



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

14th October, 2022

The month of the Holy Rosary

Issue 6

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY—FRIDAY
Tel: 01245 353755

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well. Friday has come around so quickly; I cannot believe that another week has passed by!

During Monday's Gospel assembly the children heard about the healing of the ten lepers. The children thought about how faith requires us to be expectant both that God will hear us and that He will respond. In acknowledging that God provides for us with no need of our thanks, we recognise God as our Saviour.

Next week, we will be holding Termly Learning Conferences (TLCs). They are a three-way conversation about the progress and learning of children, providing a great opportunity to find out about children's learning from both the child's and the teacher's perspective.

Children's work is made available prior to the meeting and you may arrive early to look through the books in preparation for the conference.

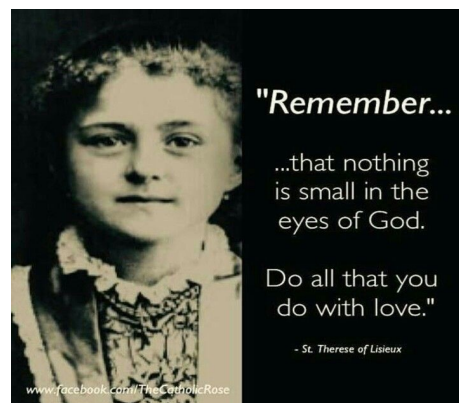
Teachers will celebrate the children's learning and discuss how well they have settled into their new year group. There will also be an opportunity to discuss how parents can support children at home with reading, number-bonds, times-tables and any other homework.

As we have moved firmly into October, the days have certainly begun to turn colder and we ask that all children remember to bring a coat to school to ensure they are comfortable whilst playing outside.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

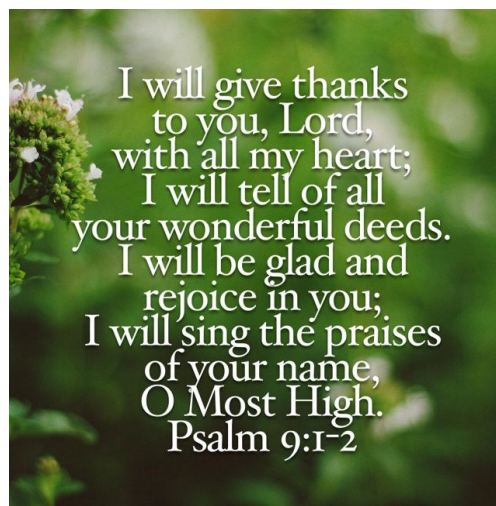
God Bless!
Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Thought for the weekend



Virtues to Live by

This week the children have continued to grow in the virtue of **Thankfulness**.



Bikeability

Throughout this week, some of our Year 6 pupils have taken part in Bikeability level 2 training, run by Essex County Council. This training develops skills for cycling on single-lane roads with simple junctions and moderate traffic and includes the core functions for safe and responsible cycling. I am pleased to announce that all the children who took part on both days, met the UK National Standard for cycle training and are keen to complete their Level 3 badge. Congratulations!

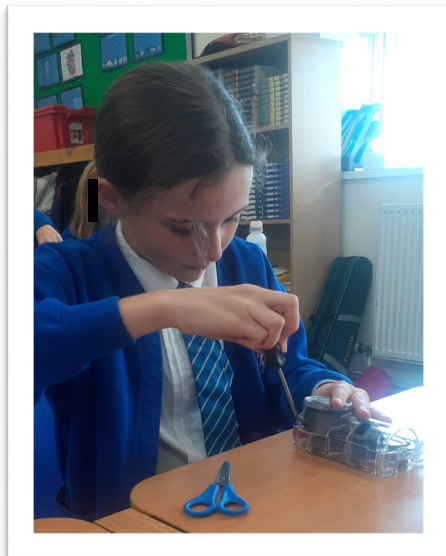
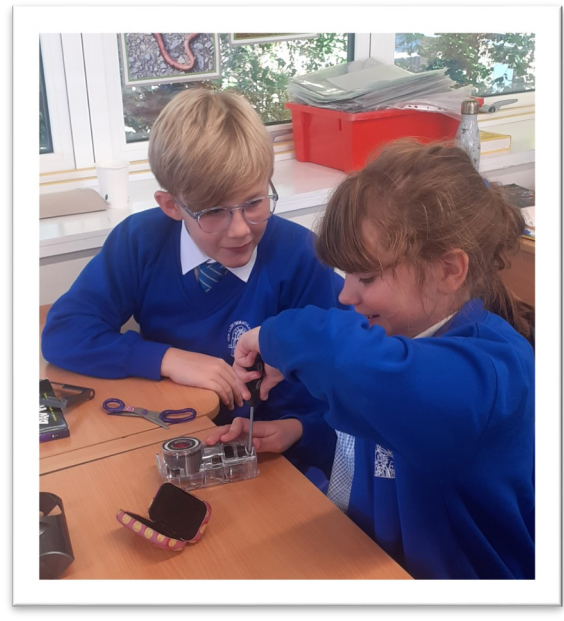


Years 1 & 2 Mass

Years 1 & 2 celebrated Mass this week with Fr Damien. Thank you for inspiring our children, **'not to have more, but to be more'**, and for always welcoming our school family into Church.

