



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

22nd March 2024

It was fantastic to see so many of you at parents evening this week. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and thank you for your continued support in all aspects of school life.

Staff news

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Petty is expecting her second child. She will continue to teach the current Reception class for the rest of the year. We will of course share details of the Reception class teachers for next year in due course.

Big Lent Walk

Today is the last day of the Big Lent Walk. Could we ask that any sponsorship money raised be brought into school next week. Many thanks for your support raising money to support the work of CAFOD.

Events

Our end of term Celebration of Learning Assembly for Year 1 to Year 6 is taking place on Wednesday 27th March at 2.15pm. All are welcome and you will be notified if your child is receiving an award. The Reception class awards will take place at 3.05pm on Monday.

Our Key Stage 2 Easter Presentation is taking place on Thursday 28th March at 2pm. All are welcome and could we please ask that you arrive before 2pm so that everyone can be seated by 2pm.

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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Children of Courage

Aqra was this week awarded a Child Of Courage Award by the Rotary Club of Sleaford. The award recognises those who overcome personal difficulty and adversity to make a positive impact and set a good example to those who share their lives. Aqra and her family, along with Mrs Chawner and Mr Tibble attended the awards evening and were all immensely proud of Aqra and her achievements.





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Sports news

Our Lady VS Winchelsea 21/3/2024

Yesterday was a tense day as Our Lady faced off against Winchelsea school at Ruskington. It was a very good match, equally matched teams; the score not reflecting the team's effort.

First half formation:

Hayden-Left wing
Noah-Striker
Hugo-Right wing
Jeremy-Midfield
Luciano-Defence
Layke-Defence
Harry-Goalkeeper

Substitutes:

Ezekiel
Charlie

Both teams started strong, but Winchelsea scored an early goal after finding a break in Our Lady's defence who were caught off guard. After that, Our Lady put up a fight, defending our goal as best as possible but Winchelsea countered our defence by putting their best attack forward. This turned to benefit them because after several attempted clearances from Layke and Luciano (our defence in the first half) following a scrappy contest in the Our Lady box, Winchelsea passed the ball back to the half way line and tried again. This time they succeeded in advancing their lead by neatly slotting the ball in the bottom left corner, narrowly missing the Our Lady first half goal keeper's feet (Harry)

2-0

However, this didn't unhearten Our Lady's players. Following this, the Our Lady players were determined to reduce the opposing side's lead. Many attempts were made, and we came close scoring but either the Winchelsea goalkeeper saved the shots or they went wide. One attempt in particular stood out to the spectators. Layke worked hard for the ball and won it using his height to give him the advantage over the smaller Winchelsea attacker. After coming into possession, Layke saw he was being chased down by two forward players so delivered a well needed clearance across the pitch to Hugo (the left winger), who controlled it and flicked it up to Noah (the first half striker). Noah kicked it up over his head, providing Hayden (the first half left winger) a high run on. Hayden chased the ball and managed to get a foot to it before the Winchelsea goalkeeper, but sadly with his outstretched leg Hayden hit the ball with the wrong part of his foot and the ball went a foot wide of the net. Our team's forwards had many breaks in the opposing defence and had many scoring opportunities, but to no avail. The keeper was simply too good.

After many failed attempts to score, the Our Lady players were tiring fast. So Mr Lonslow- the teams coach- made a needed substitute in the defence: Charlie on; Luciano off. As a result of the tired Our Ladys, towards the end of the first half, despite fresh legs in defence, we conceded yet another goal, ending the first half 3-0.

Due to a week formation in the first half, Mr Lonslow decided to change the team around a bit:

Jeremy- Left wing
Layke-Striker
Hugo- Right wing
Charlie-Midfield
Ezekiel- Defence
Noah- Defence
Hayden-Goalkeeper

With a new formation established, there was a lingering hope among the Our Lady football team, looking for redemption. We started strong and Hugo and Layke found many breaks in the Winchelsea defence, and put the opposing side under pressure. Early on, the ball was going back and forth in possession. Both teams lacked in defence as the players were tired from the hard first half. Many saves were made from both goalkeepers, one of the most memorable of these was a 3 attackers against the Our Lady keeper, who risked rushing out to block the opposing right winger, but

thankfully it paid off. Hayden rushed out to the ball and blocked the first shot. By now our defence had run into the box with a new load of Winchelsea attackers. Hayden had no time to get back to his feet as the goal was now unguarded so he spun around and grabbed the ball. Then

he delivered a well needed clearance up to Layke who was waiting on the left wing as Jeremy had dropped back to help the defence. This happened many times until the ball went to Layke just outside the opposition's box. Layke looked up and saw Hugo on the far side of the pitch, so he passed it to him with laser accuracy. Seeing he had a relatively easy shot, Hugo struck the ball. Expecting the ball to go to the top left corner, the Winchelsea goalkeeper dived upwards as Hugo slotted the ball into the bottom left corner, bouncing off the post as it went in.

3-1!

Winchelsea fought back and after an overcrowded Our Lady box, the goalkeeper lost sight of the ball and it went past him, into the right of the net.

But Our Lady didn't lose hope. The rest of the game was close but goalless.

As the final whistle blew, both teams walked off, panting with exhaustion.

Final score 4 -1.

After a team huddle both teams discussed who the man of the match was from each team.

Our Lady chose their number 9 for his incredible effort for the whole match, and his determination to lead his team to victory

Winchelsea chose Hayden, for rescuing Our Lady and saving many difficult shots.



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Star of the Week

Reception	Daniela	Great effort in her phonics assessment and moving up a level.
	Paris	Great effort in her phonics assessment and moving up a level.
Year 1	Joshua J	Super inquisitive mind in asking some great questions this week and showing excellent understanding of some topical vocabulary.
	Tyler	Creative art work, creating some lovely spirals using different tools.
Year 2	Lucy	Amazingly imaginative writing about the lion that came to tea.
	George	Taking his learning home and writing his own diary about a teddy.
Year 3	Ethan	Great effort in tag rugby. Ethan has been able to use, not only physical tactics, but mental ones too. This has helped him be successful in a game of tag rugby.
	The Class	Super parents evening reports. The whole of Year 3 had a fantastic report, for all of the constant effort they put in each day of their learning.
Year 4	The Class	For their hard work, determination and resilience with swimming throughout this term. Year 4 impressed both school adults and swimming instructors with their efforts.
Year 5	Abel	Working hard in all lessons. He applies everything he has learnt to his work to help him succeed.
	Luciano	Working hard in maths this week to succeed in the class unit on area and perimeter.
Year 6	Jasper	Demonstrating one of the school virtues—courage—showing resilience by not giving up. Just Keep swimming.
	Jeremy	Demonstrating the virtue of self control during the football match against Winchelsea. Well done for recognising the achievements of others.



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Diary Dates

Date	Event
March	
Monday 25th	PTA Chocolate Treasure Hunt
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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PTA Chocolate Treasure Hunt

Tickets are still available for the PTA CHOCOLATE TREASURE HUNT on Monday 25th March at 3.15pm. Tickets will be on sale at the end of the day at only £1 per child—younger siblings are also welcome.



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Parish news - Lent 2024:

- 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 ...

A joyful heart is good medicine,
So feed the happy dragon

Have a great weekend.