



Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School



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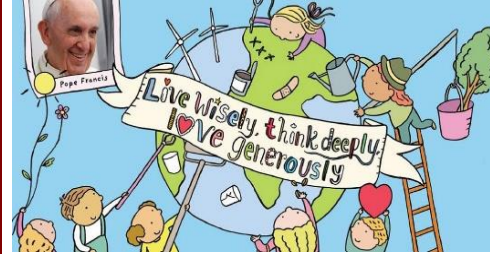
“Shine as to be a light to others”

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Family Mass at the Oratory of St Philip Neri
Sunday 12:15 noon
Everyone welcome!



Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Eloquent and Truthful

We are growing our children to be **eloquent and truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the wider world.

Living our Catholic Virtues of **eloquent and truthful** this week are:

Year Group	Names	
Reception	A'Mara Prince	Tanase Levi
Year 1	Antoni Brzozowski	Evelyn Uthayanathan
Year 2	Israel Fletcher	Madison Brown
Year 3	Markus Polla	Theresia Ewando
Year 4	Layvon Farrell	Hannah Kbrom
Year 5	Thomas Aferwerki	Karolina Niec
Year 6	Halleta Tiruneh	Emiliya Joac



Catholic Life of the Oratory

Year 6 Class Mass

Thank you to Faven, Bino (First Reading), Hannah (Responsorial Psalm), Kellyna (Gospel Acclammation) and Nsia, Dawn, Sophie, Kaylan, Haletta and Zak (Bidding Prayers) who read clearly and with confidence.

Go Green National Assembly watched at Oratory. Children come to school in green. Whole school pledges created. School to decide upon which CAFOD green fundraising challenge we will take on to help tackle poverty and the climate crisis.



Curriculum News

Phonics: Year 2

Year 2 are currently preparing for the Phonics Screening Check. They are taking part in daily Phonics lessons with Miss McKenzie Ward and receiving personalised support from Mrs Walsh three mornings a week.

Y2 Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week commencing **Monday 8th November**.

Phonics Screening Check - Information for Parents PPT will be shared with Y2 parents via Google Classroom on **Monday 27th September**. This is effectively a parent meeting taking place remotely. Personalised resources to support the Y2 children will be sent home the week of Monday 27th September.



Keeping Healthy: Before and After School Clubs

Clubs begin on Monday 20th September. **PLEASE NOTE:** There is a **maximum of 12 children** in each club.

Club	Year	Day	Time	Cost
Netball	3 and 4	Monday	8.00 - 8.40	£1.00
Football	3 and 4	Monday	15.15 - 16.15	£2.00
Multi Skills	1 and 2	Tuesday	8.00 - 8.40	£1.00
Netball	5 and 6	Tuesday	15.15 - 16.15	£2.00
Multi Skills	3 and 4	Wednesday	8.00 - 8.40	£1.00
Football	5 and 6	Wednesday	15.15 - 16.15	£2.00
Multi Skills	5 and 6	Thursday	8.00 - 8.30	£1.00
Football	1 and 2	Thursday	15.15 - 16.15	£2.00



Music: Violin and Cellos

We continue to promote music within our curriculum ensuring that our children engage with music actively by learning to play an instrument.

Playing an instrument develops patience, creates responsibility, boosts self-esteem, improves reading skills, exposes new cultures, enhances co-ordination, promotes maths skills, encourages self expression, increases memory capacity and aids social skills!

Violin and Cellos began this week for Year 4. Next week Year 5 and Year 6 electives begin with 35 children taking part – the highest number the school has ever had!

The children will be working towards performing at Symphony Hall during Summer 2022.

Curriculum Snap Shot!

This week... Art and Design in Year 1



Brazilian abstract artist, Beatriz Milhazes

Year 1's Art and Design topic is *Formal Elements of Art*. They observed 'shape' and created beautiful compositions based on the work of the **Brazilian abstract artist, Beatriz Milhazes**.

The children were delighted with their abstract art creations!



Listening to you and responding to queries or worries

We would like to remind you that we have a dedicated email address which you can use to contact the Senior Leadership Team with any suggestions, queries or worries you might have.

The email address is communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk

This mailbox is monitored daily and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Please use this to let us know your thoughts on which aspects of school could be improved as well what the school is doing well. We look forward to hearing from you.

Safe Parking

PLEASE ALWAYS PUT OUR CHILDREN FIRST!

We have a few parents who regularly park on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates.

We would like to bring to your attention that police patrols are in operation in the area and they are monitoring cars parked on the zig-zag lines outside our school, on Oliver Road and Monument Road.



