



### Year 3 Sacramental Programme

Our Year 3 children attended a joint catechist session with Holy Family recently. We thank these wonderful volunteers in the parish who support our children on their faith journey.

### Father Kevin Visit

Last Thursday, Father Kevin kindly visited the Year 3 children to talk about Pentecost; such an important event in the liturgical calendar.

### Ten Ten - Collective Worship

Each week we use resources to support our collective worships at school. You can see some more information concerning the month of May by following this [link](#).



### Positive Attitudes

Well done to all of our children who are working ever so hard in class.

We are very proud of all the children in school who are continuing to demonstrate their usual very positive attitudes to learning when completing a range of in school assessments. Year 6 have now completed their statutory assessment tests (SATs) and worked incredibly hard throughout. Well done Y6! Year 2 have begun their assessments and are equally as diligent. Year 1 have their phonics screening test after half term and the remainder of the year groups will have their assessments this term. This is their opportunity to shine and will reflect their amazing efforts. As we always say to our pupils, we can only ever ask of them to give of their best.

### Parking

Can you please ensure that you are being considerate when parking for the school drop off and pick up. We have again been advised of hazardous parking making it unsafe for our children and local residents. Some of our residents on Holly Road have been left unable to enter and exit their property due to some parents parking over driveways. Please be mindful of others when parking around the school area so that we are able to support each other within our community. #BeKind

### Hot Dog Friday

Last Friday, our FOOLs (Friends of Our Lady's) hosted Hot Dog Friday. We made a credible £116 Thank you to the team for their hard work. The funds raised from this FOOLs (Friends of Our Lady's) enterprise

will go towards supporting enrichment for our children.

### Walk to School Week

As you know, this week is our summer term 'Walk to School Week'. As usual, the Eco



Team will record all the children who manage to walk to school each day, collate the findings and award the certificate to the winning class in each key stage. I wonder who will be crowned winners this time?

### WOW—Latest Winners

83% Y2 are our latest winners.

Our Lady's have again come top again in the Wigan Local Authority with 62.6% of our families taking part in the active travel project.

### Twitter Updates



Each class regularly gives updates of their curriculum and what's going on. Often the children will tweet these responses so please be aware that this can affect the spelling/grammar at times! As a school, we would strongly recommend that you follow us on this platform. You never need to tweet, but the benefits of having more knowledge of what your child is doing each day is so valuable. Please see the Twitter names to follow below:

Reception: @MissS\_YR

Year 1: @MissWrightOLA

Year 2: @MissWYear2

Year 3: @MrsTeahan

Year 4: @MrsPYear4

Year 5: @Miss\_p\_year5

Year 6: @MissCYear6

Rainbow Room: @OLrainbowroom

Whole School Feed: @OURLADYSPULL

As well as our curriculum updates via Twitter and our school website <https://www.aspullourladys.wigan.sch.uk>

I have also included some summer updates from the classes on page 2 and page 3 of this newsletter for your convenience.

### Artist in Residence

After half term, our Artist in residence, Belinda, will return to Our Lady's to work with some additional classes. Remember to keep a look out on Twitter at all of the great work that the children will be creating. You can find some of the work by following the hashtag #ourladysart.

### Our Lady's Sport

#### Year 3 and Year 4 Football Team



Well done to our boys who participated in a football competition recently at Bolton School. The children played brilliantly against some very tough opposition winning every single match! We are all very proud of the way that the children conducted themselves!

### Attendance Matters!

Class	WB: 3.5.22	WB: 9.5.22
Year R	69.8%	95.8%
Year 1	96.4%	96.8%
Year 2	95.8%	99%
Year 3	93.1%	96.6%
Year 4	97.8%	97.9%
Year 5	93.8%	90.9%
Year 6	96.4%	100%
Whole School	95.7%	96.7%



### Year 5 and Year 6 Football Team

Our Y5 & Y6 team also attended Bolton School for a football competition recently. The boys played incredibly well and were narrowly beaten in the semi finals which is an amazing achievement. Well done boys!



