



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

29th September, 2023

The month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Issue 4

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

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been yet another busy week here at Our Lady Immaculate Primary, filled with exciting events and important discussions.

To start off the week, we had a wonderful assembly on Monday to celebrate our newly appointed School Councilors, Eco Warriors, and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. It was great to see our pupils taking on these important roles and we are confident that they will make a positive impact on our school community.

On Tuesday, we were fortunate enough to have Tess Griggs from The LittleEdi charity visit our school. Tess spoke to the children about the local foodbank collection and how they can help families in need by collecting cupboard food. The Mini-Vinnies are already eager to get started on organising the collection, and we are extremely proud of their enthusiasm to make a difference.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended the whole school Mass on Wednesday. It was a beautiful service where we celebrated the beginning of a new school year. We were also delighted to witness the Commissioning of the Chaplaincy Team led by Fr Martin and Fr Damien. It was a truly special moment that highlighted the importance of faith in our school community.

Lastly, on Friday, we had the pleasure of hosting the annual MacMillan Coffee morning, organised by Mrs Rajesparan and supported by the Friends Association. It was a pleasure to see so many parents come together to enjoy tea and cake, all for a very good cause! The funds raised will go towards supporting individuals and families affected by cancer, and we are grateful for your generosity.

As we reflect on this busy week, I am reminded of the incredible sense of community we have here at our school. It is through your support and involvement that we are able to create such meaningful experiences for our students.

Wishing you a restful weekend ahead.

Harvest Festival Food Collection: 2/10/23 — 20/10/23

We are collecting food for the Harvest Festival, to be donated to the **LittleEdi Foundation**, Chelmsford.

By donating 'cupboard food' to our collection, you will be helping local families have enough food for each and every day!



Thank you for your generosity and support.

Thought for the weekend



Virtues to live by

Give **THANKS** to the Lord, for he is good;

his **LOVE** endures forever.

-Psalm 107:1

PsalmsQuotes.com

Next week, we will be growing in the Virtue of **Thankfulness.**

God Bless!
Mrs Lesley Roche
Headteacher

OLI Mini-Vinnies

The Mini-Vinnies putting their faith into action!



OLI Chaplaincy Team

Congratulations to our new chaplaincy Team who were commissioned during Wednesday's whole school Mass



Our Lady Immaculate Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Lesley Roche – Headteacher

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Maria Catchpole – Assistant Headteacher

Miss Kate Brierley – Senior Leader

Congratulations Matilda!

Matilda (Year 4), along with her friend Iris, recently won the annual long distance Cadet Sailing Regatta at Marconi Sailing Club. This race consisted of two races courses, navigating markers on the Blackwater Estuary to Thistley and back again. She covered an approximate distance of 5 miles and was competing in a cadet fleet with ages ranging from 7 to 18 years.

Being one of the youngest members of her sailing category, Matilda was commended for dealing with a difficult capsize, receiving a special award.



Thursday 5th October 2023

Please encourage your child in KS1 to try a free school meal on Thursday 5th October 2023. Our school meals service is excellent and provides delicious, balance and nourishing food on a daily basis. If possible, please support by choosing a Universal Free School meal for infants on this day. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

The revised menu for next Thursday 5th October 2023 will be:

Chicken Burger

Potato puffs, Beans, Full salad bar

Jacket Potato (with a choice of fillings)

Dessert will be an "Ice Cream Factory" with sprinkles, choc drops, wafers, marshmallows, raisins and sauces or fresh fruit salad. Non milk ice cream for those with allergies

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2023	
Wednesday, 4th	Years 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Saturday, 7th	Friends Disco @ 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Monday, 9th	Years 1 & 2 Harvest Festival Assembly @ 2.30pm Friends Association AGM - 7.30pm
Wednesday, 11th	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 16th	Year 4 Assembly - 2.30pm Teacher Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 18th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 19th	Teacher Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday, 23rd - Friday, 27th	Half-Term
NOVEMBER 2023	
Wednesday, 1st	All Saints' Day Whole School Mass @ 9am
Friday, 3rd	Junior School Council members to visit the Houses of Parliament
Thursday, 9th - Friday, 10th	Year 6 Bikeability - group 1
Monday, 13th	INSET DAY
Monday, 20th - Tuesday, 21st	Year 6 Bikeability - group 2
DECEMBER 2023	
Wednesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM (please note that there is no after school club)

New secondary admission round (Year 6 to 7 transfer September 2024)

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2024 opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023.

