



Newsletter – 20th December 2022

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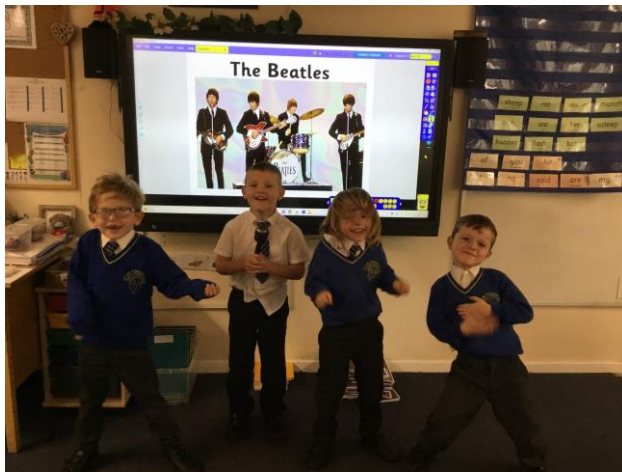
Reception have been very busy learning about the numbers 1,2,3 this term and have been doing lots of activities based on these numbers. We have also had lots of fun in our role play area 'Santa's workshop' wrapping presents, dressing up as elves, making snow and writing Christmas letters. Reception have also been reading the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' and they baked some cupcakes by following a set of instructions for Little Red Riding Hood to take to her Grandma. We have been learning about Advent and how we have to wait for things, and we made some Advent promises. We made some Advent wreaths and talked about what they represent.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have been very busy this half term learning about the Beatles and how to write a fact file and a non-chronological report. The children now know lots of facts about the Beatles and have enjoyed listening to a variety of their songs each morning when completing their morning challenge, we particularly enjoyed singing 'Yellow submarine'. In English, we have been reading the story 'The Jolly Postman' and have enjoyed opening and reading the different letters and postcards that the Jolly Postman delivered. Year 1 have been very imaginative writing letters and postcards as the Jolly Postman. In Science, they have been learning about materials and loved going on a material hunt around school and found lots of different items made from wood, plastic, metal and glass. We have learnt new scientific words to describe the properties of the materials including flexible and transparent.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their Christmas Nativity performance and were all fantastic. Well done for all your hard work this half term Year 1.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed their topic 'Remember, Remember' this half term. At the beginning of the half term, we learned about Remembrance Day and why it is important. Year 2 led a very special collective worship for Remembrance Sunday. Another significant event we have been learning about this half term is 'Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot'. The children found the story of the Gunpowder Plot very interesting and enjoyed completing their own research about it!

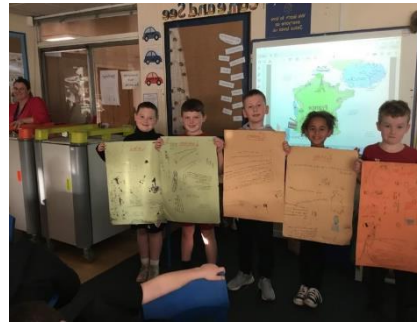
The past few weeks we have been busy practising for our KS1 Nativity performance; "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw". The singing and performance led by Year 2 was amazing and all the children worked really hard! It definitely put us all in the Christmas spirit and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. Well done again Year 2 - we are very proud of you all!



YEAR 3

Three Giant Steps

Year 3 have really enjoyed their 'Three Giant Steps' topic this half term. We have learned lots about the 3 countries we have been studying: the UK, France and Canada.



We have studied maps and atlases, created our own 'Tour de France' race around France, learned all about the port of Dover and its famous white cliffs, and taken a whistle stop tour of Montreal, Toronto and Calgary in Canada.

We have studied physical features like mountains, cliffs, rivers and waterfalls and looked at man-made landmarks such as the Port of Dover, the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame in Paris and the CN Tower in Toronto.

We have also compared the 3 countries looking at size, climate, population, culture and language. In Art, we learned all about the French Impressionists and painted our own pictures in the style of Claude Monet.

We have also really enjoyed our rugby lessons this half term, with thanks to the Widnes Viking team for the expert coaching we received and we have built on our knowledge about keeping healthy with a 'Fit 4 Life' session delivered by Halton Healthy Schools team.

YEAR 4

During this half-term, Year 4 have been working super hard. In Geography, we have been learning all about the Mediterranean region. We have discovered where the Mediterranean is and the countries within the region. We have researched reasons why people would visit the Mediterranean looking at the climate, culture, food and drink, landscapes and landmarks. During our science lessons we have been learning about the human digestive system and food chains. We particularly enjoyed taking part in a food game, helping us understand how energy is transferred through a food chain. In P.E. we have been extremely lucky to have the opportunity to work with Widnes Vikings, learning the skills it takes to participate in playing rugby, playing fun, fast paced games. Sean Mellor was an excellent coach and made all our rugby sessions so much fun! Equally our tennis coach Tia has been fantastic this term, teaching us the skills and determination needed to play tennis. Our favourite subject this half term must be our computing lessons. We have been learning all about photo editing, how to crop, recolour, clone, select, copy and paste to change images. We have produced some fantastic work, creating images with different meanings.