Please ensure you refrain from parking there as you are contravening parking laws and you could be fined for doing so. You are also putting the safety of our children in jeopardy.

If you park on the zig-zag lines, a member of staff will ask you to move your car.

PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU PARK.

Secondary School Applications – September 2022

If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions between **1 September and 31 October 2021**.

It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2021.

Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2021 will be treated as late applications.

Information about the application process will be available on the council's website, www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, from 1 September 2021.

Secondary School Online Form Workshops

To help with the process of applying for a Secondary School place, we are holding workshops to support parents and carers in how to complete the online form. Please just drop into any session listed below.

Mrs Yaman (our office administrator), will deliver each workshop:

Location: St John Henry Newman Room

Wednesday 6th October 10:30 – 11:15am

Wednesday 13th October 10:30 – 11:15am

Wednesday 20th October 10:30 – 11:45am (Please note extended time)



The Daily Mile Information

The target for this term is 2350 miles.

Number of miles completed as of 16th September 2021 is 290.73 miles.

Top individual preformers this week

Thomas, Year 5 - Laps completed 40 which equals 4.73 miles.

Top performing class this week

Year 5

Completed 551 laps which equals 65.1 miles.

Average lap completed by each class: 6th September to 16th September

- 1st place Year 5 completed 156 laps which equals 18.43 miles
- 2nd place Year 4 completed 139 laps which equals 16.42 miles.
- 3rd place Year 2 completed 137 laps which equals 16.19 miles.
- 4th place Year 1 completed 125 laps which equals 14.48 miles.
- 5th place Year 6 completed 119 laps which equals 14.06 miles.
- 6th place Year 3 completed 106 laps which equals 12.52 miles.

The whole school has completed 5001 laps which equals 591 miles.



Person best (PB) laps completed in one day.

Natan Year 1 - 7 laps 16.09.21

Sophie Year 6 - 6 Laps 16.09.21.



House teams based on continents miles completed up to 16th September



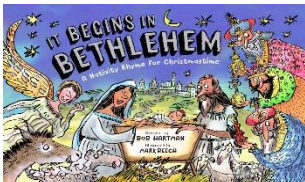
Continent	Miles
1. Australia and Oceania	131 miles
2. Europe	125 miles
3. Africa	119 miles
4. Asia	110 miles
5. The America's	107 miles




Dates for your Diary

20.9.21	Before and After School Clubs resume
23.9.21	Y5 Confession, 2pm, School Chapel
24.9.21	Y5 Class Mass, 9am, School Chapel Y3 and Y5 Swimming
27.9.21	Phonics Screening Check - Information for Parents PPT will be shared with Y2 parents via Google Classroom. This is effectively a parent and carer meeting taking place remotely.
27.9.21 – 1.10 .21	Rosary for the Care of Creation Week
30.10.21	Y4 Confession, 2pm, School Chapel
1.10.21	Y4 Class Mass, 9am, School Chapel Go Green National Assembly watched at Oratory. Children come to school in green. Whole school pledges created. School to decide upon which CAFOD green fundraising challenge we will take on to help tackle poverty and the climate crisis. Y3 and Y5 Swimming
	
4.10.21	Fizz Photography – individual, class and family photographs
6.10.21	Secondary School Application Online Workshop with Mrs Yaman, 10:30 – 11:15am
8.10.21	St John Henry Feast Day Celebration. Child come to school in their party clothes. Class parties in the afternoon. 9:15am Whole School Mass, Oratory Church. Y3 to read. Followed by tour of the church and reflective prayer in the Shrine of St John Henry Newman. Everyone welcome. Y3 and Y5 Swimming
	
10.10.21	Y4 First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass, 12:15pm Oratory Church. Followed by short meeting in the Upper Cloister Room.
13.10.21	Secondary School Application Online Workshop with Mrs Yaman, 10:30 11:15am
15.10.21	# Hello Yellow. Showing young people they are not alone in their mental health – children, staff and families to wear yellow. Y3 and Y5 Swimming
	
18.10.21 – 22.10.21	Multi- Faith Week includes trips to places of worship. More details to follow next week
18.10.21 – 22.10.21	Meetings will take place via video link using Google Meets. We will send you a link which can be accessed from you phone, tablet or any other device. You will be given an allocated time and we will be able to hold our meetings virtually. An online form will be sent on Friday 1 st October, asking for a preferred timeframe. 18 th October – Y6 19 th October - Y2 and Y4 20 th October – Y1 and Y5
	 Learning Together Days

