



Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School Newsletter 25th October 2019



“Shine as to be a light to others”

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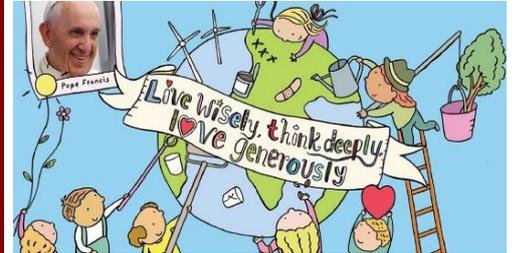
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**Family Mass at the
Oratory of St Philip Neri**
Sunday 12 noon
Everyone welcome!



Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Grateful and Generous

Throughout this half term our children have been reflecting upon being grateful for their God given gifts, for the gift of other people and for the blessings of each day; and generous with our gifts, becoming men and women of others.



Catholic Life of the Oratory

We marked the canonisation of our school patron, John Henry Cardinal Newman becoming a saint by celebrating with a special Open air Mass; where the congregation were delighted to meet a young John Henry, his friends, the first Birmingham Oratory Fathers, Prime Minister Gladstone and the Cardinal himself! This was followed by an amazing Victorian Fayre with Victorian jugglers, a penny farthing and stilt walkers as well as a range of Victorian games which our children, families and staff really enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who helped organise this event and those who came to mark such a momentous occasion with us.

On Friday 25th October, the whole school came together for Mass to give thanksgiving for the harvest! We were inundated with an array of wonderful harvest offerings. These will be donated to Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter, offering safety, support, warmth and encouragement to people without the basics and necessities of life.

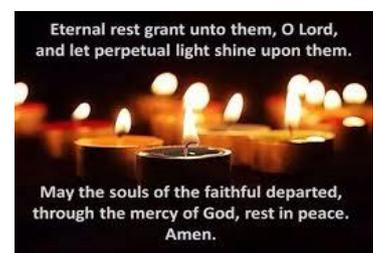
Congratulations!

Class	Headteacher Award: 22 nd October 2019
Nursery	Elita and Amanuel
Reception	Madison and Moayad
Y1	Maribel and Elijah
Y2	Tishany and John
Y3	Adina and Thomas
Y4	Emiliya and Antoni
Y5	Kimberley and Nathan
Y6	Victoria and Ethan

Keep in your thought and prayers

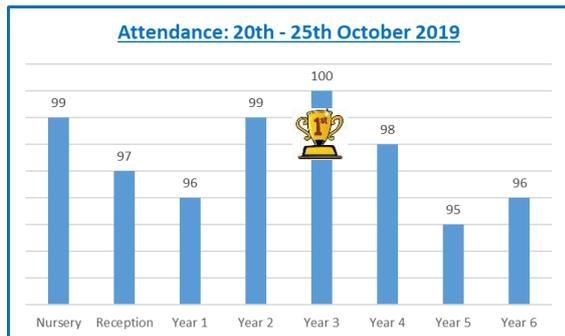
Of your charity please pray for those who are ill, recovering from an operation or suffering at this time. Also, the souls of those who have recently died; including persons escaping persecution and violence seeking a new home in the UK and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Our Lady
Pray for us
St Philip Neri
Pray for us
St John Henry
Pray For us



Attendance and Punctuality Matters!

Whole school attendance : 4th September to 25th October 2019:



Going on holiday during term time is frowned upon by the government and Birmingham Local Authority. Mrs Dickinson is unable to authorise your child's absence if you take time off for holidays during term time. If your child's attendance is below 95% it is a cause for concern and you will be contacted by the school to see if there is something we can do to support you and your family.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Latest news

- Macmillian Coffee Afternoon raised £122. Thank you to FOTOS for running this event.
- Many thanks to all our families for your generous donations towards prizes for stalls at the Victorian Fayre. Your generosity contributed greatly to the success of this event.
- This week's Book Fair sold £580 worth of books raising over £270 worth of books for our class reading areas! It was a joy to see so many families enjoying books together at the end of each day.
- Thank you to Dr Casserly and all at St Paul's School for Girls for keeping our school in their prayers during the canonisation period for St John Henry Newman and in giving all our children and staff a special treat which was enjoyed by our school community!

Dates for your diary

- Return to school after half term - Monday 4th November, 8.50am
- Teacher Training Day – Friday 8th November, SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Secondary School Admissions

Closing date for applications 31st October 19
National Offer Day 2nd March 20
Deadline for accepting the offer 16th March 20

Reception School Admissions

Application period starts 1st October 19
Closing date for applications 15th January 20
National Offer Day 16th April 20
Deadline for accepting the offer 30th April 20

Remember to look on the website for an overview of dates for each term.



A word from Pope Francis:

"The heart that knows how to say 'thank you' is a good heart. May we always say 'thank you' to God and to one another."



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