



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



Friday 28th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 3rd Sunday of Easter | Cycle A
Key Scripture: **Luke 24: 13-35**

In the Gospel, Jesus opened the eyes of two disciples as He broke bread with them. Through seeing different perspectives in illusion images, children learnt that sometimes we need help seeing things as they are - Jesus gives us new eyes to see the joy, peace and love of Eastertide!

Celebration Assembly

We celebrated those children who have been demonstrating our virtues: **Curious and Active** and our school rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe.**

Today we also celebrated the success of exceptional presentation across school with one child from each class coming up to share their excellent pieces of work! This work will be displayed in the corridor for all to see.

Outstanding debt

Please check your Arbor accounts for any outstanding debt that you may not have realised has built up.

Contact has been made with parents/carers recently regarding monies owed for breakfast club. Please ensure that payments are made in a timely manner to allow us to continue to be able to run this club. Thank you.

Year 1

In computing we looked at opening a Word document and saving it.

In RE we looked at the Easter candle, which is called the Paschal candle and we made one of our own.

In maths, we have been looking at our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and we have also been working practically to make equal groups.

School Developments

We launched our Proud Presentation award this week. Over this term we are focusing on presenting our work in a clear, neat, organised way by underlining our dates and titles and making sure we spell key words like the day and month, which are written on the board each day, correctly. The pieces of work will be displayed in the waiting area for all our visitors to see.

To help us to be proud of our presentation we have also started a new handwriting scheme. All children by the end of EYFS should be able to form their letters correctly. Handwriting slots have been timetabled in all EYFS and KS1 classes, with KS2 classes having targeted handwriting interventions within class, where needed.

Uniform

We have an amount of good quality second hand uniform in school at the moment. If you need any items please do come and ask and we will see if we have the items you need in the right sizes. Like wise if your children have grown out of their uniform and you would like to donate it we are always grateful.

Sharing Shelf

Our sharing shelf is being regularly used. If you have any items you would like to donate please feel free to just place them on the shelf. We hope the contributions being placed and taken are helping those who need it.

Year 5

In RE we have been looking at the four main parts of Easter vigils and learning why it is a special time of year for Catholics.

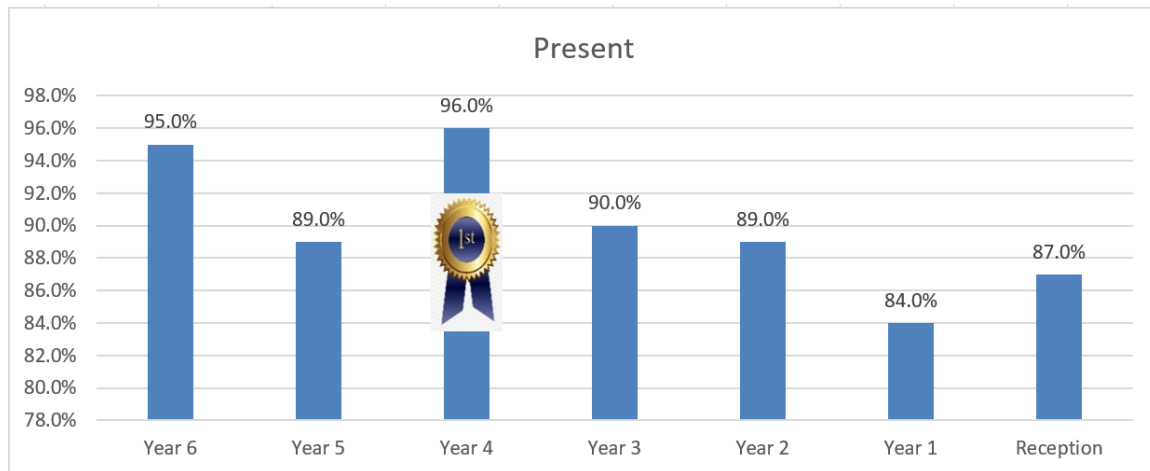
In history we have been exploring the Mayan civilisation and learning about their love of chocolate.

In science we are beginning to look at lifecycles. So far we have compared the lifecycles of elephants and butterflies.

Attendance

Please bring your children to school every day! It is so important that they don't miss out on their learning. If they are under the weather slightly, you can still send them in and we will monitor them closely as long as they have not vomited/had diarrhoea or a temperature.

Well done to our **Y4** class this week who have won the attendance cup with **96%** attendance!



Awards

Well done to these children!



Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: **Curious and Active**

Living our Catholic Virtues of **Curious and Active** this week are:

Nursery	Lanaiya	Myles
Reception	Oliwia	Samyar
Year 1	Abigail	Massi
Year 2	Nae-Nae	Isaac
Year 3	Blerim	Simon
Year 4	Chenti	Dan
Year 5	Ahmad	Brielle
Year 6	Adina	Damian

Following our school rules: **Ready-Respectful-Safe** this week are:

Nursery	Mia	Evan
Reception	Alana	Jasper
Year 1	Florian	Rigi
Year 2	Melissa	Antoni
Year 3	Giovanni	Ellie-Maye
Year 4	Tyler	Dextra
Year 5	Mayet	Dexter
Year 6	Momore	Viha

Sacramental preparation

It is so important that children are prepared for these significant events in their life. The teaching that goes on in school is only part of what the children need in preparation for making their First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation – there is an expectation that parents/carers take children to Mass every week to further prepare them. Remember to take Mass attendance cards with you to have them signed at the end of Mass.

