



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



Friday 19th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 6th Sunday of Easter | Cycle A

Key Scripture: John 14: 15-21

In this week of the Ascension when Jesus returned to Heaven, the children were invited to imagine how the disciples might have felt at the prospect of losing Jesus again. However, Jesus had reassuring news: He will never leave us, and He has sent a Helper to be with us forever!

Celebration Assembly

Along with celebrating those children who have been demonstrating our virtues: **Curious and Active** and our school rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**, we also said well done to the children who have been recognised for trying really hard with their presentation this week. Their work is in pride of place in the entrance hall for all our visitors to see.

Sharing Shelf

We would like to expand our sharing shelf to include good quality second hand clothing. As the weather is becoming warmer you may find that your children have grown out of their summer clothes from last year. If you feel able to donate any clothes they would be greatly appreciated.

Nursery

Nursery have been exploring the story of What the Ladybird Heard and have learnt about the different body parts minibests have on their bodies. In Maths we have been counting ladybird spots and writing how many. We have learnt that the last number reached when counting tells you how many there are in total. We used one handed tools and equipment to make tasty cheese and tomato ladybirds and during our RE lessons we have been learning about the first miracle Jesus performed at The Wedding in Cana.

School Developments

This week we welcomed Carol Parkinson our SEND link governor to school for a monitoring visit. She spent the morning with Nursery and Reception observing the improvements we have made in EYFS.

Mrs Wilson went out to visit another school to observe their child-led worship to bring some ideas back to share with our Oratory children. Thank you to St Mary's RC Primary School for having me!

On Monday we welcomed Ashleigh in from AVFC. He will be coming in every Monday to work with groups of children and will also be overseeing our Eco Club.

Uniform

Just a reminder that children should be in school uniform each day and PE uniform on PE days. PE tops should be plain black or blue and not have big logos. The children can wear their school jumper if they don't have a plain jumper.

Parent Magazine

Birmingham Council have released their latest families magazine. You may find useful information and ideas for holiday activities inside. You can read it here

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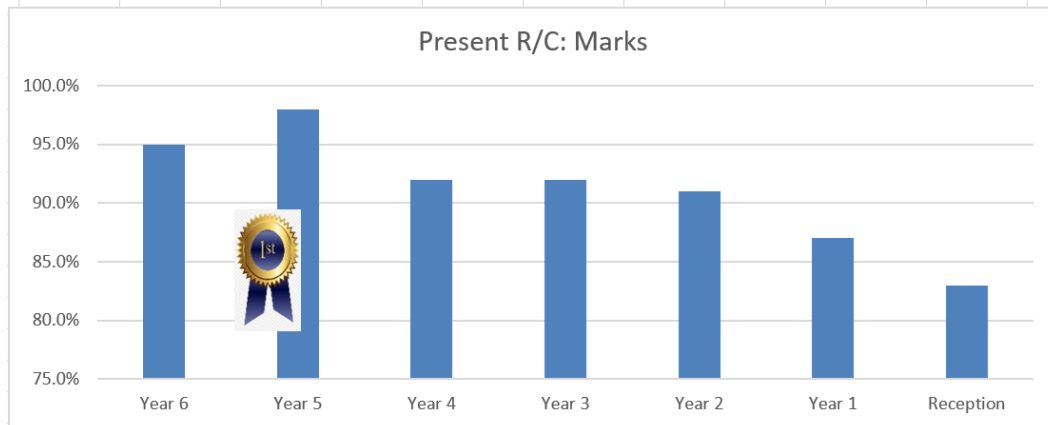
Year 4

This week Year 4 have been having discussions on loved ones and memories of important people in their lives. They have also made memory boxes about losses they have experienced. The children have all made wonderful tritptych artwork (art in 3 sections) showing the Ascension into Heaven.

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 **Y5** class this week who have won the attendance cup with **98%** 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	Mia	Noel
Reception	Omari	Marnie
Year 1	Brayden	Eden
Year 2	Esther	Nehemiah
Year 3	Ebuka	Amen
Year 4	Elijah	Leo
Year 5	Brielle	Success
Year 6	Melanie	Momore

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

Nursery	Hannah	Aron
Reception	Kendal	Leo
Year 1	A'Mara	Daniel
Year 2	Isaac	Fatima
Year 3	Kalib	Lily
Year 4	Leyla	Grace
Year 5	All the class for making our new class members feel welcome.	
Year 6	Amelia	Ryan

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 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 - **Monday** & Thursday
Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday
Year 4 - Tuesday (*Thursday = Swimming)
Year 5 - Monday & Tuesday
Year 6 – Tuesday & **Wednesday**

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.

**God Bless,
Mrs Wilson & Team**

Key Dates

Monday 22 nd May	KS2 Benediction at Oratory Church First Confessions for some Y4 children (2pm)
Friday 26 th May	School Mass at Oratory Church – St Phillip Neri’s Feast Day, Y2 – Y6 (9:30am)

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)
Monday 19 th June	Y5/6 Residential – Alton Castle
Friday 23 rd June	Sports Day
Friday 30 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 3rd July	INSET DAY
Wednesday 12 th July	Confirmation at 7pm (Y6)

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