



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

17th November 2023

It has been another busy week and as always the children have shone. Their attitudes to learning, enthusiasm for school and their amazing curiosity stand out for all to see. We are sure that it will not be long before we are able to celebrate our first Bronze Learners. Thank you for your continued support.

Focus on ... Maths

Another maths question this week.

Reasoning and problem solving.

The children are taught how to reason and solve problems in maths. They then have to use their knowledge and maths vocabulary to explain their answer.

Have a go at this question.

Dexter and Whitney are adding 1s.

Dexter: When adding any 1-digit number to any 3-digit number, the answer will always be even.

Whitney: No, the answer will always be odd.

Who do you agree with?
Explain your answer.

Add and subtract 1s

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School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope

Love Justice Solidarity

To love, live and learn in the light of Christ

This term's virtue is Hope



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Star of the Week

Reception	Daniela	Wonderfully positive attitude and enthusiasm towards her learning.
	Ansam	Fantastic creativity when making a Diya lamp and Rangoli pattern when learning about Diwali this week.
Year 1	Dallas	Great effort in DT lessons, thinking carefully about her slider designs and working hard on her drawings for this.
	Ralphey	Improvement in his handwriting. Ralphey is working hard on his pencil control and it is really showing.
Year 2	Matilda	Working carefully when using equipment in maths and this has meant she is brilliant when adding 2 digit numbers.
	Joey	Keen and enthusiastic attitude towards his learning. Joey listens carefully during discussions and makes valuable contributions.
Year 3	Daniel	Fabulous spellings. Daniel has made such an improvement scoring 10/10 in his spelling test.
	Leah	Brilliant writing skills this week. Leah has had some excellent ideas for her newspaper article and has worked independently throughout.
Year 4	Nathan	An improved attitude to learning. Nathan is persevering with his work, especially in English, even when it is challenging. He shows true determination and resilience.
	Ivy	Always being an active learner in every lesson. She also always shows kindness to her peers by helping them with their learning. Ivy is a role model to all.
Year 5	Jamayne	Working hard in his English grammar lessons this week and developing some fantastic sentences using the rainbow grammar cards.
	Abel	Working hard in his maths this week. He has been working hard to understand fractions.
Year 6	Harley	Being an active and engaged learner this week. He has given well thought out explanations in maths to support his peers.
	Sykes	Making the right decisions and choices in challenging situations. He should be very proud of himself.



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Our Lady of Good Counsel PTA

This week the school PTA held the Annual General Meeting. A number of the committee members have decided that it is time to step down from their role on the committee. The school would like to thank the outgoing members Kevin Skeith (Chair), Danielle Ross (Vice Chair), Nick Spolton (Treasurer), Graham Robinson (Admin) and Salome Clare (Secretary) for their hard work and dedication. The team have provided countless opportunities and events for the children at Our Lady while at the same time raising money to provide resources and events. The PTA is thriving because of the hard work and dedication of the team—THANK YOU.

Our new committee members were elected during the meeting.

Chair—Danielle Ross

Vice Chair—Sophie Warwick

Treasurer—Rachel McDonald

Admin—Evie Buchan and Gemma Wright

Thank you to all who stood for election and all who attended the meeting.

The next meeting of the PTA is on Tuesday 28th November. Please come along, share your ideas and help plan future events. All are welcome.

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Winter onesie day

Wednesday 22nd November is PTA winter onesie day. The children can come to school dressed in their favourite onesie or pyjamas in exchange for a donation of chocolate or a can or bottle of wine, beer, etc. These will then be used at the PTA stall in White Hart Mews as part of the Sleaford Christmas Market on Sunday 3rd December.





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Anti-bullying week

This week has been anti-bullying week and the theme this year is 'MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING'. The children have been learning about what bullying is and what they can do if they find themselves or a friend in a difficult situation. If you would like further information please click on the link below:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>

Celebration of learning

Next Friday, 24th November, is our first Celebration of Learning Day. The classrooms will be open from 8.30am to 9.15am and from 2.30pm to 3.15pm for you to come in. The children will be able to show you their books and share their learning and achievements for the Advent term. We look forward to seeing you next Friday.

School website

Please remember to visit our school website. Here you will be able to find further information about the school as well as important school policies.

The latest policy to be updated is our **Special Educational Needs Policy**.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions about anything on the website.

A final thought:

Live with the 3 Es...

Energy, enthusiasm and empathy

And the 3 Fs

Faith, family and friends.

Have a great weekend.