

Our Lady Catholic Primary School

A Catholic Academy



February 2022

NEWS from Mrs. Snowball

It's been another hugely successful half term filled with lots of great learning experiences for the children. We are looking forward to welcoming parents back into school after half term for our many upcoming events including class Masses and services, parent consultations, the year 4 class assembly and the book fair. Thank you to those parents that have volunteered to help in school. We can't wait for you to spend time with the children in school supporting their learning. If any parents are able to give some time each week please contact the school office.

Well done to all of our Mission Winners from this half term:

Year R: Giulia & Lorcan

Year 2: Mimi & Natalie

Year 4: George & Ava

Year 6: Chinetam & Lola

Year 1: Ifey & Xander

Year 3: Neriah & Menura

Year 5: Joseph & Chikaima

Staff winners: Mrs Phipps and Mr Gribben

House points: As it stands so far...

Fisher - 2523

More - 2474

Campion - 2357

Alban - 2346

Well done to everyone
who has earned house
points this half term.
Keep working hard!

Esafety workshops

During internet safety week the children have been learning about the importance of staying safe on line and what to do if they know something isn't right. This is an extremely important learning experience for the children and we plan to follow this up with a workshop for the parents in the coming months.

Mrs Phipps

Today we said farewell to Mrs Phipps. After 22 years at Our Lady School, Mrs Phipps is retiring and looking forward to spending more time with her family. She has given so much to so many children throughout the years and will be missed by everyone.



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Drumming workshop

All the children took part in a fantastic African drumming workshop where they used a range of African instruments such as large and medium Djembe drums, Shekeres and Ghana Bells. As well as this hands-on experience with traditional rhythms, the children learnt the history and significance of drumming throughout African culture. It was a fabulous experience and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Sporting events are back!

This half term has seen the return of competitive football matches for Years 5 and 6. Our girls' team started with a defeat to a strong William Ransom side. However, for many of our team, this was their first competitive match and we were able to take lots of learning from the game.



Our boys' team were very unlucky in the Wix Cup against Highover, missing out on a place in the next round as losing on penalties. In a compelling game, luck was not on our side.

Both teams did a fantastic job at representing our school. They should be proud of themselves.

We are looking forward to more games in the coming weeks for both teams as well as netball and athletics competitions.



Year 5 Fairtrade assembly

The children learned about the origin of Fairtrade and how it now helps over 1.7 million farmers worldwide to receive a fairer wage for the work they do. It also helped the class understand why it is so important to not be wasteful with food. 1 in 4 cups of coffee is Fairtrade. They discussed how integral it is to producing chocolate and ensuring people are paid fairly for their labour.



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Year 3 Yoga



Year 4 Yoga



Mental Health Week

The half term has ended with our mental health week where the children have been learning about the importance of looking after their minds as well as their bodies. We had a lovely celebration of all the unique personalities in the school on Thursday as the children came to school 'dressed to express'. They all looked fabulous!

Key dates for parents for the half term ahead:

- 24th February – Y4 History workshop
- 3rd March – Y3 Egyptian workshop
- 4th March - Year 5&6 class Mass
- 4th March – YR/1 PTA cake sale
- Wb 7th March - World book week
- 7th March – PTA meeting
- 11th March – Book fair
- 11th March - Year 3&4 class Mass
- 18th March - Year R, 1&2 class Mass
- 23rd and 24th March – Parent consultations
- 25th March – Y4 assembly
- 31st March – Whole school Mass at Our Lady Church
- 1st April – Lenten games led by Year 6
- 1st April – End of term 1:30pm finish

Our School Prayer

Today Lord we gather in your presence
to honour you and praise you.
We thank you for bringing us together and loving us.
Let us work hard in everything we do.
Let us achieve our goals here at Our Lady School.
Amen

'To inspire all to achieve their best every day'