trim trails, library books, reading corners, disco equipment and items that the children will benefit from that can not be purchased through the school's budget.

In order to do this Our Lady PTA needs parents and carers to help in any way that they can.

If you think that you can help to improve your child's time at Our Lady by giving the PTA support at an event, helping with movie nights or by joining in on the committee you can contact Danielle Ross the PTA Vice Chair at the school, by messaging Our Lady PTA at www.facebook.com/OurLadyPTA or Kevin Skeith the PTA chairman at pta.chair@our-lady.lincs.sch.uk

Our Lady PTA Facebook page is where you will find notices from the PTA about upcoming and past events, notices from the school and a small hub where parents can ask questions and advice whilst keeping up to date with the things that Our Lady PTA are doing for the children in the school.

Many thanks for your continued support.



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Star of the Week

Reception	Daniela	Being fantastic at tidying up.
	Andrea	Using her amazing artistic talents to paint a self portrait.
Year 1	Jack	Super History work this week. Jack drew some excellent pictures of old and new toys and then labelled these by appearance.
	Lydia	A great attitude to learning. Lydia is always sitting smartly or working hard. She is showing great learning behaviours in Year 1.
Year 2	Matilda	Knowing lots of interesting facts about the Great Fire of London. She has made a great start to our topic.
	Alex	Being brilliant when learning The Owl and the Pussycat poem. Alex is able to read the first two verses clearly with expression.
Year 3	Zainab	Great confidence in computing when looking at digital devices. She was able to transfer her addition skills to show her understanding of input, process and output. Fantastic work and behaviour this week.
	Amelia	Understanding of onomatopoeia in English. Amelia was able to produce her own onomatopoeias to describe the sounds she could hear around the school.
Year 4	Evelyn	Fantastic performance of our poetry; The Treasures. She added emphasis, actions and changed her tone of voice to entice her audience.
	Amelia	Being an amazing active learner in every lesson. Amelia has followed all our tick behaviours, given 100% effort and is always a light that shines.
Year 5	Layke	Contributing to all class discussions and volunteering answers during lessons.
	Aqra	Working really hard with Mr Priestley during her phonics lessons.
Year 6	Reuben	Being an active learner this week, demonstrating his knowledge.
	Maja	Living out the school values, always being polite and helpful to others around her.



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Diary Dates

Date	Event
September	
Tues 12 th	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm Year 6 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Weds 13 th	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Thurs 14 th	Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
Thurs 21 st	RSHE Parents Meeting
Fri 29 th	Macmillan Coffee afternoon
October	
All Month	Black History Month
Fri 6 th	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Weds 18 th	Parents' Evening
Fri 20th	Last Day of Term
Sat 21 st – Mon 30 th	Half Term
Mon 30 th	Inset Day
Tues 31st	First Teaching Day of New Term
November	
Weds 1 st	Mass
Weds 1 st	Parents Evening
Thurs 2 nd	Parents Evening
Fri 3 rd	Open Day
Sat 11 th	Remembrance Day
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 24 th	Celebration of Learning Day
December	
Fri 8 th	Christmas Dinner
Tues 12 th	Nativity afternoon
Weds 13 th	Nativity evening
Fri 15 th	Celebration Assembly
Weds 20 th	KS2 Carol Service – 2pm
Weds 20th	Last Day of Term
January	
Weds 3rd	First Teaching Day of New Term



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Class Charity

The children in each class have chosen a charity which they will be supporting and raising funds for during the year. Each class will share details of the charity and fund raising events later in the year.

F2- Action Cerebral Palsy

Y1- Toy appeal (local hospice)

Y2 - Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

Y3- Cat's Protection

Y4- Guide Dogs for the blind

Y5- Holly's Animal Rehoming Charity

Y6- Glenhome Residential Care home

As a school we will be continuing to support and raise funds CAFOD and Macmillan Cancer Support throughout the year.

Clubs

Our school clubs will be starting next week. If your child has signed up for a club, please ensure they have the appropriate kit in school.

Parents Evening

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of parents evening has been changed. They will now take place on the 1st and 2nd November.

Gospel Assemblies

Each Monday at 3pm the children and staff will come together for our gospel assembly. Parents and members of the local community are more than welcome to join us at 3pm each Monday to celebrate the word of the Lord.

A final thought

The staff team have been reflecting this week on the importance of inner strength and resilience.

There's always going to be another mountain

I'm always going to want to make it move

Always going to be an uphill battle

Sometimes I'm going to have to lose

Ain't about how fast I get there

Ain't about what's on the other side

It's the climb

Have a great weekend.