Sunday Mass times at the Oratory Church:

7.30am Mass (Latin)

8.30am Mass (English)

10.30am High Mass (Latin)

12.15pm Mass (English)

4.30pm Sung Vespers & Benediction (Latin)

5.30pm Mass (English)

Safety

Parking

Please make sure that if you are dropping off or collecting your children from school that you do not park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines outside either of the school entrances. They are there to make sure that the pavements are clear for people wishing to cross the road. Parking or stopping in these zones puts the children in danger. Please help us to keep all the children safe.

Play Equipment

Please don't let your children play on the trim trail or go onto the grass in the mornings or after school please. This is to keep everyone safe before and after school.

Scooters and Bikes

Please make sure that all children walk their bikes or scooters in the school grounds. They can ride and scoot as soon as they have left the school gates.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe on our site.

Absence reporting procedures

If your child is going to be absent please call school **on each day of your child's absence by 9am.**

Please call 0121 454 0600 and leave a message on the absence line. Include your child's full name, class and reason for absence. Please tell us where possible the nature of the illness as 'sick' or 'unwell' does not outline the reason for the absence. This will ensure that we have an accurate attendance record for your child.

If no reason is given it will be an unauthorised absence.

Please ensure that your children are on time for school. School doors open at 8.40am (8:30 Y6) when the children come into school for a prompt start to their learning which begins at 8.50am. At 8.50am we expect all children to be seated in class ready to commence their learning as this is when lessons will start promptly. Some children are consistently arriving after the school gates are shut and this is impacting on their well-being and leading to lost learning time.

A big thank you to the majority of parents and carers who make sure their children attend school regularly!

Attendance Monitoring

If your child's attendance has fallen below 95%, or they have a number of unauthorised absences we will be in contact with you, and depending on the reason for their absence we may ask you to come to school for a meeting.

If you have received an attendance letter and would like to come into school to meet with Mrs Wilson to discuss it, please make an appointment at the school office.

PLEASE NOTE: Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are unlikely to be authorised. Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Notifying the school of leave due to a family emergency does not mean it will be authorised. Any notifications must be made in writing and addressed to the Headteacher (communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk can be used).

Physical Education

Nursery - Friday

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday (*Thursday = Swimming)

Year 5 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 6 – Monday & Tuesday

On PE days, children should come to school wearing:

- Plain white t-shirt (no football tops or t-shirts with logos)
- Black shorts
- Black pumps
- Tracksuit - black or dark blue for colder weather (no logos)
- Trainers (to be worn for outdoor PE only)

Children in Y5/6 may also bring a small towel and roll-on deodorant on their PE day.

Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE kit. It is important that they are wearing suitable clothing and footwear for physical activity and that the kit is in line with school expectations. Speak with your child's class teacher if there are any problems with this. Reminders will be sent out to parents of children who do not have the correct kit.

Current Clubs:

- Breakfast club (every morning) £2.50, 8am – 8:40am

Monday –

- Football (Y4/5/6)

Tuesday –

- Multi sports (Y1/2/3)
- Y6 Maths club (by invitation)

Wednesday

- Multi Sports (Y4/5/6)

Thursday –

- Football (Y1/2/3)
- Choir club (Y3/4/5/6)

After school clubs finish at 4:30pm

Send your children to school with their own water bottle, a coat and their reading book and reading record every day.

Encourage healthy eating through the snacks / lunches you send to school.

On Friday, school finishes at 1:20pm. For those who stay on a Friday, they need collecting at 3:15pm.

Please be prompt in collecting your children

Operation Encompass

The Oratory is an Operation Encompass School, working closely with West Midlands Police to identify and support victims of Domestic Abuse. We remain vigilant and urge anyone suffering domestic abuse to contact the school or Police for help.

**Enjoy the long weekend,
God Bless, Mrs Wilson & Team**

Key Dates

Year 1 parents' evening will – date TBC

Sunday 30 th April	Y4 Parent and children's meeting after the 12:15 Mass in the Saint John Henry Newman Shrine to discuss arrangements for their upcoming First Holy Communion.
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation – school closed
Tuesday 9 th May	Y6 SATs week begins
Wednesday 17 th May	King and Queens Day! Dress up as a King or Queen or in royal attire to celebrate King Charles III's Coronation! We will celebrate in school by having a special themed lunch at lunchtime
Thursday 18 th May	Special lunch menu: all day breakfast

HALF TERM 29th May – 2nd June

Monday 5th June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th June	School reopens for pupils
Sunday 11 th June	First Holy Communion (Y4)
Sunday 18 th June	Blessed Sacrament procession (Y4)
Wednesday 12 th July	Confirmation at 7pm (Y6)

**One more INSET day TBC*

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