



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



Friday 24th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 4th Sunday of Lent | Cycle A
Key Scripture: John 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

There is more than one way of seeing! Through the Gospel account of Jesus healing a man born blind and a true story of a pilgrim seeking healing, children learnt that with Jesus as our vision, we can see the world through Jesus' eyes of love and faith as we grow in friendship with God.

As Jesus went along, He saw a man who had been blind from birth.

John 9: 1

Stations of the Cross

This week, Y4 visited the Oratory Church to participate in Stations of the Cross. Mrs Hulbert was very proud of how reverential and interested the children were.

Celebration Assembly

Along with celebrating those children who have been demonstrating our virtues: **Learned and Wise** and our school rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**, Year 6 performed a drama to demonstrate the right way to treat our friends with respect and kind words. They also asked the children to give examples of what it means to be ready, respectful and safe.

We also considered the parable of the talents and how we should use the talents God has given us to help others.

School Developments

This week the staff received awareness training on adverse childhood experiences and how as a school we can make a positive difference. We discussed how our Catholic ethos, virtues and values being at the heart of all we do, supports us in applying the best practice principles with all our children.

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.

Easter Activity Extravaganza

Don't forget the PTA have organised an Easter Activity evening for the children on Monday 27th March straight after school until 4.45pm. There are lots of fun activities for only 50p per child. Please do come and join in the fun!

Parent Governor Vacancy.

We have not yet received any nominations for our vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in joining the governing body to help on our improvement journey please see the email sent out from school or contact the office for a pack outlining further details of this rewarding role. Please submit your nominations by **Friday 31st March.**

School Easter Events.

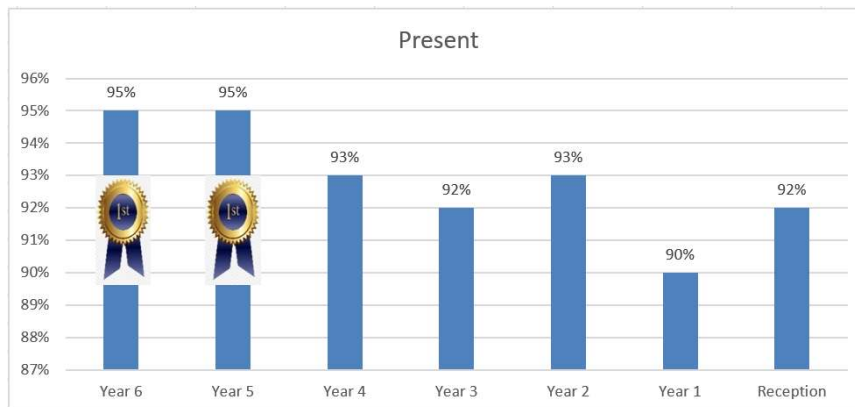
As part of our preparations for Easter we would like to invite the children to take part in our Easter events. On Tuesday 28th March we invite the children to take part in our Easter Festivities. Early Years and KS1 will have an Easter bonnet parade. The children can make Easter hats at home and wear them for the parade and during the school day.

KS2 are invited to make an Easter garden and bring it in to be displayed in the hall for everyone to see. All of the school are invited to create a character or scene from an egg to enter into our egg-sibition. The children will have brought their eggs home yesterday or today so they can decorate at home if they wish, then bring them back to school on Tuesday 28th March.

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 **95%** attendance!



Awards

Well done to these children!



Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Learned and Wise

Pupils are growing to be learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Living our Catholic Virtues of **Learned and Wise** this week are:

Nursery	Caleb	Noel
Reception	Hewar	Blu
Year 1	Amaris	Levi
Year 2	Larissa	Amanuel
Year 3	Erin	Betania
Year 4	Eden	Rubeigh
Year 5	Layvon	Tishany
Year 6	Eli	Heaven

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

Nursery	Laylie	Diyako
Reception	Noah	Shantaya
Year 1	Anaise	Brayden
Year 2	Tommy Lee	Sandara
Year 3	Madison	Simon
Year 4	Dan	Christabel
Year 5	Richie	Mayet
Year 6	Kelsey	Kamil

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 wall 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 - Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3 - Monday & Thursday(*Thursday = Swimming)
Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday
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)
- Dance (Rec/Y1) **4:15pm finish**

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.

Have a wonderful weekend and happy St Patrick's Day!

God Bless,

Mrs Wilson & Team