Year 6—Dyson Engineering Box

This week Year 6 have had an opportunity to disassemble a tangle-free turbine head and an anti-tangle screw head, using their engineering skills and natural curiosity to better understand how the technology of a Dyson V12 Detect Slim Animal™ Vacuum works. You can see by their concentration that they are clearly future engineers in the making!



Friends Association News

Dear All,

As per recent newsletters we have the Friends Association AGM next Monday the 17/10/22 in the school hall at 7.30pm, coffee/tea available from 7pm. This is a great opportunity for you to hear about last year's successful fundraising efforts and the plans for this academic year, so please come along, we would love to share some of your time and hear your ideas too.

We also have a number of committee and volunteer roles that need filling and we would be extremely grateful for any parent who could volunteer to take on any of the roles available.

Please see a list of the roles below:

- **External sponsorship/raffle coordinator**
- **Nativity & Easter Service Videographer**
- **Grand Draw Volunteer**
- **Stock control volunteer**
- **Golf day volunteer**
- **Communications volunteer**

By breaking down tasks into distinct roles this enables us spread the workload amongst volunteers. All roles would suit a group of friends or support will be given to individuals by the friends.

If you would like to find out more about these exciting roles please come and speak to Siobhán Harrison at the AGM or on 079666 92425.

All of these roles are vital to our success but I would like to make a plea for someone to volunteer for the **Nativity & Easter Service Videographer role**. To enable parents to treasure those special moments of fame, each year we capture the nativity and Easter performances so you can cherish these memories forever. Unfortunately our resident videographer has left the school and unless we have another volunteer come forward sadly we will no longer be able to capture these memories. You don't need to be a professional and we will provide the camcorder.

I would like to appeal to everyone, to see if you are able to support the Friends team going forward as new events get under way. There are several formal posts which will need to be filled, but also a lot of informal volunteers to help to support the events. It can be for as much or as little time as you are able to give.

Please come along to the AGM, find out about how you can help be part of a very successful organisation and charity, but most importantly to make friends and have some fun along the way.

Parking has been agreed to use the church car park for this event.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2022	
Monday, 17th	Friends AGM in school @ 7.30pm
Tuesday, 18th	Teaching and Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 19th	Year 3 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 20th	Teaching and Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Friday, 21st	Wear it Pink Day - non-uniform day minimum £1 donation
Monday, 24th - Friday, 28th	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2022	
Wednesday, 2nd	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Tuesday, 8th	Individual school photos - please see below note
Wednesday, 9th	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 11th	Poppies and Poetry Day
Monday, 14th	Year 5 Remembrance Assembly @ 2.30pm
Wednesday, 16th	Year 1 trip to Oaklands Museum Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 21st	Year 3 Advent Assembly @ 2.45pm
Wednesday, 23rd	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 30th	Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
DECEMBER 2022	
Sunday, 4th	Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday, 7th	Foundation class Nativity @ 9.30am
Thursday, 8th	Feast Day
Tuesday, 13th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity @ 9.30am - Year 1 parents to attend
Thursday, 15th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity @ 9.30am - Year 2 parents to attend
Friday, 16th	Friends Christmas gift safe
Tuesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club
JANUARY 2023	
Thursday, 5th	First day back to school

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 14th October 2022

(Merit Badges are awarded for demonstrating the Value of the Week)

Foundation	Luca	Hannah
Year 1	Emily	Lucas
Year 2	Charlotte	Ronnie
Year 3	Anna	Julia
Year 4	Akosure	Chimdike
Year 5	Maks	Sophie
Year 6	Melissa	Filip

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 14th October 2022

(figures in brackets refer to aggregated totals from the start of term)

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (62)	2nd (66)	4th (64)	1st (69)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 14th October 2022

Foundation	Richmond	Theodora
Year 1	Kingsley	Zerah
Year 2	Buddy	Hugh K
Year 3	Max	Emily
Year 4	Dorian	Florence C
Year 5	Florianne	Grace
Year 6	Laura	Gracie

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PARKING

Church Car Park and Staff Car Park (in front of school)

Please remember that there is NO PARKING behind the church when dropping off or collecting your child. The car park is for Church use only.

Please also note that you are not to park in the staff car park (in front of the school) for drop off for the Ark. This applies to both before and after school.



