



Friday Flyer

Friday 12th February 2016

Spring Term 6

Living, Loving and Learning Together in God's Way

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Stars of the week



FS2	Olivia	1	Mary
2	Jasmine	3	Nathan
4	Lucia	5	Oliver
6	Olivia		

This week's 'Smile' awards

FS2	Ryan	1	Amelie
2	Sami-Lee	3	Bria
4	Mya	5	Angel
6	Aiden		

Prefects

Congratulations to Thomas, Shannon and Brian who have become prefects. Well done for all your hard work!

Head Teacher's Awards

Congratulations to Ellie, Amelie and Ruby (Class 4) and Casey (Class 1) who received a Head Teacher's Award, well done!

Attendance Award

The results for week commencing 1st February are as follows:

Class FS2	97.97%	1 st
Class 1	95.52%	
Class 2	95.45%	
Class 3	95.17%	
Class 4	94.29%	
Class 5	97.88%	2 nd
Class 6	96.43%	3 rd

Congratulations to F2!

Read for My School programme.

We hope lots of our children are taking part and enjoying the reading program. If you haven't taken a look yet, here is the information to get started. Well done to those that are enjoying new books. The school has registered for the Read for My School scheme that runs for three months from now. It is aimed at years 3 – 6 and there are over 100 eBooks for children to read, certificates for children and prizes for schools who have read the most books. Please encourage your children to take part as it is a really good way of engaging them with reading, encouraging them to read widely, to enjoy their reading and discuss it with their friends.

Children can set up their own accounts using the information below on the website, where you can also find out more about the scheme: www.readformyschool.co.uk

- From the Read for My School homepage, ask pupils to click on 'sign up as a pupil'.
- Teachers will give each class their own class code to be entered.
- Complete the short form to set up user name and password.

Nursery Admissions

Children are welcome to start in our Nursery from the term after their 3rd birthday. The deadline for applications for the Summer Term 2016, is **12th February 2016**.

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Parking

Please do not park or drop off at the bottom of the driveway and please do not park on the Zag-Zag lines outside the school or in the bus bay as these areas are particularly dangerous. Do please be mindful when dropping off and collecting your children by car; be especially careful not to block in any driveways surrounding the school. Also, please make sure you let your children out of the vehicle kerb side rather than into the road.

We truly appreciate your cooperation and understanding of this. These are all issues that have been raised by our neighbours and parents and we know you understand that we want to keep all our children, families and the wider community safe and happy by working harmoniously together. Our PCSO has been asked to keep a careful eye over the next few weeks because of these issues.

Football Tournament

A squad of Y6 boys and girls played in a football tournament against other local schools on Monday. The team were unbeaten in the group stage and only lost on penalties after extra time in the semi-final. A number of spectators commented on the excellent skills displayed by our team, who were unlucky not to reach the final. Well done to Xander, Isaac, Hannah, Olivia, Lauren, Edward, Joseph, Jonah, Jack and Aiden.

Valentine Disco 11th February

We are delighted at how well our Valentine Disco went last night. Our grateful thanks to The DJ the brilliant Mr Garros and the very busy tuck shop helpers, the adult's bar helpers and of course our very own Mr Ansell who was on the photo booth plus Mrs Day and others for the face painting. A great time was had by all.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you for all the vouchers that are being put in the collection box in reception.

Dog Mess



You may be aware that yet again the pavements by the school entrance has been left in a mess by irresponsible dog owners. We are doing our best to stop the problem. If any parents observe anyone leaving a mess behind, please can they please contact Environmental Health on **01626 361101** and they will arrange to clear it up or let the school office know and we can contact them.

Charity Fund Raising Box

We have a new orange charity box in reception to collect for the Catholic Children's Society. Items that can go in the box are: stamps, used postcards, foreign coins and bank notes, metal badges, keys and watches, old maps (pre 1940) and cutlery. We hope you will help us to support this valuable charity.

Raising money for CAFOD's 'Make a Splash campaign.

To raise money in Lent, the children are hoping to carry out chores around the home in exchange for voluntary donations. Your child will come home with a letter about this and a special money box for collecting donations.

The children will be thinking about how their actions during Lent will have a positive impact on children around the world who are less fortunate.

The money raised will support CAFOD's partners to help communities gain access to clean water and sanitation, so that children can attend school and build a better future.



LOVING 1st Sunday Lent



First Holy Communion

The next meeting will be held **Saturday 27th February from 10am until 12.30pm at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church for the First Session.** We really look forward to seeing you all there. Father Mark

We will be hosting a **Parish and School 'Great Big Diocesan Quiz Night'** to raise funds for the Catholic Children's Society. This evening will be open to families, friends, and parishioners of all ages in our school hall on Friday 15th April. Watch this space for more details when we have them!



40 days in the desert.

This coming Sunday, we are going to hear about how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. He had nothing with him, and had to survive with very little. I wonder what you think it would be like to have to live without clean water, or a change of clothes. We will be thinking a lot more about this during Lent.

Lent is a time when we try extra hard to help other people. Lent is a time when, like Jesus in the desert, we spend 40 days trying to come closer to God. We look at our lives and prepare ourselves for Easter. We try to pray more and share more, thinking less about ourselves and more about other people.

I wonder how you and your child think we can do this? I know many families have already been talking to their children about this and they have come up with some wonderful ideas. .