### Mile in the Morning

This term, we continue with our 'Mile in the Morning' sessions. We would love you to join Mrs Bithell on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:30am on the KS2 yard (weather permitting). Everybody is welcome to come along—parents, grandparents, siblings—to enjoy the fresh air and wake up the body and mind for the day.

### **Summer Gala and Sports Day**



As mentioned in our dates for diary, our Summer Gala and Sports Day will take place on Sunday 3rd July. The Gala will begin at 1:00pm. This is a fantastic community event which we have greatly missed in recent years. Further information to follow.

### **Orienteering**

Eagle eyed parents will have spotted that our site now has orienteering markers across the school site. Our Year 4 and Year 5 children have already begun a series of orienteering sessions with a trained coached and we will continue to embed these important skills for our children.

### **Bikeability—Joining Jack**

One of our recent tutors from Bikeability

has asked us to promote a family bike ride which will support a local child from Wigan called Jack. Jack has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). Failing a medical breakthrough, Jack's life will follow a predetermined path, mapped out by this progressive muscle wasting condition. In short, he will no longer be able to walk by the time he reaches adolescence and will lose the use of every single muscle in his body thereafter.

### **DETAILS:**

The 2022 Wigan Family Bike Ride for Joining Jack takes place on Sunday, June 19, at 9.45am on closed roads and starts and finishes at Mesnes Park.

All ages are welcome and we invite mums and dads to ride for FREE alongside. Registration costs £12.50 for 12s and under, and £15 for 13s and above. You will receive a specially designed Wigan Bike Ride medal and a goodie bag at the finish line.

You can save your place at <https://www.wiganbikeride.co.uk/> and all your registration fee goes direct to Joining Jack to help fund research into treatments for ALL boys living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a rare muscle-wasting condition for which there is currently no cure. So, just by taking part, you are already helping to make a difference.

Please visit the website for further details. Joining Jack [www.joiningjack.org](http://www.joiningjack.org)

Registered charity 1148156

### **Healthy Relationship Workshops**

This week, our children will be working with Wigan Council at Our Lady's and looking at healthy relationships at an age appropriate level. We look forward to some fantastic workshops.

### **Before and After School**

Following feedback from some of our parents and visitors we think it is important to clarify the behaviours that are expected on the playground before and after school.

We are extremely proud of all our children. They conduct themselves extremely well throughout the day and play well together at playtime and lunchtime. The children know the school rules and routines and

understand that they are there to ensure that everyone is happy and safe.

Please ensure that your child is closely supervised at all times on the playground before and after school to ensure that they are safe, making appropriate behaviour choices to ensure that they are not at risk of harm.

- ◆ For health and safety reasons, children **must not** play ball games in the playground before or after school or play on the Pirate Ship or KS2 Tyres unless accompanied by a member of staff.

### **Y5 Wider Ops Concert**



On Wednesday 18th May our Year 5 children will be performing their Wider Opportunities learning in music at school for this academic year. Parents/Carers of Y5 children are welcome to attend and support the children. The concert will start promptly at 2:45 pm. Please ensure that your child has remembered to bring in their musical instrument for this special day.

### **Dates for Diary**



Please take note that page 5 of this newsletter has some important dates for your diary.

We break up for half term this summer on Friday 27th May.

# Our Lady's Curriculum Update- Summer

## EYFS



This term, Reception class have begun learning all about minibeasts! We have been learning about life cycles, habitats and which minibeasts we have here at school! In order to find out which minibeasts live at Our Ladys, Reception Class went on a minibeast hunt! We looked in the gardens, under rocks, in the trees (where we spotted a cocoon) and in the Tree Trail. This term, Reception children will also have the opportunity to observe the life cycle of a caterpillar by hatching their own class butterflies, which is very exciting!



**Maths:** This term, Reception will be learning about numbers beyond 20 including number recognition, writing and sequencing, number bonds to 20, doubling and subtracting to 20. In Reception this term we are also learning about 2D shapes and measuring.

