



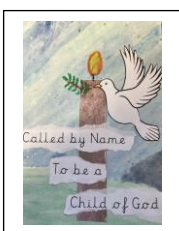
Loving Learning and Looking Forward in Christ

NEWSLETTER

21.10.2022

Dear Parents,

We have had another great fortnight here at OLSB. My first half term here has flown by and I thank all members of the OLSB family for the warm welcome I have received. The fortnight started with us gathering together and joining schools across the diocese in prayers to Saint Bernadette. Later in the week Our Harvest Mass was a beautiful celebration. It was lovely for Nursery to attend their first mass and for us to thank God for his gifts of the Harvest. The OLSB community have been so generous with their donations and I offer a huge thank you to you all. These will be presented to the Foodbank to help the many homes and families in need at this time. In the words of Saint Mother Teresa. *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."*



A huge thank you to all of our children who represented the school at the Combined School Mass on Thursday led by Bishop Stephen they were wonderful ambassadors of OLSB. The 'Design a Baptism card' was judged and was won by Sarah Onanuga in Year Three. This design will be made up and will be sent to parents who are having their child baptised at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church. Sarah has received an Art set as a prize for her winning design. Well done Sarah.

Handwriting and Presentation is a huge focus for us as a school and the children have been working extremely hard to make their writing well -formed and well presented.

Members of staff have also attended safeguarding training.

Stars of the weeks – Well done you are all stars!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Ronnie Hurd	Nursery	Albie Bennett	Nursery
Reggie Shaw	Reception	Milo-Jai Wint	Reception
Tallulah-Pixie Woolley	Year 1	Zack Galbraith	Year 1
Aliya Clarke	Year 2	Mosaab Ahmed Hassan Alnour	Year 2
Sarah Onanuga	Year 3	Aaradhya Scaria	Year 3
Caitlin Sigley	Year 4	Jenson Colclough	Year 4
Ivy Ingram	Year 5	Sharma Fairley	Year 5
Joshua Robertson	Year 6	Alysha Harvey & Francesca Deaville	Year 6



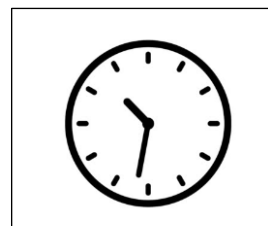
Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church

If any children missed out on being baptised due to covid, Father Adrian MacNamara would like you to know that church has now re-opened and baptisms have re-commenced. You are very welcome to contact him on 01782 543300 or via email- olsb.stokeontrent@rcaob.org.uk to arrange this. All are welcome to mass every Saturday at 5pm at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church next door to school.



Punctuality - Thank you for your efforts to arrive at school on time, improvements have been seen in this area. We know that arriving late to school means that children miss out on learning time and can cause children to be unsettled in a morning. Please keep up your efforts. The gates will be locked promptly and should you arrive late you will need to enter school via the gated pedestrian walkway and come into the school office to sign in your child. Please don't cross the carpark as this can be busy. Please find a reminder of our start and end times:

Class	Times
Nursery	8.50-3.00
Reception	8.50-3.00
Key Stage One	8.40-3.10
Key Stage Two	8.45-3.20



Wraparound Care Before and After School club We are delighted to announce that due to the success of the introduction of the Before and After School Club this half term, from the 1st November here at Our Lady and St Benedict Catholic Academy, the club will come in house and will be run by our own school staff. It will be called 'Owls Nest at OLSB'. We will continue to offer full wraparound care for your child. This is available for all children in Reception-Year 6. In the club, we will offer opportunities for both indoor and outdoor play, sports, games, crafts and recreational activities that are both fun and challenging. Before School Club will run from 7:45am until the start of school. There is no admission after 8.20am. After School Club will run from the end of the school day and will close at 5.30pm - with a snack included. For costing, further information and to read a copy of the letter please follow the link below. Places can be booked via Scopay.

<https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/before-and-after-school-club/>

Pupil Responsibilities

In our Assembly for Y6 Parents on Friday 7th October. All children in Year 6 were awarded with a special role in school and monitor badges were given out to the children. It has been fantastic to see Year 6 carrying out these roles in school this week.

Head Girl: Marion Mutyaba	Deputy Head Girl: Nicholle Duncan
Head Boy: Joshua Robertson	Deputy Head Boy: Matthew Moji-John

Badges have also been awarded to the following pupils, well done everyone!

	School Council	Benedict Best	Eco Warrior	Science Ambassador
Year 1	Christian Elijah	Sophia Adam	Isabelle Ethan	Annabelle Leland
Year 2	Jasper Amelia	Matia Ivy	Ollie Nevaeh	Devine Daisy
Year 3	Millie Poppy	Kyra Logan	Crina Roman	Jacob Lucas
Year 4	Seyi Leo	Caitlin Jasmine	Jenson Thomas	Petr Jack
Year 5	Jamie-Lea Bentley H-P	Noble Divora	Lola Marcus	Molly Kaeden
Year 6	Isobel Gary	Marion Matthew	Nicholle Ezmai	Olivia Joshua

Admission to High School September 2022 - The application process for a place at High School has opened and will close on 31 October 2022. The easiest way to apply is online at

https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions/134/secondary

We strongly advise that you consider St Margret Ward Catholic Academy part of our family of schools within the Newman Catholic Collegiate. Year 6 pupils have all visited St Margaret Ward and teachers have also visited OLSB to work with the children.

Early Years - We do still have some spaces available within our Nursery and Reception Class. If these places are of interest, please contact the school office.

Bonfire Day - The whole school will be taking part in a Forest School Bonfire day on Thursday 3rd November. Please send your children into school in their forest school kit.

Future Dates

Monday 24 th October- Friday 28 th October	Half term
Monday 31 st October	Inset Day School Closed
Tuesday 1 st November	Parents Evening - In School appointments
Wednesday 2 nd November	2.30pm Reading Workshop for parents of Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 3 rd November	Parents Evening - Online video appointments
Thursday 3 rd November	Forest School - Bonfire Theme Day
7 th November / 8 th November	Bikeability Y5
Monday 7 th November	Photographs
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Service School
	Whole School Mass- Vocation
Saturday 26 th November	Family Confirmation Commitment Mass

With thanks,

Mrs Sarah Clowes
Principal