We can be closer to God by praying, asking for forgiveness for all the things that we have done wrong, and trying to live the kind of life that God wants for us. One thing that many people do during Lent is to give something up so that they can give more away to people who have less than they do. We have been hearing all about people like Guti and her friends in Uganda who share one tap amongst everyone at the school but also used to have to walk a very long way to find and fetch water. *You may wish to get your children to try picking up a bucket full of water and to walk from one side of a room to the other to see how heavy it is carrying water.*

We can *Make a Splash!* this Lent. With the money that you save on sweets or fizzy drinks, or whatever you go without this Lent, you will be supporting people all around the world through CAFOD, so that they can have clean water.

And every time you turn on a tap during Lent, when getting a drink or brushing your teeth, remember to think of then pray for Guti and all those without water.

Are you giving something up this Lent? What are you giving up?

(Adapted from the Wednesday Word)



During the month of January, our Values Award will be given to people who we show forgiveness to others.

"Lent is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change in each of us."

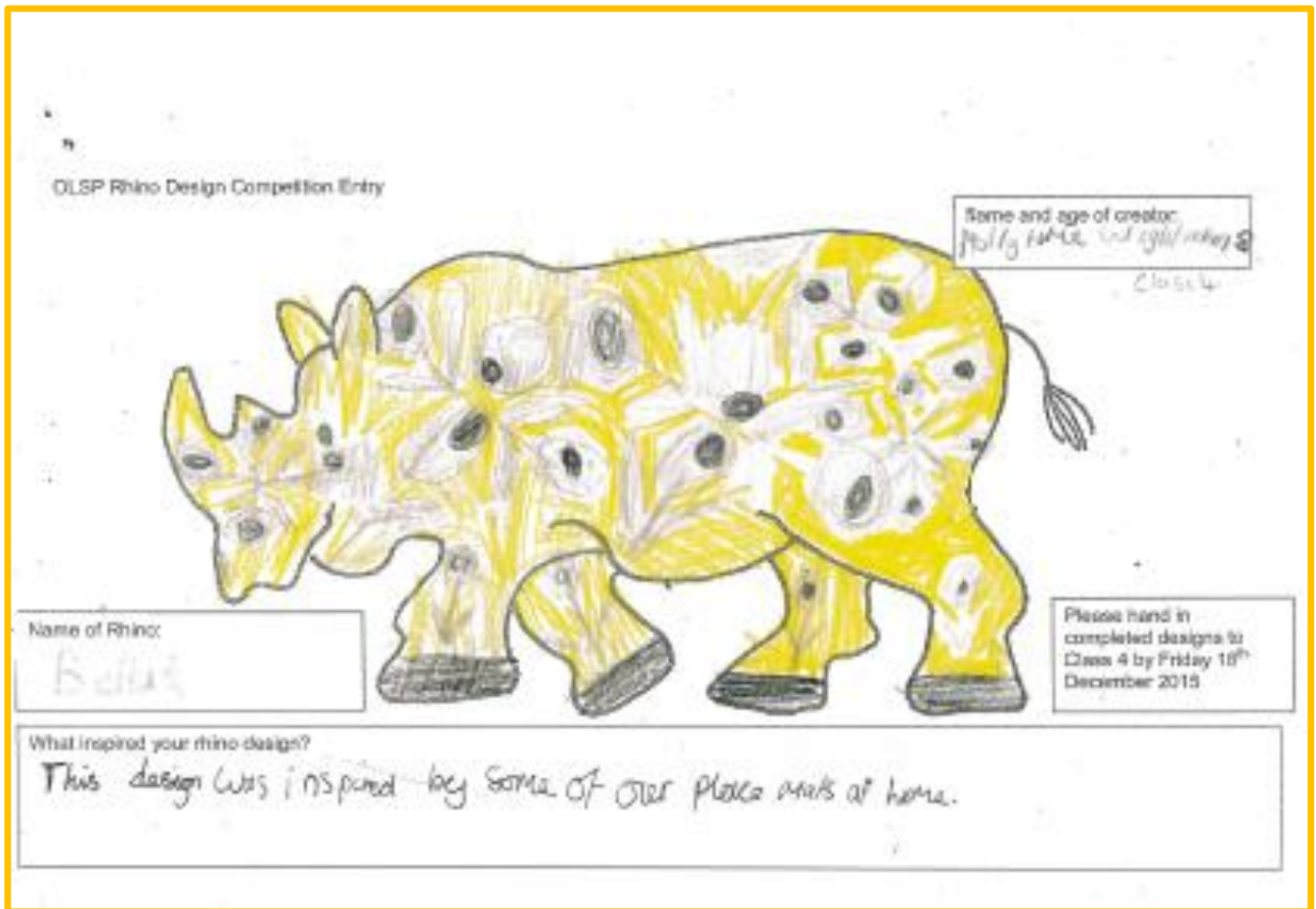
Pope Francis



Are you showing forgiveness and mercy to others at home and in school this week?

Please help our staff, children and families to grow in love and strength during Lent through trying to keep our Lenten promises. Amen.

**We wish you all a very happy and safe half term. See you on Monday 15th February.
Mrs Sarah Barreto Head Teacher**



The OLSP Rhino Design Winner

Congratulations to Molly Wightman from Class 4 who is the winning designer of our *Design a Rhino* competition.

We had so many beautiful entries and it proved really hard to choose amongst so many fabulous ideas, so our own School Council helped use to choose the group of four finalists.

Finally, Father Mark helped us to choose the winning design.

Well done Molly! We look forward now to painting our rhino with this fantastic design.