From this date, parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using our website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

As usual, the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

The closing date of 31 October 2023.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 29th September 2023

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

Foundation	Gaia	Evelyn
Year 1	Claudia	Alexa
Year 2	Brooke	Xander
Year 3	Hugh T-C	Charlene
Year 4	Charlotte	Elijah
Year 5	Joseph	Sofia O'S
Year 6	Teddy	Asia

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 29th September 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (53)	3rd (41)	1st (66)	2nd (64)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 29th September 2023

Foundation	Olaedo	Hector
Year 1	Enzo	Hannah
Year 2	Raine-Esme	Ella
Year 3	Filip	Leonardo
Year 4	Max	Matilda
Year 5	Isaac	Florence J
Year 6	Aaron	Agnese

COMPLAINT RE. PARKING - SERVICE ROAD BEHIND NEW LONDON ROAD

We have received a complaint from a local business regarding parking in the private service road behind New London Road, next to the church. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THIS ROAD AS IT IS AN ACCESS ROAD FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.** If parents continue to park there, the Company has stated that they will report the issue to the police.

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'

Friends Association News

Family disco

This will be on Saturday 7/10 5:30-7:30pm. It's a brilliant evening for all the family to enjoy. There will be food, a bar for the adults and snack shop for the children. Please remember, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are now sold out but if you would like to be added to the waiting list if any tickets get returned please contact Siobhan on 07966 692425. If you no longer can attend please contact Siobhan so your tickets can go to someone on the waiting list.

Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who supported the Macmillan coffee morning today. We raised an amazing £767.36p through your generosity and support. The year 6 mini vinies supported with the raffle and all prizes have been giving to the lucky winners. Also thank you for all the yummy cakes donated, cake box's can be picked up from the front office please.

A very successful morning in the OLI community. We are blessed to have very supportive children, parents and staff.



Friends Association AGM

The AGM will take place on Monday 9/10/23 at 7:30pm at the school. We would really love to see you there to support our work in fundraising for the school. There are a number of positions on the friends association that need filling.

Thanks a million

The Friends Association



School Vacancies

Midday Assistant

Our Lady Immaculate School is looking to recruit a permanent Midday Assistant. The position is for a total of 1.5 hours a day on Mondays - Fridays from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, term time only. The hourly rate is: £10.79 plus holiday pay. For further information and an application form please contact Lindsey Murgatroyd – lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or 01245 353755. No previous experience required as training will be given.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments require an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical check and satisfactory references. In compliance with Safer Recruitment guidelines, CVs cannot be accepted.

We look forward to hearing from you!



SPORTING AT OLI



This week, children from years 5 & 6 children attended two football tournaments at Great Baddow High School. The boys finished 5th in their tournament and the girls finished in 2nd place in their tournament. Every child showed our core values and were ready to play, respectful to their opponents and kind to their team. They all represented our school brilliantly, well done to all!



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.

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: **Mrs Gibbs**.

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."

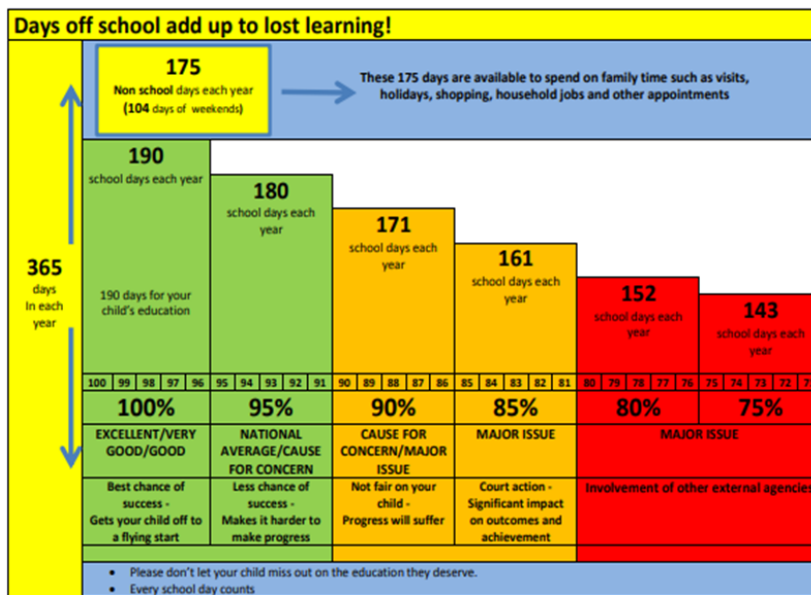
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Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning now has a big impact on children's future learning.

Please be aware that the school is **strictly unable to sanction any holidays** taken during term time.



Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 18-09-23 - 22.09.23	This week % 02-10-23 - 06.10.23
Foundation	99.7%	96.3%
Year 1	99%	96%
Year 2	100%	98.3%
Year 3	99.4%	98.4%
Year 4	98.8%	95.6%
Year 5	95.3%	96.6%
Year 6	91.6%	95.3%
Whole School Total	97.6%	96.7%

Congratulations to **years 2 & 3** 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 - 2nd October – Week 2

PLEASE NOTE THAT TUESDAY, 3RD WILL BE MEATBALLS AND THURSDAY WILL BE THE CHICKEN BURGER

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>

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, and disturbing children's learning.



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.