**English:** This term in English, Reception are reading the book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and have been very busy annotating the story to create their own versions which feature alternative animals, for example 'The Very Hungry Giraffe' or 'The Very Hungry Ant'.



## Year 1

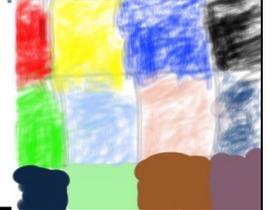
**Maths** – We have been looking at capacity. We have been using key mathematical vocabulary including 'more' 'less' 'full' 'empty' 'almost full' and 'almost empty'.

**RE** – Year 1 have been learning about holidays and holydays. We have been thinking about how Jesus went to be with his Father on Ascension Day. We have enjoyed worship together to recognise how Jesus is special and how he recognised special people.

**Phonics** – We have been looking at different ways to spell the same sound. Each week, we practice a different sound and practice sorting, reading and writing the words. We are concentrating really hard on our formation to make sure that they are the correct size and shape. We are having a big push at the moment to prepare ourselves for the Phonics Screening Check in June.

**English** – Year 1 have been investigating and writing rhyming words. When reading we are looking out for rhyming words in our stories at the end of the day. We have been thinking about what we can see, smell, taste, touch and hear at the seaside ready for writing our seaside poems later this half term.

**Art** – We have started our new art topic 'abstract paintings of Blackpool'. We used the Ipad to create our own artwork inspired by Piet Mondrian.



## Year 2

### English

In English, the children have been writing recipes. We chose to write a recipe for welsh cakes linked to our previous geography topic 'All about the UK'. We followed our recipes to make them and we even got to try them! They were delicious.

### Computing

We have been exploring how to make music within our computing sessions. We have used Chrome music lab to explore rhythms and create our pieces of music using a range of digital tools and techniques.

### Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. We took our lesson onto the tree trail to find fraction sticks! We firstly found a long stick, then a stick that was half the length and then a stick that was a quarter of the length of the original stick.



## Year 3

### Literacy

We have been reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' in Literacy. This story is about the Egyptians so we have been able to apply our learning from our Topic across the curriculum. Our knowledge of hieroglyphics has come in very handy when we have been trying to find out what an important scroll said! We have also been using hot seating to think about how characters felt at different points in the story.

### Maths

In Maths we have been measuring different lengths and converting the measurements into mm and cm. Once we were confident with this, we progressed on to calculating the perimeter of different shapes.



### Science

This term, we are learning about the importance of the different parts of a plant. We know that the roots of a plant have important jobs but we are currently observing to see how the roots are formed. We have used glass jars to plant beans so that we can see the roots breaking through the shell.



## Our Lady's Curriculum Update- Summer

### Year 4

#### English:

We have started our new book for this term: How to Train Your Dragon. We are loving learning about the mythical world of dragons and how we might catch them. We used Talk 4 Writing to help us edit and up level our instructions on how to catch a dragon. We will then be writing our own non-chronological reports about our own species of dragon. Our class 'Dragonology' will then be created from our writing.

#### Maths:

This term, we have been understanding how 1 whole one can be split into equal groups and used this to understand fractions and even decimals. We used the base 10 to see how 0.1 is the same as  $1/10$ . We have been using our place value charts to help us to understand the place value of tenths and hundredths. We have also looked at fractions greater than one.

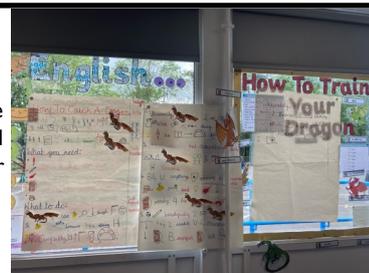
Geography and History: Anglo Saxons is our new topic and we have been delving in their history to understand how three tribes make them up. We compared the reasons for them settling in Britain to that of the Romans and used this knowledge to understand why they settled in specific places around Britain. We then learnt names of places and looked at the modern day Britain to see if similar suffixes were still used today.

