



Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter 22nd November 2019



“Shine as to be a light to others”

Headteacher: Mrs C Dickinson

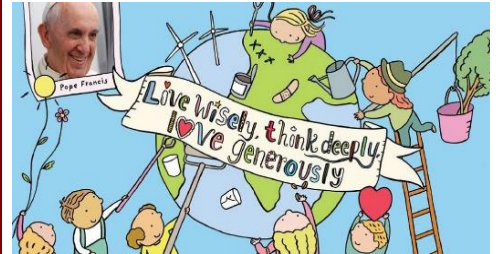
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Family Mass at the Oratory of St Philip Neri
Sunday 12 noon
Everyone welcome!



Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Attentive and Discerning

Throughout this half term our children will be reflecting upon being **attentive** to their everyday experiences and their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices on themselves and others.

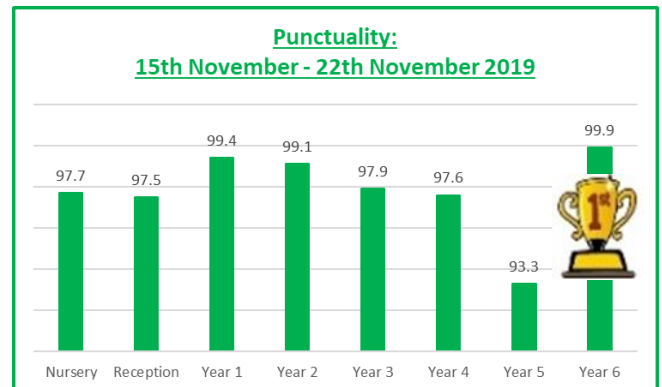
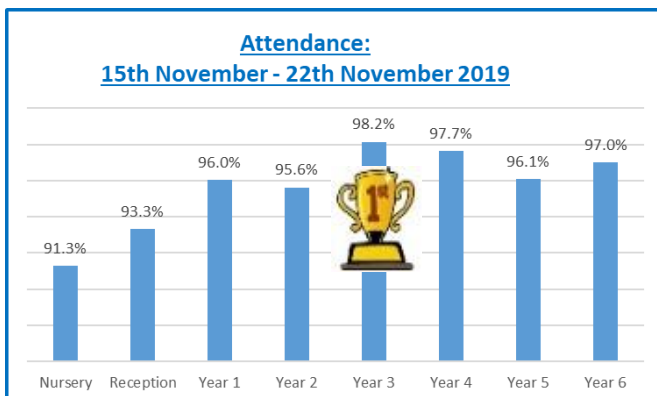


Catholic Life of the Oratory

This week the children have attended an assembly about ‘Respect’. During the assembly we discussed what we mean by ‘respect’ and what does it look like for us in school in our wider communities. The topic of respect fits in within our virtues and values as it has made us reflect on our discerning dispositions and how we can ensure we show respect to everyone around us. We have asked all children that they make a conscious decision to do something nice for someone (like say ‘good morning’ to someone who they don’t usually talk to).

Attendance and Punctuality Matters!

Whole school attendance : 15th November to 22nd November 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.

Uniform



Thank you for sending your child with their winter uniform, they look very smart. Some children, however, are still wearing Summer uniforms. Can you please check the website and ensure your child is wearing the right uniform. Information can be found at www.oratory.bham.sch.uk/uniform.htm. Please also be reminded that they should wear their hair tied back. Earrings should be small studs.

As the weather is turning colder please make sure your child is sent wearing warm clothes. We encourage our children to play outside during morning break and lunch time and they need to be wrapped up warm. Gloves, scarfs and hats might be needed when the weather is very cold.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to come and see us.

New gates

A big thank you to Mr Milligan for arranging the installation of the new gates. We have had very positive comments back from parents about the new gates, thank you. We have also listened to the concerns raised by some parents about the sharp ends on the gates. These gates are like this to deter birds from nesting on them as well as intruders. They are made like this.

The safety of our children is paramount to us so please rest assured the appropriate risk assessments have been carried out and we are satisfied that the gates do not pose a risk to our pupils. When the children are out in the playground there is always at least two members of staff on duty. One is always in the area leading to the exit in order to ensure our children are not climbing on the fence.