(Parent / Carer meetings with your child's teacher/s)	21 st October – Y3 22 nd October – Reception Nursery Learning Together Day will take place in November
20.10.21	Secondary School Application online Workshop with Mrs Yaman, 10:30 – 11:45am
22.10.21	Y1 and Y2 Mass, 9:30am, Oratory Church. Followed by tour of the church. Parents and carers most welcome. Y3 and Y5 Swimming Break up for Half Term
25.10.21 – 29.10.21	Half Term
1.11.21	Back to School
2.11.21	All Souls Day, Whole School Mass, Oratory Church, 9:15am
5.11.21	Teacher Training Day - School Closed
7.11.21	Y6 Confirmation Enrolment Mass, 12:15pm Oratory Church. Followed by short meeting in the Upper Cloister Room.
8.11.21 – 12.11.21	Y2 Phonics Screening Check
11.11.21	Remembrance Day
12.11.21	Y3 and Y5 Swimming
15.11.21 – 19.11.21	Y1 – Y6 Assessment Week
19.11.21	Reception Rite of Welcome Mass, Oratory Church 9:30am. Y5 Guardian Angels to attend. Parents and carers most welcome. Y3 and Y5 Swimming
25.11.21	Y6 Confession, 2pm, School Chapel
26.11.21	Y6 Class Mass, School Chapel Y3 and Y5 Swimming
28.11.21	First Sunday of Advent
29.11.21	Everyone to wear BLUE and bring in £1 which will be donated to the holy city of Bethlehem's first Care and Hospice Trust.
1.12.21	School and class christmas trees up!
2.12.21	Y5 Confession, 2pm, School Chapel
3.12.21	Y5 Class Mass, School Chapel Y3 and Y5 Swimming
5.12.21	Second Sunday of Advent
8.12.21	 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 9:15am whole school Mass. Christmas Dinner Day
10.12.21 Christmas Jumper Day 	Christmas Jumper Day! Wear your Christmas jumper to school to help support Crisis at Christmas. Please bring in pre-loved (washed) or new: hats, scarves, gloves, ear warmers, head bands and socks (adult size please). Your generous gifts will help keep warm those who are homeless this Christmas. N.B. Please bring all donations into school in a sealed plastic or paper bag. Y3 and Y5 Swimming (Last swimming sessions of the Term)
12.12.21	Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

<p>13.12.21</p> 	<p>LIFE Day! Please bring in pre-loved (washed) or new baby clothes (babygrow, tights, socks, cardigans, jumpers, hats, gloves, coats, dresses, trousers) blankets etc.</p> <p>N.B. Bring all donations into school in a sealed plastic or paper bag.</p>												
<p>13.12.21 – 14.12.2</p> 	<p>Festival of Cribs – All children have two days to design, make and evaluate a Christmas Crib. Cribs will be blessed by Fr Anton on Friday 17th December and taken home to support family prayer throughout Christmastide.</p> <p>Pope Francis encourages the use of Christmas cribs. He wishes us to bring the Gospel to the places where we live. And where we live reminds us of one essential truth: that God did not remain invisible in heaven, but came to earth, as a baby, and lived among us.</p> <p>“And the word became flesh and dwelt among us” John 1:14</p>												
<p>15.12.21</p>	<p>Y1 Nativity supported by Y2, 9:20am, school hall</p>												
<p>16.12.21</p> 	<p>Nursery and Reception ‘It’s beginning to feel like Christmas!’ Concert Children can come to school in their party clothes!</p> <p>Class Christmas Parties</p> <p>A visit from Father Christmas for Nursery to Year 2.</p> <p>Each child, throughout the school will receive a Christmas gift.</p>												
<p>17.12.21</p>	<p>End of Term Whole School Mass, 9:15am, Oratory Church School closes for Christmas.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Nursery</td> <td>12 noon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reception</td> <td>1pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y1</td> <td>1:15pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y2</td> <td>1:25pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y5 and Y6</td> <td>1:15pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Y3 and Y4</td> <td>1:25pm</td> </tr> </table>	Nursery	12 noon	Reception	1pm	Y1	1:15pm	Y2	1:25pm	Y5 and Y6	1:15pm	Y3 and Y4	1:25pm
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<p>5.1.21</p>	<p>Back to School</p>												



A word from Pope Francis:

“Education is one of the most effective ways of making our world and history more human. Education is above all a matter of love and responsibility handed down from one generation to another.”

#WorldLiteracyDay



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