#### Science:



Our science topic this term is Living Things and Their Habitats. We used 'Earth Day' to explore how we as humans are damaging animal's habitats and how we can help conserve their environment. We then went out and looked at what animals and living things were in our school habitat.

Music: We had a visit from Alison Home from The Wigan Music Hub to help us learn the songs we need for the Hansel and Gretel performance we are going to watch next term. We looked at using our voices in different ways to portray different characters.



### Year 5

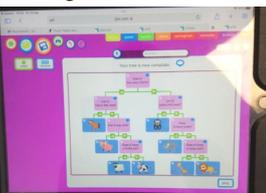
Life in Year 5 has moved on from the Ancient Greeks. This term, our topic has been the Vikings in which, our big question is 'What did the Vikings conquer?' We have been learning who the Vikings were, where they came from, and some of their kings and gods.

#### Maths

Our topic this term in Maths has been decimals/fractions. We have been focusing on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals. We have been using concrete resources, place value charts, counters and dienes alongside pictorial images of place value charts to help us with understanding the values of the numbers. Lastly, we have moved onto more abstract questions with a big push on problem solving and reasoning questions.

#### PE

In PE, we have had Latics coming in delivering fun and engaging lessons in which the focus has been on Orienteering. In addition, we have had extra sessions with an orienteering specialist called Pete Hayes. We have also had the chance to visit Sale Sharks training centre for the AO festival where we performed very highly as a school in rugby.



#### ICT

In ICT this term, we have been looking at databases. We have used a new software called J2 launch and have created our very own databases such as mini-beasts, animals, insects and even football teams.



### Year 6



This term, Year 6 have continued to work hard and have started delving back in time to the Ancient Maya. By the end of this topic, the children should be confident in understanding the key differences between the Maya and Britain today. They already are able to share differences between religions and have looked into the importance of the key cities in the Yucatan Peninsula.

We have been lucky enough this term to develop our road sense skills and work with the Bikeability team from Wigan Council. Each day, we brought our bikes into school and developed biking and safety skills. We then progressed to cycling on the roads through Aspull.

Not only have we been out cycling but we were lucky enough to have a mini-triathlon in school. We had to run, cycle and swim (out of the water) and use our team work skills to win. It was tough but we just managed to beat Miss Conroy and Miss Cunningham.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our arithmetic knowledge and we are now able to calculate confidently with the four key written methods and can even manipulate this knowledge for fractions, decimals and percentages. Shape was our next learning stop, where we learned about angles – do you know the rule for working out how many degrees is in a regular polygon? We do, ask us! We've looked at circles, circumference and charts and feel we are confident mathematicians.



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# Newsletter

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## Our Lady's R.C. Primary School Dates for Diary 2021/2022

### Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April		Summer 1 Term Starts
Thursday 21st April	11:00 a.m.	Easter Mass (Y4 to Lead)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May		Bank Holiday
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	3:35 p.m.	Hot Dog Friday
Week Commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> May		Y6 SATs Week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00 p.m.	New Intake Parents' Meeting
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – 27 <sup>th</sup> May		SRE Week
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	3:35pm.	Y6 Brathay Meeting at School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00am	Ascension Mass (Y6 to Lead)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May		Diversity Day
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	2:00p.m.	Walking Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Pentecost Day & Multi Faith Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	6:15 – 7:15 (KS1) 7:30 – 8:30 (KS2)	FOOLS Wellbeing Disco
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Inter School Sports Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July		Own Clothes Day – Bring a Bottle for Bottle Tombola
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Summer Gala & Sports Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July		Y6 at Brathay (Residential)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	3:00 p.m.	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July		Bastille Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2:30 p.m.	End of Year & Y6 Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		Reports Out
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	3:35p.m.	Term Ends

*Learning and loving together; we grow with Jesus.'*

**Thank you - Mr C Horridge - Headteacher**

**'We all have the duty to do good.' Pope Francis quote**