



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



Friday 12th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 5th Sunday of Easter | Cycle A

Key Scripture: John 14: 1-12

In this week's Gospel, the disciples were looking for God the Father. Little did they realise that God was standing right in front of them in human form, through the person of Jesus. This assembly helped children to relate to God on a personal level through the person of Jesus Christ.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. John 14: 6

Celebration Assembly

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

Healthy Eating

We hope you will have seen our email outlining our approach to healthy eating and the snacks that the children are able to bring to school. We remind you all that we have children in school who have severe allergies to nuts, including airborne particles. This is why we are very vigilant about there being nuts in school. Please help us keep all our children safe by not sending products that contain or may contain nuts.

Reception

During this week, Reception have been exploring the story of the Little Red Hen and have learnt about the life cycle of a chicken. In maths we have been counting one more and one less and have used number lines to count. We have also looked at the paintings of Monet and have used his work to inspire our own paintings using the colours and techniques.

School Developments

Over this week we have completed pupil progress meetings in school where we have discussed the children's learning and what interventions will be needed to help the children achieve their potential. During our staff workshop we received training on mental health awareness and began to work on our school mental health intent statement. Mrs Hadley, our SENDCo, is currently completing the Senior Mental Health Lead training which will enable us to further support our school community's well-being.

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

Thank you to those people who have been contributing to our sharing shelf. We know how difficult times are for people and we continue to hope this provides a small contribution to those who need support at this time.

Year 6

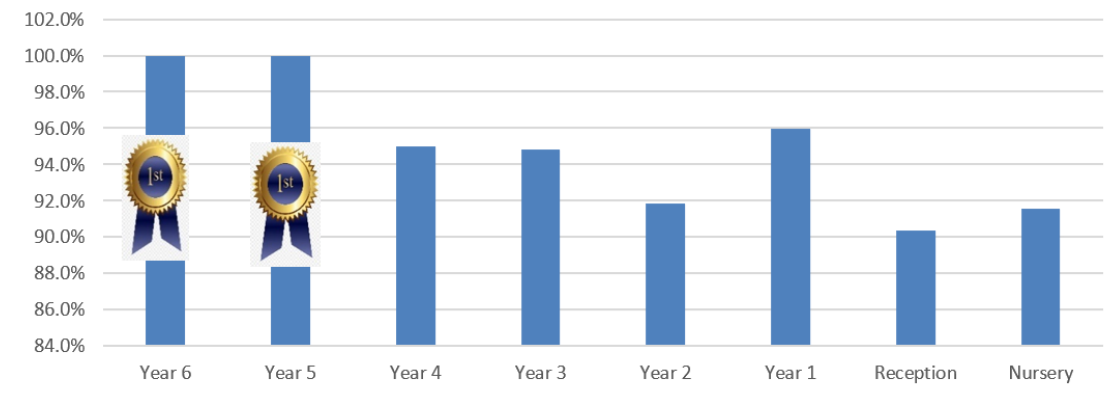
We have been **so incredibly proud** of Year 6 this week as they have focused on their SATs. They have approached the week with such maturity and composure. Thank you to their teacher Mr Barrett for preparing them so well.

In the afternoons, they have continued to keep their focus: during RE they have compared the story of Pentecost told in John 16 and Acts 2 and produced some wonderful Venn diagrams - linking their learning in maths to their presentation of information in RE.

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 and Y6** classes this week who have won the attendance cup with **100%** attendance! Fantastic!



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	Melab	Anahi
Reception	Fatima	Nathan
Year 1	Malachi	William
Year 2	Anas	Nae-Nae
Year 3	Tafari	Liam
Year 4	Rubeigh	Shenaya
Year 5	Ava	Isaac
Year 6	Kamil	Janet

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

Nursery	Myles	Eliyada
Reception	Shantaya - Royal	Elias
Year 1	Muhmad	Daniel
Year 2	Emelia	Henrik
Year 3	All of Year 3 for showing respect for Y6 and working quietly while they were sitting their SATs.	
Year 4	Christabel	Eden
Year 5	Layvon	Rafaella
Year 6	Tommy	Kelsey

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

Tuesday 16th May Year 1 parent's evening (book a slot on Arbor or see Mrs Yaman in the office)
Tuesday 16th May Reception parents invited in to read with their children (3pm)

Wednesday 17th 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 18th 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 11th June First Holy Communion (Y4)
Sunday 18th June Blessed Sacrament procession (Y4)

Monday 3rd July **INSET DAY**
Wednesday 12th July Confirmation at 7pm (Y6)

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