



## NEWSLETTER

*Dear Parents/Carers and community of Our Lady's RC Primary School,*

As we start February the children are settled in to Term 3 with lots of exciting learning experiences to look forward to.

We are very pleased to have shared our revised Vision, Values and Aims with you last week and we are excited to move forward living by our values of Love, Respect, Fairness and Achievement.

Mrs Brown and I look forward to working with you all across the term and I hope that the information shared in the newsletter is useful to you. If there is anything you would like to see added please let us know!

*Thank you,  
Lynne Mendes  
(Acting Headteacher)*

### PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

In order to help us to further develop our playground for learning and play opportunities, 'Grounds for Learning' will be visiting us on Thursday 7th February. The purpose of their visit is to evaluate our playing areas and help us to transform them to better support opportunities for the children. They will meet with teaching staff, support staff, children and parents to gather views. If you would like to be part of this process please contact me via the school

office—your ideas matter to us!

Our Rights respecting School Committee are already busy coming up with ideas on what they would like to see in the playground.



### AVIVA Community Fund—Playground Developments

If you follow us on twitter then you will know that the Aviva Community Fund money was spent on equipment for our playground. The children have often requested more things to do in the playground and they are thoroughly enjoying making the most of the equipment.





## PUPIL VOICE

As a Rights Respecting School, Article 12 of the UNCRC (Pupil Voice) is very important to us. We currently have our RRS Committee, our Eco Committee and our Pupil Council which give our children opportunities to voice their opinions.

We are making use of 'How Good is OUR School' which allows our learners to evaluate our school and let us know where they think we need to improve. We are focusing on Health and wellbeing just now and we will share their ideas with you as we progress.

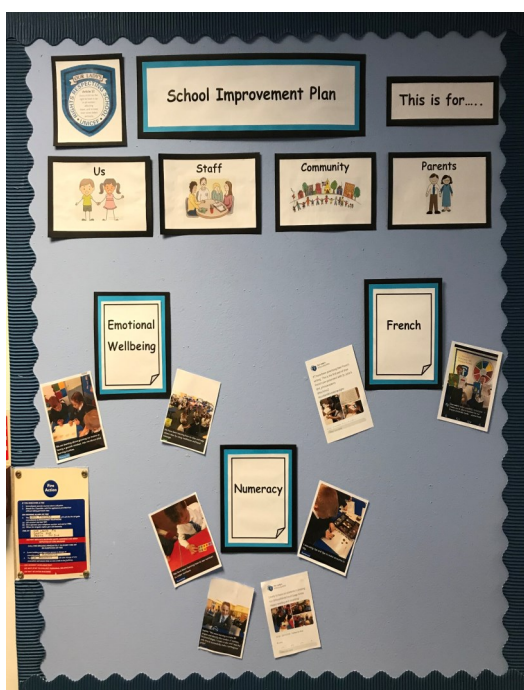
## REMINDERS

A gentle reminder to ask you to support our high standards of uniform at Our Lady's. Only school jumpers should be worn in the classrooms and ties should be worn, every day.

Our PE kit is a white t-shirt, navy shorts/trackies and black gym shoes/trainers. No football colours should be worn. A lot of the children are not changing their shoes for PE. Apart from some of the footwear not being appropriate it is also causing damage to our mats and gymhall floor. We ask that gym shoes be provided. Gym shoes can also be used as your child's indoor shoes, as recently requested. I appreciate that children are bringing in coloured shoes as it is a new request but if you are buying new or replacing please buy black so that we can ensure consistency across the school.



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



We have created a visual School Improvement Plan in our foyer area. Please have a look at it the next time you are in. If there are any areas that you think you could support us with we would love your help! We are focusing on Emotional Wellbeing, Numeracy and French.

## FREE ENGLISH LESSONS!

Welcome  
 Benvenuti  
 Witajcie  
 Ji Ayan Nun  
 Bienvenidas  
 Bienvenue  
 Foon Ying  
 Bine ati venit  
 Hos goldiniz  
 Swagatam

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Elementary Level

Tuesdays  
 14:00 - 15:15 p.m.

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# EXPAND VOCABULARY

I know, find, and  
use interesting  
words.

