

Our Lady Catholic Primary School

A Catholic Academy



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NEWS from the Head

Awards Assembly

On Thursday 24th May the following children were awarded the Mission Statement Award in assembly:

Yr R – Eli and Ines

Yr 1- Maddie and Jacob

Yr 2 – Emilia and Julia

Yr 3-Emma and Noah

Yr 4 –Daniel

Yr 5 –Erin and Marvin

Yr 6 – Ben and Ruth

The award is given to children who make a special effort to live out Our Lady School Mission Statement. Very well done to our current role models.



Events from this half term

Fruit workshop for Year R and 2

On Friday 18th May, the children had great fun sampling a range of exotic fresh fruit.

Royal Wedding Celebrations

On Thursday 17th May, the children enjoyed an afternoon of celebrating all things British in an effort to mark the Royal Wedding. The children looked fantastic in their red, white or blue outfits- some wearing fabulous accessories too!- and they enjoyed flag making and reciting our national anthem, 'God Save the Queen' during assembly. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the assembly and to the PTA for providing the refreshments.

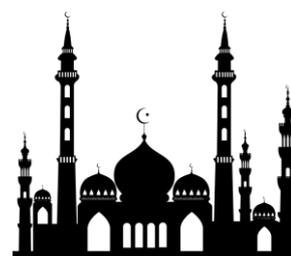
Hudnall Park

Year 4 visited Hudnall Park on 19-20th April for a one night residential. Everyone enjoyed taking part in pond dipping, orienteering and mountain biking. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and all had a fantastic time. Thank you to Mrs Luquet-Gerrard, Mrs Kinsella and Miss Knight for accompanying me on the trip.



Eco Council

Well done to our Eco Council who created some fantastic bird feeders, by recycling unwanted plastic bottles, for display in and around the school grounds.



Other faiths

As part of our work on British values and learning about other faiths, we were delighted to welcome Ali and Redwan to our assembly on 27th April. They spoke to children about the five pillars of Islam and how Muslims live out their faith. Following the assembly the children completed some follow up work with their teacher at an age appropriate level.



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GDPR and e Safety

In recent weeks, we have asked parents to renew much of the information they supply to the school in light of new data protection requirements. Thank you to all those who have returned their forms and provided us with the information we need. If you have not as yet, please make a conscious effort to do so in the next few days.

In relation to e Safety, we are running termly workshops with the children about how to keep themselves safe online and how to behave appropriately towards others. Please support us in this work by following up with any incidents of poor behaviour at home. As parents, it is key to routinely check the apps/websites your child is accessing and make us aware if they have been exposed to anything inappropriate.

SATS

Very well done to our Year 6 and 2 children who sat their end of key stage tests w/c 14th May. The children were "cool, calm and collected" throughout the week, which was noted by the external visitors from Herts for Learning that we had in monitoring the school. In coming weeks, KS1 has been selected to be moderated in writing and a selection of our Year 6 pupils will be chosen to sit the Science moderation in June. As communicated in recent meetings with parents, all external scrutiny is welcome and of value to the school in coming years. Thank you to all the staff for their efforts to prepare the children and to parents for additional work carried out at home.

First Holy Communion

In preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist, our Year 3 children have been working hard during the 'Young Pilgrims' sessions with Trish Bonnett and Susanna Hawksley on a weekly basis. Thanks to them both for all their efforts and for making the learning such fun! Thank you also to Mrs Sweeny and Mrs Kay who have been leading rosary sessions to prepare the children and to Miss Shannon for her in school work to ensure things run as smoothly as possible. We wish all of our Year 3 pupils a wonderful day when they make their First Holy Communion in their own parish. The children who attend the parish of Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew will make theirs on Sunday 10th June. Our in school prayer service for all the children will take place on Thursday 7th June.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Amen*



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