We would like to thank you for your feedback and as always, we are here to listen to your concerns.



School photos



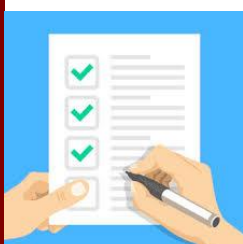
Fizz Photography visited us in school this week. Every child in school on Wednesday had their picture taken as well as sibling pictures. These will be available to purchase in due course. Keep an eye on your child's bag next week as you will be able to see the photo proofs and you will get details about how to order them. Any orders placed before the 06/12/19 will be available before we break up for Christmas, a great Christmas present for family members!

Christmas dinner

Please have a look in your child's bag today. There is a letter regarding our Christmas dinner. Payments are required by next Friday 29/12/2019.



PARENT/CARERS QUESTIONNAIRES – Autumn 2



Thank you all who completed the questionnaires during the Learning together days. We have received 99 questionnaires (57% of all our families). We have received some very positive and rewarding feedback. Thank you! We are moving forward rapidly and we would like to thank you for your continued support. A detailed report will be available on the website under the important letters section (www.oratory.bham.sch.uk/letters.htm). This has been sent to our webmaster and will be published in due course.

COAT EVENT 2019

Ladywood Fire Station is holding an event on Friday the 29th November from 10am – 4pm. If you know someone who might require extra coats and jackets, jumpers etc please let them know about this. They can collect FREE warm clothes.

The address is Icknield Port Road, Ladywood, Birmingham, B16 0RA. Everyone is welcome!



Diary dates

- Mon 25 November: Years 1 to 6 Assessment Week (to Friday)
- Wed 27 November: Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, 9.00 to 10.00am. Focus: Promoting a love of reading for Years 4 to 6
- Thu 28 November: KS2 Benediction, Church, 1.45pm
- Sun 1 December: First Sunday of Advent. Children to begin to collect for Reverse Advent Box
- Wed 4 December: Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, 9.00 to 10.00am. Focus: Promoting a love of reading for EYFS
- Wed 4 December: Barnardos BFF Children's Centre Staff Visit including Language, Communication and Play Worker – Discuss Book Start Programme
- Fri 6 December: Years 1 and 2 Class Mass, Hall, 2.15pm

The rest of the dates for this term can be found in our website www.oratory.bham.sch.uk/diary.htm

Pen licenses


Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving your pen licence! This shows your hard work and dedication in improving your handwriting. Keep the amazing work up!

- Adina Greene - Year 3
- Tommy Halford – Year 3
- Abigail Elias – Year 4
- Emiliya Joac – Year 4
- Antoni Kajdas – Year 4
- Elioenai Misghina – Year 4
- Sharon Simret – Year 4
- Faven Yonas – Year 4
- Martina Belo – Year 5
- Clezi Ewando – Year 5
- Amara Hedging – Year 5
- Kimberley Kuissik – Year 5
- Nadia Oduro Osei – Year 5











LADYWOOD PROJECT RAFFLE

Christmas raffle ticket seller guide



Thank you for helping us to make this year's Christmas raffle our biggest yet! Please sell as many tickets as you can to colleagues, friends, family and groups you are part of outside of work.

Price per ticket: £1
Draw date: Tuesday 10 December 2019
This year's amazing prizes:

Prize	With thanks to...
iPad (2019, 32GB, 10.2", Space Grey)	
Two seats in the CyberQ Group Executive box at Villa Park including hospitality	
Pair of Birmingham Hippodrome premium tickets for a show of the winner's choice for a performance Mon-Thurs (subject to availability) until 31 March 2020	
'Stay and Play' package: Standard Family room, including breakfast and one day's theme park entrance for up to 2 adults and 2 children	
4x tickets for a Worcester Warriors rugby match	
Luxury Christmas hamper	
£100 John Lewis voucher	
Overnight stay for 2 people at Holiday Inn Express Birmingham including breakfast	

Please ensure ALL of the ticket stubs are filled in with the name and contact details of the purchaser. We will use the contact details to communicate with the prize winners. The ticket stubs will be destroyed after the prizes have been distributed.



A word from Pope Francis:
“We believe that there is another life because we have already begun to feel it here”



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