



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

“Shine as to be a light to others”

Executive Headteacher: Mrs M Lynch



Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

I Accept

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Cycle A

Key Scripture: Matthew 22: 1-10

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus told us about Heaven using a parable about invited guests who choose not to accept the invitation. Children were invited to recognise ways they can accept God's invitation to them and were encouraged to share this with their teachers throughout the week.

'Look, I have prepared my banquet,' said the king. 'Everything is ready; come to the feast!'
Matthew 22: 4

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 come and take a look.

Homework – optional, for all

As it is Black History Month, can you find out more about a black Saint.

A couple of examples are: St Martin De Porres and St Joseshine Bakhita.

School Developments

Mrs Pickup, our Assistant Headteacher, has taken over the teaching of Year 3.

Year 3: ITP meetings will be arranged in due course.

Thank you to parents and carers who attended ITP meetings and parents' evening this week. We hope you enjoyed looking through the children's books so far and talking with their teacher about their progress this year.

Year 5: ITP meetings and parents' evening will be arranged in due course.

KS2 coat pegs have been relocated to the corridors, meaning that there is now more space for everyone to hang up their coats and bags – thank you to Mr Milligan to installing new pegs and putting up new walls to make this happen!

Career Aspiration Week

Next week we will be talking to children about their career aspirations. Thank you to the parents / carers who have volunteered their time to come in and talk about their careers with the children. If anyone else is interested, please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Wilson, Deputy Headteacher. Thank you!

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.



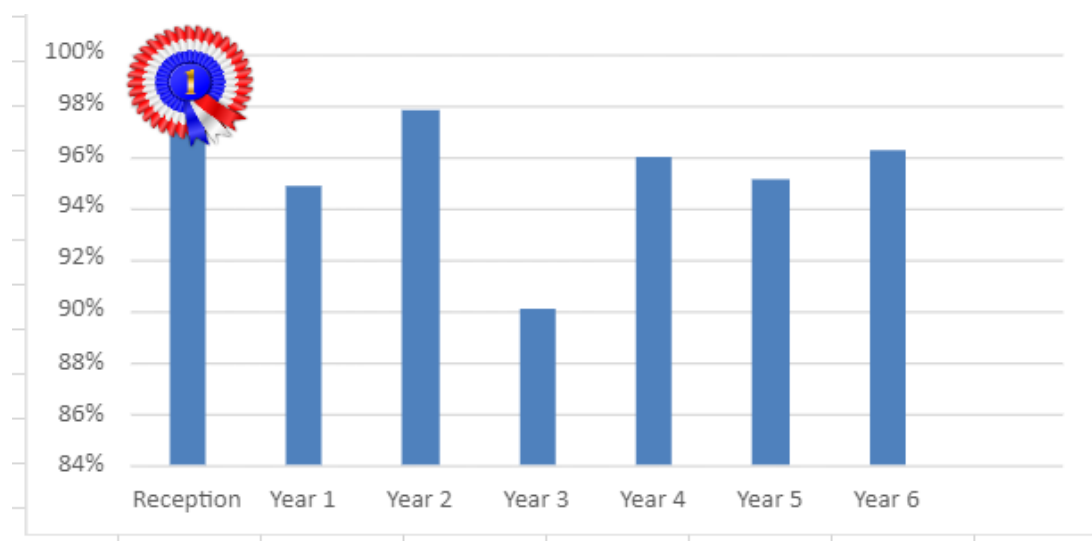
Living our Catholic Virtues of being **grateful and generous** this week are:

Nursery	Lamek	Iremide
Reception	Hannah	Jordan
Year 1	Omari	Blu
Year 2	Thani	Doxa
Year 3	Esther	Abby
Year 4	Lily	Israel
Year 5	Dan	Elijah
Year 6	Tishany	Essay

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 **Reception** this week who have won the attendance cup with **100%** attendance! Amazing!



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

Key Dates

Autumn Term

Term Starts: Monday 4th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term

Term Starts Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Term Ends Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term

Term Starts: Monday 15th April 2024

Half Term Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Term Ends Monday 22nd July 2024

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

*More dates to be confirmed.

***Please be reminded that term-time holidays will not be authorised.**

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