



Our Lady and Saint George's Catholic Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Governor's Newsletter to Parents Autumn 2024

We, the Governing Board of Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary and Nursery School, would like to extend our warmest wishes for a restful break to you and your loved ones. May you enjoy a peaceful Christmas season. We would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce ourselves to you all and share some highlights from the Autumn term.

Greg Joseph - Chair of Governors - All committees

Rosie McGlynn - Headteacher Governor- All committees

Andrea Okoloekwe - Foundation Governor - Learning committee, HR & Finance committee

Peter Nwajagu - Foundation Governor- Learning committee, Admissions committee

Michael Gay - Foundation Governor- All committees

Fr Michael Barwick - Foundation Governor - Learning committee, Premises committee,

Fiona Wilbraham - Foundation Governor - HR/Finance committee, Learning committee

Peter Norman - Foundation Governor - Premises committee, Learning committee, Admissions committee

Tisha Dasilva - Local Authority Governor - HR/Finance committee, Learning committee

Laura Rodwell - Staff Governor - Premises committee, Admissions Committee

Mary Dickinson - Parent Governor - Learning committee

Almaz Disu - Parent Governor - Premises committee, Learning committee

Key Stage 2 Success

We would like to congratulate last year's Year 6 pupils for the fantastic results they achieved in their end of KS2 SATs examinations. All pupils, and of course staff, worked tirelessly to allow all pupils to succeed and leave OLSG ready for their next big step to secondary school. A huge thank you to the whole Year 6 team and all the teachers who have at some point contributed on that long journey to the end of Year 6. Results were above National and Waltham Forest levels which is a great achievement.

EXS = expected standard for a Year 6 pupil

GDS = achieving at above average for a Year 6 pupil

Our Lady and St George's Catholic Primary School (3311)		
Subject	Level	Value
Reading (test), Writing (TA) & Maths (test)	≥EXS/Exp.Std.	77.1%
	GDS/High Score	8.6%
Reading	≥Exp.Std.	88.6%
	High Score	48.6%
Writing (TA)	≥EXS	88.6%
	GDS	11.4%
Maths (test)	≥Exp.Std.	85.7%
	High Score	37.1%

Reaching out in our community

On Sunday 8th December our Mini Vinnies group helped out at the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas lunch; serving food and drinks to members of our parish community. They represented the school beautifully and sang Christmas carols raising spirit's and bringing Christmas cheer to all. Well done children and thank you to all the members of staff who came along to support this fabulous event. We know that your efforts were very much appreciated by the parishioners from Our Lady and St. George's Church and the SVP members.

Helping those in need

Huge thanks to all the families who donated food items during our Harvest Festival this Autumn. Many of the donated items have been given to the Christian Kitchen in Walthamstow, who cook for the homeless all year round. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Christmas Events

On Thursday 12th December, we watched with pride as pupils from Years 1-6 performed their annual Christmas carol service in the Church. It was a very successful event including fantastic singing, confident readers and wonderful acting performances. We applaud all the children and staff for their hard work in making this event so spectacular.

Nativity

Children in Reception and Nursery treated us to their beautiful Nativity- 'Fishing for Stars'. The performance really brought the Christmas message to life. All the pupils were fantastic- singing, dancing and acting their socks off! Very well done to all children and staff.

End of term assembly

The last assembly of the year was held on Friday at Our Lady and St. George's Church; attended by a number of proud parents and some governors. It was fantastic to see how very well behaved the children were, with a particular special mention to the Reception children who sang beautifully. 27 children received certificates for 100% attendance with no late marks which is a tremendous achievement. A child from every class was also selected for an Outstanding Recognition award and a £10 Book voucher for excellent behaviour and academic achievements. Well done to all the children who were given certificates and who won selection boxes. Keep up the great work.

Staffing Changes

It was announced at the assembly that Mr Welch will be retiring although he promised to be available to lend a hand when needed. Mr Welch has been a teacher at OLSG from 2006 when it was known as St Helens. He has been a fantastic teacher, very well loved by all the pupils and teachers. He will be sorely missed. He was presented with a gift by headteacher Ms McGlynn. We wish Mr Welch all the best for the future and thank him for his great years of service at our school.

Attendance

Many thanks to all the parents for their continued support in encouraging good attendance and supporting the school. We ask parents to continue their support, maintaining the great culture in the school and ensuring their children attend school daily and on time. Research clearly shows that poor attendance and punctuality has a negative impact on their child's ability to learn and keep up with the school curriculum.

Parent Code of Conduct

A new code of conduct for parents was introduced at the beginning of this school year. There is an expectation for parents to be role models for their children; continuing to support the great ethos of the school by following the parent code of conduct, thereby maintaining the school's mission and values. This is a reminder of the school's mission to empower the children to reach their full potential; guided by the principles of love, compassion and respect. By these principles we work to create a community where diversity is embraced and talents are nurtured.

School Improvement Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the School Improvement Fund this year. If you haven't yet made your contribution, you can do so by logging on to ParentPay. As a Voluntary Aided school we are reliant on parental contributions to meet the 10% costs of any building work that is needed. Your contributions have been vital in enabling some valuable, essential improvements to our school over the last two years such as new roofs and solar panels and new floor coverings in two classrooms at Lower Site to name but a few of the projects.

Once again we wish all families, pupils and staff a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support,

Governing Board

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