



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"

Executive Headteacher: Mrs M Lynch



Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Cycle A
Key Scripture: Matthew 21: 28-32

Say and Do

Through a modern-day parable about two brothers whose words do not match their actions, the children learnt that what we do is more important than what we say we will do. Children had the opportunity to reflect on their own words and actions mirroring those of Jesus.

Which of the two did the father's will?
Matthew 21: 21

Celebration Assembly

Along with celebrating those children who have been demonstrating our virtues: **Grateful and Generous** 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 to enjoy. If your child has work on display please do feel free to come and take a look.

Homework – optional, for all

We as we head into October and the month of Black History Month, we would love to remember important people and events in our local history or of people special to you. You might like to write a prayer or a poem, draw a picture of your favourite singer or write about how someone in your life inspires you.

School Developments

We welcomed Mrs Lynch, our new Executive Headteacher to school on Monday. One of the first areas that we are going to review and further improve is behaviour for learning.

Mrs Lynch also brought some of her subject leaders to school to meet staff and find out the areas they can help us to further develop.

On Tuesday we had our Ofsted monitoring visit. The inspector spent two days in school speaking to leaders, staff and children.

Important dates for next week

Monday 9th KS2 will be going to the Oratory Church for the celebration mass of Saint John Henry Newman.

Tuesday 10th Photo day in school **ALL** children should be in their school uniform. If they have PE on Tuesday they must wear their school uniform for this week only.

Thursday 12th Spanish Day – We will be celebrating our language learning on this day and the children can come dressed in the colours of the Spanish flag (yellow and red) for the day. Or just wear something yellow or red to join in. Over the day each class will find out more about a different Spanish speaking city, explore different Spanish artists and have the chance to taste some Spanish food.

Awards

Well done to these children!

Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: **Grateful and Generous**

Pupils are growing to be **grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.



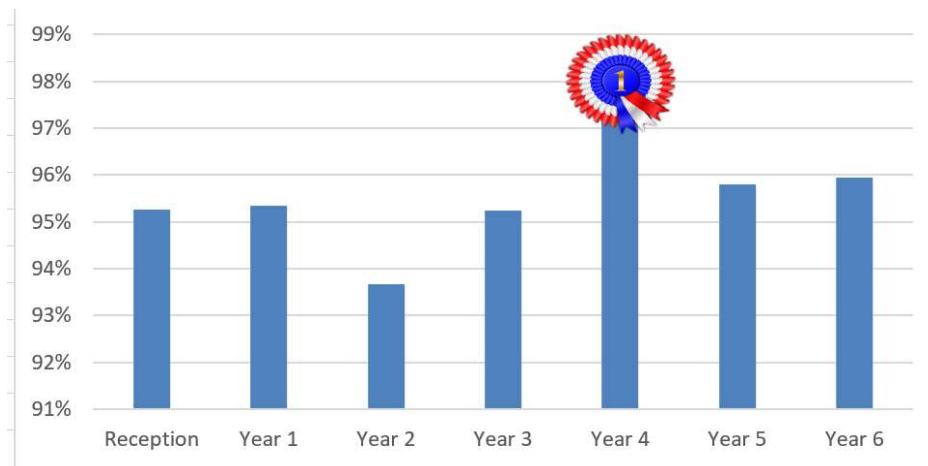
Living our Catholic Virtues of being **grateful and generous** this week are:

Nursery	Inaya	Yasa
Reception	Skye	Kendal
Year 1	Blu	Omari
Year 2	Anaise	Milka
Year 3	Marina	Melissa
Year 4	Kymmie	Madison
Year 5	Eyob	Shenaya
Year 6	Irfan	Rafaella

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 **Year 4** this week who have won the attendance cup with **98%** attendance!



Physical Education

Nursery - Friday

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday (*Thursday Swimming)

On PE days, children should come to school wearing:

- House coloured 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)

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: (See letters for details of start and end dates)

Monday 8.00am	Year 1,2 &3
Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Performing Arts KS2
Tuesday 8.00am	Year 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 8.00am	Year 1, 2 & 3
Thursday 8.00am	Year 4, 5 & 6

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.

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).

Have a lovely weekend
The Oratory Team