## GROWING OUR VOCABULARY

We are taking a whole school approach to the learning of new vocabulary at Our Lady's. A new word will be introduced to the whole school every fortnight and various activities will take place in classes to encourage the children to have a deeper understanding of the word and to learn to use it in a variety of contexts.

Have a look at our display in the school foyer, by the library, which will grow as our vocabulary does or ask your child what the fortnight's word is. Encourage them to share the meaning with you and to use it in a sentence!

## NUMERACY AND MATHS SURVEY

Thank you to all that took the time to complete the Numeracy and Maths Survey. Numeracy is on our School Improvement Plan this session and it is important to us to work in partnership with parents to support our learners.

54 parents responded and the survey showed that:

92% of our parents feel that maths and numeracy are important in every day life but that only 44.2% enjoyed maths at school.

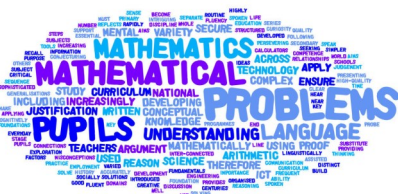
51.9% feel that their child enjoys maths and 84.8% felt their child was making progress in this area.

Almost 2/3 of our parents would like to get better at maths and numeracy skills themselves and just over half felt they were informed on their child's progress.

55.8% of parents felt their child received enough numeracy homework while the remaining 44.2% would like to see more.

Just under 80% said that they would like to attend a Numeracy Workshop in order to help them better support their child at home.

We will now use this information to help us look at the best ways to support the learning of numeracy skills both in the classroom and at home. Keep a look out for updates!



Our French pen pal project with St. John's Academy is proving a huge success. Our P6 and P7 children are being challenged to develop their French reading and writing skills within a fun and meaningful context. Their current task is to plan, design and label a new school uniform in French.

This week is '**Languages Week**' for schools in Perth and Kinross. At Our Lady's we have lots of learning activities planned throughout the week focusing on the Chinese New Year and French vocabulary.

Our current French Phrase of the Fortnight is:

**'Je ne comprends pas'** - 'I don't understand'

It is lovely to hear the children and staff using French around the school.

## PARENT CONTACT MEETINGS

Our next Parent Contact meetings (P1-P7) will take place on the following dates:

**Tuesday 5th March 6pm-8.30pm**

**Wednesday 6th March 3.45pm-6.30pm**

We ask parents to continue to book parent contact appointments via our online booking system.

Further details of when booking becomes live will be shared accordingly.

Please take note of the following dates. We will keep you informed of any changes.

Date	Day	Event
03.02.19	Sunday	P5 Class Mass
04.02.18	Monday	Safer Internet Day
06.02.19	Wednesday	9.30am: P5 Class Assembly
07.02.19	Thursday	Grounds for Learning Visit
12.02.19	Tuesday	Jamie Lithgow visiting P6
13.02.19	Wednesday	In-Service Day—School closed to pupils
14.02.19	Thursday	HOLIDAY
15.02.19	Friday	HOLIDAY
		P4-P7 Systra Class Visits
19.02.19	Tuesday	6.30pm: Parent Council Meeting
20.02.19	Wednesday	9.30am: P6 Class Assembly
24.02.19	Sunday	Catholic Education Week begins
28.02.19	Thursday	Childsmile—ELCC to P4
01.03.19	Friday	P1-P7 Dental Inspections
05.03.19	Tuesday	Parent Contact Meetings
		Ash Wednesday—Whole School Mass
06.03.19	Wednesday	Parent Contact Meetings
08.03.19	Friday	P5 Rugby Session
14.03.19	Thursday	SSPCA Class Visits—P4, P5 & P6/7
		Reconciliation for Sacrament Children
		World Book Day
15.03.19	Friday	P5 Rugby Session
18.03.19	Monday	School Photographs
		Stuart Reid (Author) visiting classes
22.03.19	Friday	P5 Rugby Session
25.03.19	Monday	Stay & Play
29.03.19	Friday	End of Term

#### PARENTAL COMMUNICATION

For the time being, we will continue to use emails to share information and we urge all parents to ensure they read over them. In the near future, we will move to sharing all information via our School App or ParentPay. Please ensure that you download the App and sign up to ParentPay so they you do not miss out on any information. Please ask in the School Office if you require more information.

Primary  
School  
App

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