Clubs

The clubs from 31st October until Friday, 16th December will be:

Monday Multi sports - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(31st October – 12th December)

Team sports - years 3 & 4 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(31st October – 12th December)

High 5's - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(31st October – 12th December)



Tuesday Rugbytots - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(1st November – 13th December)

Football - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(1st November – 13th December)



Wednesday Drama - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm – 4.30pm

(2nd November – 14th December)

Art - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm – 4.30pm

(2nd November – 14th December)

Thursday Bootcamp - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(3rd November – 15th December)

Mindful Movement (formerly Music and Movement) - years 1-6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(3rd November – 15th December)

Chess - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(the bookings have continued from September - 3rd November – 15th December)

Art - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(3rd November – 15th December)

Friday Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6

(4th November – 16th December)

Booking for clubs will be open on either the 17th or 18th October. Please look out for the emails on those days.

Clubs are still booked on a first come, first served basis apart from Art club. If you have already been booked into Art club this half-term, you will not be able to book for the next half-term.

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk Please use the parent email address to leave messages about a child's absence or pick up arrangements. Child absences must be reported by 9 a.m. on the first day, and changes to pick up can be emailed until **2 p.m. on the day**. – You must ring the school thereafter.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ABSENCE NOTES AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS VIA THE ADMIN@

EMAIL ADDRESS NOR VIA SCHOOLCOMMS – THANK YOU.

Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 03/10/22 - 07/10/22	This week % 10/10/22 - 14/10/22
Foundation	96%	92.7%
Year 1	99.3%	96.9%
Year 2	99.3%	99%
Year 3	93.8%	95%
Year 4	94.5%	97.7%
Year 5	95.6%	96.3%
Year 6	92.5%	97.2%
Whole School Total	95.8%	96.4%

Congratulations to years 2, 4 & 6 for being above 97%.

The aim of the attendance chart is for all classes to achieve green

If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you will receive a legal attendance letter as per the Attendance Policy.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 17th October – Week 1

Please refer to the menus on our website so the children are aware and know what to choose when asked by their teachers. Please use the online payment system to pay for all dinners (Years 3 to 6).

Is your child eligible for this award - Free School Meals?

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding, a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support / Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)**
Universal Credit.



Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). **Further information can be found on <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>**

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Carmel Jane Photographic Ltd will be visiting the school on 8th November to take individual and group family photographs. All the children will be photographed, however, parents are under no obligation to purchase them. If any parent wishes their children to be photographed in a family group, **please send a letter for the attention of Mrs Wright** clearly stating your wishes by Friday, 4th November – verbal messages from children will not be accepted nor will any letters be accepted after this date. If your request for a family photo includes pre-school siblings please bring them to school at 11.00 a.m. If you have any queries see Mrs Wright in the office.

Voluntary Contribution

At the beginning of each school term, we encourage parents where possible, to make a small voluntary contribution to the school. Most families contribute between £10 and £15 per family; however any contribution, big or small, will be gratefully received. You are able to pay through School Gateway.

Through the contribution of families and the generous support of parents we have together been able to provide the curriculum resources and facilities that the children now benefit from in our school. For this, we are truly grateful.

REMINDER

Please could you make sure that your child comes equipped and ready for their School Day with their PE/Club kit, Books, Water Bottle, Forest School Clothing, Wellie Boots and their packed lunch (those that have a packed lunch).

This would alleviate the need for the Office Staff to deliver late items to the classrooms.



HEALTHY PLAYTIME SNACKS

Please note that the school has a policy for Healthy Snacks at playtime. As part of our healthy eating programme, children are not permitted to bring sweets or chocolate into school.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE

When asking for time off from school, please remember to complete a Leave of Absence form and accompanying letter. The Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: **Mrs Roche**. We also have a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Mr Owens**.

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.

“Safeguarding is thinking the unthinkable and then figuring out how to reduce the probability of the unthinkable happening.”

Graham Fawcet



PATHWAY FOR PARENTS

From time to time, parents and carers may have concerns about their son or daughter's education and/or wellbeing at school. Quite often this is due to a misunderstanding about school policy or practice. Sometimes the pupil may be behaving unusually at home or at school and/or expressing their own concerns. Whatever the situation, we would encourage you, and/or your child, to **talk to us about it at the earliest opportunity** so that we can help sort out the problem.

If it is your child's academic progress that you wish to speak to us about, or if it is an issue around your child's wellbeing (for example, bullying or other anxiety), please ask to see their teacher in the first instance or make an appointment, through the School Office, telephone number 01245 353755, or via our Parent email address: Parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or in person at Reception.

Our Lady Immaculate School emphasises the partnership between parents, church and school and the majority of concerns can be dealt with through informal contacts, usually with the class teacher and, sometimes, the Headteacher. Most concerns and complaints can be sorted out quickly by speaking with your child's class teacher.

If, having spoken to the class teacher, you still have concerns, you should see the Headteacher who will look into the problem and discuss their findings with you so that we can find a way forward together which serves the best interest of both the school and your child.

Our Lady Immaculate fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see our privacy notices which are located on our school website (www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy