



Loving Learning and Looking Forward with Christ

NEWSLETTER

20.01.2023

Dear Parents,

Well, what a snowy week we've had! It was lovely to see the children playing in the snow and enjoying themselves. Thank you also for battling the roads and pavements to get the children into school.

We started the fortnight with a faith assembly and each class has been studying a different faith throughout the week. The children have been so interested in seeing and hearing about how different people live and their beliefs and cultures. Some children went to visit the Jewish Synagogue in Newcastle, Year 3 had an Indian Workshop and took part in Indian dancing. This culminated in them performing their dance to the entire school. Everyone then got to join in with a 'Bollywood' dance here at OLSB - this also included the staff! On the Friday, EYFS performed their Chinese dragon dance to celebrate Chinese New Year. They were simply wonderful. We have some truly talented dancers throughout the school. Some children from St Peter's in Cobridge also visited, and spoke to us about their faith, they were so very knowledgeable and did a wonderful job in representing their school.

Year 5 travelled to Birmingham on the 11th January and took part in the Young Voices Concert. They were wonderful ambassadors of OLSB and sang their hearts out. We have such a host of talented singers that Year 5 have now been chosen to take part in a project alongside Lichfield Cathedral Music School which will end in them performing in a concert.

We have such a lot to celebrate and be proud of here at OLSB. Well done to our wonderful children.

Stars of the week - Well done you are all stars!



Class	13.01.2023	20.1.2023
Nursery	Christopher Poole	Aurora-Anne Lane
Reception	Shelly Lakatosova	Reako Sowden
Year 1	Kyla-Mae Poole	Lilly Beckwith
Year 2	Harvey Clarke	Alfie Foster
Year 3	Archie Sinclair	Jessica Aubrey
Year 4	Kai Ndlovu	Oluwaseyi Adetoro
Year 5	All Year 5	Tyler Minshall-Laynton
Year 6	Matthew Moji-John	Onyx Kenneth



Strike Action Many of you may have heard about the planned Strike Action on Wednesday 1st February. It is our intention to minimise disruption and we currently anticipate that Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Academy will be open to all children. If this position changes I will inform you as soon as possible.

Admission to Nursery Class September 2023 -

The system is now open for admissions to our Nursery Class in September 2023. This is for children born between the dates of 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020.

If you require any further information or wish to make a visit to the Nursery or Reception class please contact the school office.

The easiest way to apply is online at

https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions/132/primary_school_admissions

Future Dates

Thursday 26 th January	Mass at 9.15am -(Parents welcome to attend)
Monday 30 th January	Y1 Visit to Ford Green Hall - Fire of London Workshop
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 17 th February	Y5 Lichfield Cathedral School Concert at Birches Head
Monday 20 th February-26 th February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 21 st February	Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes!
Wednesday 22 nd February	Ash Wednesday
Monday 27 th February	School Re-Opens
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day - Information to follow
Saturday 11 th March	Family Mass -Bishop Stephen Visitation (All Welcome)

Owls Nest- On Monday 27th February, we will be unable to offer after school club provision at our Owls Nest club. All school staff are required to attend training after school. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for the children this year who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Adrian Macnamara has confirmed that Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 10th June 2023** at **5pm at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church.** Bishop Stephen will confirm the children.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

With thanks,

Mrs Sarah Clowes

Principal