



# The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

*“Shine as to be a light to others”*

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Collective Worship

**Liturgical Year and Cycle: 2nd Sunday of Easter | Cycle A**

**Key Scripture: John 20: 19-31**

Thomas struggled to believe in Jesus' Resurrection until he saw for himself. As 'those who have not seen', in our first Eastertide assembly we invited children to experience moving from bafflement to understanding, learning along the way that Jesus has room for all our questions and gives us His peace.

*You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.*

**John 20: 29**

## Celebration Assembly

Along with celebrating those children who have been demonstrating our virtues: **Curious and Active** and our school rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**, we celebrated those children in KS2 who had 100% attendance during last term. KS1 and Reception will be celebrated on Monday. Well done to these children!

## EYFS Welly Request

With the weather being so changeable we still want the children to go out when it is wet and a little muddy outside. If you are able, please could you send a pair of wellies or outdoor boots in for your child that can stay in school so they don't walk mud back into school after they have been busy exploring their outdoor environment. If you have any wellies that your children have grown out of and you could donate them to school we would be very grateful.

## Nursery

This week the children have been exploring the miniature world of mini beasts. They went on a mini beast hunt in the playground early in the week and have been fascinated with the caterpillar enclosure that we have in the classroom. The children have also been mixing colours and practising painting circular patterns as we have explored the work of Kandinsky. In maths we have been exploring more and less.

## School Developments

This week we welcomed Mrs Leontiou to Reception as their new teacher and Lead for Early Years. We also welcomed Mrs Hadley onto the permanent staff team as our SENDCo. She will be working alongside Mrs Moore supporting the children with additional needs in school.

Mrs Leontiou and Mrs Glanville also went to visit Cromwell school this week to gather ideas and share good practice with their early years team.

## Uniform

We have an amount of good quality second hand uniform in school at the moment. If you are in need of 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

We have started a sharing shelf in the main reception lobby. This is for families to take from when they need and donate to when they can. Everyone is welcome to use the shelf if they need to and donate to the shelf if and when they can. We would just ask for everyone to be respectful and use the shelf in the spirit it is intended.

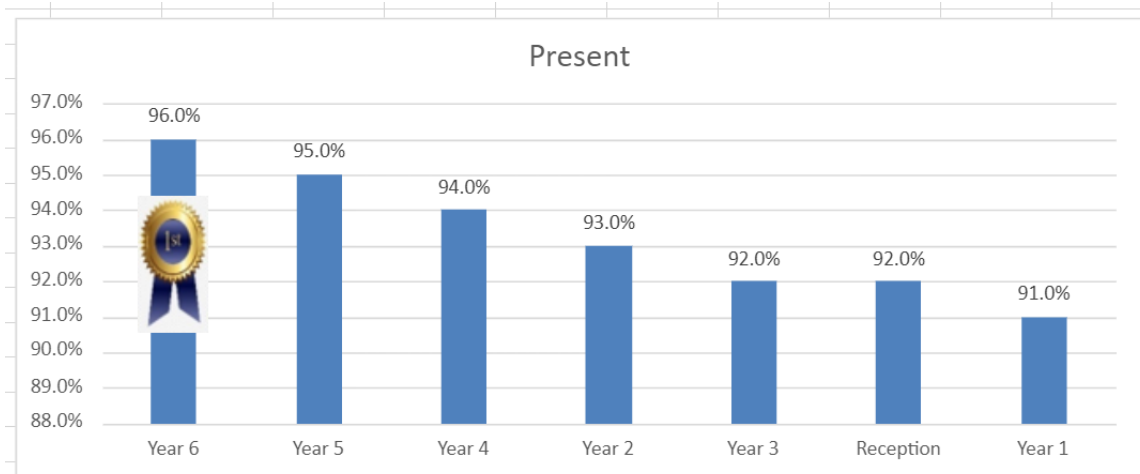
## Year 4

This week we have been building burglar alarms in science with different alerts to show when the circuit is broken. The children really enjoyed this practical real-life example of how science is integrated into our every day lives. We also reflected on the events of the Easter Story and thought about what Easter means to us. We have also been learning more about decimals and written persuasive letters in English.

## 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 **Y6** 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	Hannah	Diyako
Reception	Tioluwalade	Blu
Year 1	Marta	Massi
Year 2	Anas	Ora
Year 3	Tiawatope	Tafari
Year 4	Eyob	Shenaya
Year 5	Brielle	Essay
Year 6	Roesha	Eli

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

Nursery	Caleb	Anahi
Reception	Marnie	Emanuelle
Year 1	Doxa	Thani
Year 2	Nehemiah	Melissa
Year 3	Ekka	Nahom
Year 4	Makai	Tomas
Year 5	Mayet	Caedan
Year 6	Merry	Rhylee

### **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](mailto: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.

**God Bless,  
Mrs Wilson & Team**

## Key Dates

*Year 1 parents' evening will take place soon – date TBC*

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 children who are making their First Holy Communion in June are specially invited to the family Mass at 12:15 at the Oratory Church. Afterwards, there will be a meeting in the Saint John Henry Newman Shrine for Y4 pupils and parents with Father Anton, Mrs Hulbert and Mrs Wilson.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	May procession after 12:15 family Mass at Oratory Church. All families welcome.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week begins
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	Special lunch menu: all day breakfast
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 4 First Confessions (you will receive a letter if this applies to your child)

### **HALF TERM 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

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

*\*One more INSET day TBC*

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