

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School

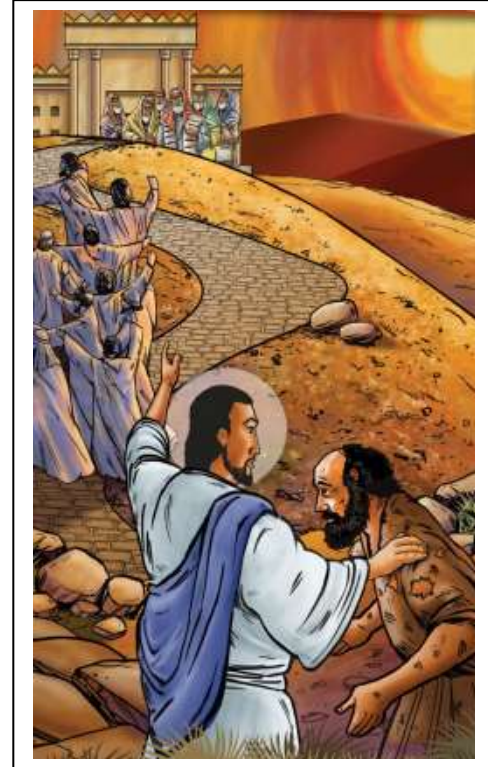


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This Sunday's Gospel

Taken from the Gospel for 9th October 2022 (Luke 17:11-19):
The Samaritan Leper

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us." When he saw them he said, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, "Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner." And he said to the man, "Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you."



Gospel Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him. But what is due to God in our own lives? Surely our thankfulness would be a good answer to this question. In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the Samaritan who thanked Jesus. For us too, there are many blessings in life for which we can be thankful and it's always worth giving thanks to God. Being thankful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It is good for our well-being and helps us to be happy in life.

Mass Times at OLW Church

Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Sunday
5.30pm Evening Mass - This is our first Parish/School Mass for Year 4 children and families
Sunday Mass
10:00am with Children's Liturgy

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R.E. Councillors

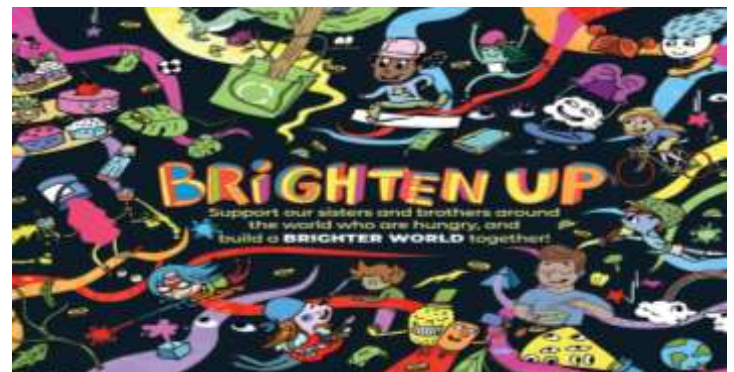
Our R.E. Councillors carry out a very important role in school. They take an active part in developing the school's Catholic Life. Their work includes: sharing ideas on how to improve Catholic Life; monitoring class collective worship and prayer environments; leading prayer sessions during lunchtime and representing children of OLW on Catholic Life visits. Our R.E. councillors this year are:

6W	Saoirse S
6O	Leo K
5E	Emma F
5E	Niamh F
5P	Harrison O
5P	Shea L
4C	Connie S
4C	Isabel T
4L	Bonnie M
4L	Harrison T



Cafod Fast Day

Next Friday, 14th October we are holding our harvest CAFOD Fast Day, a day where we ask children to go without their normal morning snacks donating the money they would have normally spent on their morning snack to CAFOD. This year's theme is 'Brighten Up', so children are allowed to wear something bright on this day rather than their normal school uniform. Your child should have received an envelope for donations. Please return these to school before/on Friday 14th or alternatively donations can be placed in a collection container at the school gate.



One World Liturgy

This year's One World Liturgy will also take place on Friday 14th October, 2.45pm in OLW Church. As in previous years, we will be collecting tins for a charity called Brushstrokes. Can we please ask for food donations on week commencing 10th October. The charity have asked particularly for donations of rice, tinned tomatoes, tinned pulses and tea, coffee and biscuits! You are all most welcome to join us for our One World Liturgy.

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Attendance

It is essential that children regularly attend school, poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child. To promote and encourage good attendance we publish weekly attendance figures.

