



Loving Learning and Looking Forward with Christ

NEWSLETTER

16/6/2023

Dear Parents,

School opened on Monday 5th June after the half term break to wonderful sunshine. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying our amazing outdoor facilities during the past two weeks. Children have been enjoying sports on the fields not just during PE lessons but also during lunchtimes and through the extensive after school clubs that the school provides each and every night. Many staff give of their time freely to provide all of these enrichment opportunities and I know how much they mean to you all. The athletics team have been preparing for the competition at Northwood, the cross-country team have been running on the track and the cricket team is also in full flow.

On Saturday 10th June, following the parent's workshop and the Confirmation retreat led by the lay chaplain Matthew Corrigan our Year 5 and Year 6 children were confirmed by Bishop Stephen. It was a beautiful celebration where the children were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They led a prayerful reflection of 'Like a Dewfall' and celebrated after the service with a cake and drinks. Congratulation to our newly confirmed children. Pictures and videos can be viewed here by clicking the confirmation cross <https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/our-catholic-life/>.



Stars of the week -

Well done you are all stars!



We are very excited to share the news that we have had a new OLSB book vending machine in school. Children who are awarded 'star of the week' receive a golden token and get to visit the vending machine with myself where they get to select a book to take home as a prize. Another way of promoting a love of reading at OLSB.

<u>Class</u>	<u>W/C 9/6/2023</u>	<u>W/C 16/6/2023</u>
Nursery	Marcel Biskup	Harper-Rae Denic-Sheldon
Reception	Reggie Shaw	Connie Phillips
Year 1	Izzie-Grace Greensmith	Enzo Jones
Year 2	Sofia Brett	Jacob Buckler
Year 3	Blake Nicholls	Jacob Howard
Year 4	Thomas Nebresky	Maximus Lewis
Year 5	Millan Love	Taylor Hulme
Year 6	Taysha Onasanya	Cole Seadon

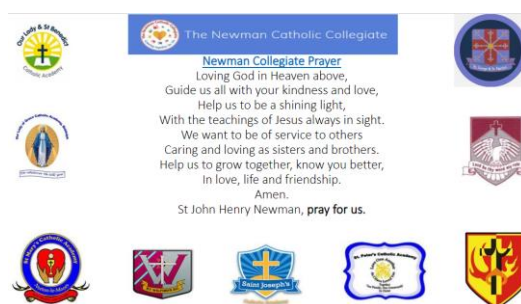


BIG GREEN WEEK

This week the children took part in 'Big Green Week', the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. This is something that we are very passionate about at OLSB and links to one of our Catholic Social Principles - Stewardship. Each class chose something that they would like to do to support and care for our common home. Litter picking around the school grounds and immediately outside in the local community, watering the plants, planting seeds, preparing the ground and tidying the space for our new prayer Garden, Creating posters to place around the school to conserve energy - such as switching off lights and ensuring taps and laptops are turned off. In the words of one of our Year 5 pupils - *'We are the guardians of God's Creation and we should not litter it and recycle. We found a quote from Pope Francis in his writing in Laudato Si - 'We are one family living in a common home.' This means that the whole world is our common home and everyone is our neighbour and we should love them.'* How fantastic!

COLLEGIATE PRAYER

We welcomed Mr Beardmore and Mr Corrigan to school to deliver an assembly and launch our new collegiate prayer. Children from each school within the Collegiate joined together to write the prayer and think about the words that should be used and the meaning behind the words. I am sure you will agree that they have done a fantastic job and the prayer that they have written has beautiful words and captures the heart of the Newman Catholic Collegiate.



BEFORE SCHOOL

We open our gates in a morning and welcome you onto the school playground. We would rather do this and allow the children to access the playground, which is a safe environment rather than you queuing outside on the footpath or near the busy road until the bell rings. A reminder that children are in your care until the school bell rings in a morning. Children should be accompanied by an adult and must not be left unaccompanied on the yard before the bell rings when the children are then handed over into the care of the school. We invite the children to play on the playground in the Muga or on the bottom field area directly behind the Muga with parental supervision. Parents and children must not enter the top field by the classroom doors or the forest school to ensure health and safety procedures are followed. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter to ensure that all children are safe before school.

Future Dates

Tuesday 20 th June	Y3 River Trip
Wednesday 21 st June	Y1 / Y2 Llandudno Trip
Wednesday 21 st June	Northwood Athletics
Thursday 22 nd June	Mass-All Welcome
Thursday 22 nd June	Cross Country Finals
Monday 26 th June	Staff Training No Owls Nest or clubs
Tuesday 27 th June	Nursery and Reception Class Trip
Wednesday 28 th June	Songbirds Concert Victoria Hall
Wednesday 28 th June	Y5 to St Margaret Ward Magic Maths
Thursday 29 th June	Mass St Peter and St Paul - All Welcome
Thursday 29 th June	Y6 Class Trip
Monday 3 rd July	Sponsored Walk (Year 5) Celebration Mass at St Margaret Ward Livestreamed to all pupils.
Tuesday 4 th July	Sports Day Provisional date Y1,Y2 (am) Y3, Y4, Y5,Y6 (pm)
Wednesday 5 th July	Scholars Trip to Nottingham University Classes to Move up to New Classes Transition for September
Thursday 6 th July	Classes to Move up to New Classes Transition for September
Monday 10 th July	100% Attendance Trip
Tuesday 11 th July	Saint Benedict Day
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 5 Trip to Tamworth Castle
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 6 Prom 6pm
Thursday 13 th July	Sports Day for Nursery and Reception (am)
Friday 14 th July	Reports out to parents
Monday 17 th July	Winning Class Top Attendance Trip
Monday 17 th July	End of Year Assemblies y1-y5
Tuesday 18 th July	Nursery and Reception Graduation
Thursday 20 th	End of Term Mass - Y6 Leavers (All are Welcome)
Friday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly / School Closes
Wednesday 6 th September	School Opens to all children for the New school Year

With thanks,

Creator God, You show us what love is through the beauty of the earth and the gift of your Son. For the love of... animal and plant, mountain and forest, sea and city, woman and man, friend and family, those who live far from us and those yet to be born. Move us to live more simply, to protect the earth and to speak up for those in need. Amen.

Mrs Clowes Principal



OLSB Term Dates - Academic Year 2023/2024

AUTUMN TERM - 2023

Inset Day (school closed to pupils)	Monday 4th September
Inset Day (school closed to pupils)	Tuesday 5th September
School opens to pupils	Wednesday 6th September
Half Term	Monday 30th October- Friday 3rd November
INSET Day (School closed to pupils)	Monday 6th November
School opens to pupils	Tuesday 7th November
School closes	Friday 22nd December

SPRING TERM - 2024

Inset Day (school closed to pupils)	Monday 8th January
School opens to all	Tuesday 9th January
Half Term	Monday 12th February -Friday 16th February
School opens to all	Monday 19th February
School closes	Friday 22nd March

SUMMER TERM - 2024

School opens to all	Monday 8th April
May Day - school closed	Monday 6th May
Half Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
School opens to all	Monday 3rd June
School closes	Friday 19th July