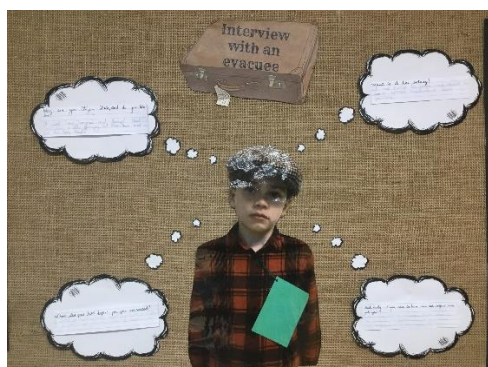


YEAR 5

This half term we have been studying WW2 and what life was like during this time for children. We read the wonderful book 'The Buried Crown' by Ally Sherrick, which featured two evacuees – George and Kitty who unearth an ancient Anglo-Saxon crown that the leader of the Nazi party is desperate to possess. This inspired a lot of our writing as well as our artwork. We created Blitz scenes using oil pastels, paint, tissue paper and card:



We now consider ourselves quite knowledgeable about the events that led up to the outbreak of the war and the main events during that time, as shown in our timelines:



Last week we joined Year 6 and lots of other primary schools from the Archdiocese for a wonderfully festive carol service at the cathedral.



As we break up for Christmas, we have just read about 4 very famous evacuees, who were sent away to the country to avoid the bombing in London: They discover a magical kingdom inside a wardrobe called Narnia – you've guessed it – that classic book: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis.

YEAR 6

This term Year 6 have been adventuring in the woods as part of our Forest Schools. We practiced using shelters and tying knots, hiding from each other and even designed our own shelter made from natural materials. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed it and some of the natural shelters they made were excellent.

Well done to Year 6 for their excellent work in the woods.



School Governors



Thank you to Mrs Kris Karaski and Mrs Michelle Moran who have dedicated so much time to our Governing board as Parent Governors and fully supported the school, ensuring that the children received the highest educational provision. As their terms of office have now come to end we would like to welcome Mrs Jennifer Parker and Mrs Kelly Harris as your new Parent Governors. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Moran has now been elected as a Foundation Governor, which means that we only have one Foundation Governor Vacancy left.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

At Our Lady's we believe in promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing to ensure that our school is a community where everyone feels able to thrive. Therefore, we have added resources, which may help both you and your child, to our school website. www.olpsprimary.co.uk; Parents; Mental Health and Wellbeing.



Bag2School

A massive "THANK YOU" to all who donated to our Fundraising – Bag2School. We managed to collect a total of 270Kg, which means we raised £108.00 for our school funds.



BINGO NIGHT

Thank you to all who attended and supported our Bingo Night. Great fun was had by all with lots of raffle prizes being won.

Special, huge thank you to Mrs Tansey and Miss Poulson who organised and ran the night. Also, thank you to Miss Downey for wrapping the hampers.

In total we managed to raise a whopping –

£1,174.85

This will help to buy new resources for the school.



THANK YOU

Welcome to New Staff

We would like to welcome our new members of staff to the OLPS team:-

Mrs C Riley – Midday Assistant

Miss C Constantinou – Teaching Assistant

Mr Ian Daniels – Premises Officer/Midday Assistant



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Dear Mrs McGuffie,

In memory of Ros Atkins

I'm so grateful that you care as much about people living with a terminal illness as we do.

Your decision to support Marie Curie Nurses with a donation of £356.45 to Marie Curie will make a difference.

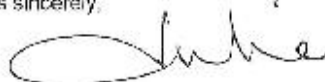
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Yours sincerely,



Julie Zafari
Fundraising Assistant

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To Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation in memory of Ros Atkins and raising £356.45 on your "GO BRIGHT DAY"

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Because of you, more people living with a terminal illness will get the care they deserve. Thank you.

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Just to say

THANK YOU

from everyone at
Widnes Foodbank

To the pupils, staff and parents of
Our Lady's Primary School.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and
generosity in donating your Harvest
Festival collection to Widnes Foodbank.

Your donation of 125 kgs of food will
enable us to provide 298 meals for
people who come to us for help.

This is an amazing achievement for
all of you.

With our thanks and prayers.

Sheila Smith.

(Treasurer)

From all the Staff, Governors and Children



On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

I hope each and everyone of you have a very safe, peaceful and Happy Christmas.

God Bless.

Mrs McGuffie.



School closes for the Christmas break on Tuesday, 20th December 2022
@ 1.30pm

School re-opens on Wednesday, 4th January 2023 @ 8.30am children in
class by 8.45am