Reception	Red Group 99.2%	Blue Group 92.9%
Year 1	Class 1C 86.6%	Class 1Y 98.1%
Year 2	Class 2F 98.1%	Class 2CS 96.0%
Year 3	Class 3M 97.4%	Class 3TS 97.7%
Year 4	Class 4C 95.8%	Class 4L 98.9%
Year 5	Class 5E 96.9%	Class 5P 96.5%
Year 6	Class 6O 96.8%	Class 6W 98.2%

Overall attendance for this week is 96.3%. Well done this week to Red Group with an attendance figure of 99.2%

Christmas Card Winner

Congratulations to Amelia (2CS) whose Christmas card design has been selected to represent the school as the Our Lady of the Wayside School Christmas Card 2022. These will be sent to various members of the school community.



Job Vaccancies in School

We currently have the following Lunchtime Supervisor roles available in school:
2 x 10 hours
1 x 7.5 hours
Please contact the school office for further details. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 18th October.

School Lunches

Please see attachment for lunch menu next week. (Week 3)

Hair Cut for Charity

Last week, Jaycee in Year 3 took the brave and very thoughtful decision to have her long hair cut off for charity, the Little Princess Trust. By donating her hair to someone who may have lost their hair due to medical reasons, Jaycee has given the gift of self-confidence and hope to someone else. Well done Jaycee.



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School Visitor

Father Andrew visited our Reception children on Wednesday afternoon. The children really enjoyed hearing all about the special clothes Father wears when celebrating Mass and also learning more about their Catholic faith.



Pupil Progress Meetings

Earlier this term, we wrote to you about proposed changes for sharing achievement information. Following feedback, we will be going ahead with the changes, sending revised pupil report cards to you every 6-7 weeks and replacing the traditional two parents' evening with five pupil review meetings with 10 minutes allocated to each pupil review meeting. Further details about the changes and information about booking appointments will be sent out early next week.

Parish/School Mass

We delighted to be able to write with details of a new initiative between Our Lady of the Catholic School and Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Parish. Each month, children and their families from a particular year group will be invited to come together with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish in the celebration of Mass. The children will welcome people to Mass, they will read the Word of God and they will lead the Prayer of the Faithful. The dates for the year are:

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| • Saturday 8 th October | Year 4 |
| • Saturday 12 th November | Year 3 (First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass) |
| • Saturday 3 rd December | Year 5 |
| • Saturday 21 st January | Year 6 (Confirmation Enrolment Mass) |
| • Saturday 4 th March | Year 2 |
| • Saturday 10 th June | Year 1 |
| • Saturday 8 th July | Reception |

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National Poetry Day

Thursday was National Poetry Day. The theme this year was the Environment which links so well with our *Geography Golden Thread* this term, 'How we impact on our world'. National Poetry Day is an annual event which takes place across the whole of the UK in celebration of poetry. The day is intended to help people discover and enjoy poetry and encourage everyone to read, write, and share poems. Here in school children have celebrated the day in a number of ways including reading favourite poems, recommending poems for others to read, and even writing their own. Below is an acrostic poem written by Natalie G in Y4 about the beauty of the rainforest and reminding us about the threat to this beautiful and important environment.

Rushing down like a waterfall,
Amazing creatures big and small,
In the rainforest jaguars hunt,
No more humans make the forest blunt,
Flowers spread their pollen to bees,
Orangutans have their share of leaves,
Rainforests are warming now,
Everyone stop! You know how,
Snakes slither,
Trouble comes to the forest.



School Association Meeting

We had a really positive response to the appeal for more parent support on the School Association. Moving forward, we now have capacity to sustain all the fantastic fundraising work which is carried out by the association. Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to support.

Fundraising Marathon Run Update

Congratulations to Louise Brown who having completed the London Marathon last weekend has raised an amazing sum of £1432 for school. Our thanks to Louise for her generosity and stamina to run 26 miles!!



Brain Teaser

Last week's brainteaser:

What two numbers make a one-digit number when you multiply them but a two-digit number when you add them together?

Answer: One and nine

This week's brainteaser:

I come in different shapes and sizes. Parts of me are curved, other parts are straight. You can put me anywhere you like, but there is only one right place for me. What am I?

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Reminders for this week:

Mass

Middle Phase will celebrate Mass with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish on Tuesday 11th October. Mass starts at 10:00am; you are all most welcome.

Year 1 Curriculum Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of children in Year 1 in the School Hall at 3pm on Monday 10th October to share information about the Y1 curriculum and expectations.

Year 5 Trip

On Tuesday Year 5 will be visiting the 'Big Pit' in Wales. This is an enrichment opportunity linked to their Geography Golden Thread, 'How we impact an our world'.

Open Day

Parents seeking a Nursery, or a school place, for September 2023 are invited to visit Our Lady of the Wayside School on October 18th 9:30 - 11:00am and Thursday 17th November, 9:30- 11:00am. Year 6 guides will be available to show visitors around the school.