



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

I trust that everyone had a very enjoyable, relaxing October holiday and are all ready for all the festivities in this coming term.

Parents' Nights



The first set of Parents' Evenings were held this month and were highly successful and very well attended. The information given by class teachers will give you an indication of progress to date. Any matters arising will be monitored by the staff. We plan some workshops for parents related to digital developments and Early literacy and numeracy (week beginning 19-25 November). Watch this space for updates. The school website has support materials you may find of use when working with your child at home. Any suggestions for further support could be discussed at the Head Teacher drop in each month, or alternatively, on the feedback form below.

October Devotions



October is the month of the Holy Rosary and as a school community we have embraced many opportunities to pray the Rosary. In class the children have prayed the Rosary regularly and a number of classes have used the Rosary as their focus for their class learning assembly. A big thank you to all of our staff, pupils and families who joined us on a Tuesday morning for our Rosary Group. I am sure you will agree this was a lovely way to start our day and a valuable opportunity for us to gather together in prayer and reflection as a school community.

100 years Mass



Our Lady of the Missions is part of the Archdiocese of Glasgow. Whilst we benefit from the events and pastoral support from the Paisley diocese also, we were invited to participate in the Glasgow activities relating to the icon of Jesus our teacher. A group of our pupils attended a beautiful mass at St Gabriel's parish church in Merrylee. This was attended by a few other Glasgow schools to welcome the icon to the southside for a few days. Our pupils welcomed the other schools, issued the mass booklet, participated in the offertory and led the singing of the hymns - a wonderful experience for all. As ever, they made a great example of the OLM in the community.

PSA



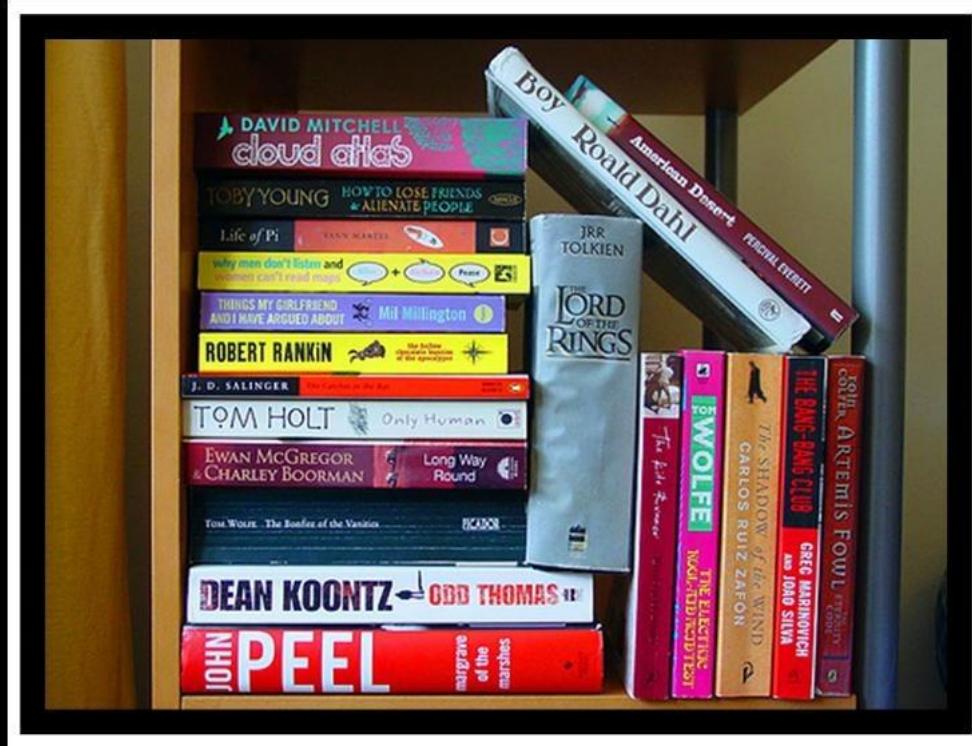
What a successful start to the term we had with the wonderful P1/P2 ladies evening and we thank you all for making it such an enjoyable night and well done again to our Raffle winners.

We have a few exciting events planned in the diary for the kids and all the family. The first being the Autumn Discos which will run on Wednesday 14th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st of November. A separate email will follow with all the information. We are in full swing planning for our new design Christmas Fete with a Christmas Market Theme, save the date 8th December. Thank you to all the helpers that sorted out the Christmas Card orders, all orders have now been sent and the school has raised £1000 in the process....well done to all our artists. As always, we could not do what we do without all the help of all us parents so please get involved as much as you can. Our next meeting is at the school on Thursday 15th November at 6.45pm. Please come along, remember we are all PSA members, and should all have our input.

Follow us Facebook to keep up to date with all the PSA news...OLM PSA.

Thank you, Caroline & Cristina.

Book Donations



got books?

Book donations - thank you for the range of books which were donated at Parents' nights - all classes received a starter bundle for their class libraries. Our pupil librarians are willing to collate further donations and be assured they will all be put to good use - especially in relation to the First Minister's reading challenge! All donations to the school office/mensa area please.

Flu Immunisation



Pupils will once again receive the nasal flu immunisation this Autumn here in the school on **Wednesday 7th November**. The whole process was highly efficient last year thanks to the school office staff and health professionals working in tandem over a number of days. Should your child be absent on the day of the immunisation you will have to contact your own doctor to organise an appointment.

Careful Drivers



1 - walk to school week

The parking at the school entrances is an ongoing issue. You will note that this is raised in every newsletter. The double parking, allowing children to alight from the car onto the road side, parking in the 'drop-off' zone are all examples of really selfish and inconsiderate practice. We had a near miss with a pupil last week and I am not sure what else we can do as a school other than remind all parents/carers that we rely on them to drop the children off safely in the morning. Our JRSO are coordinating walking buses this week. We managed one bus due to minimal volunteers. It would be great if anyone willing to lead walking buses from other locations could contact the school. This would ease congestion and go towards resolving the potential road rage situations happening on a daily basis.

Finally, can we remind parents to show more consideration when entering the car park at the pavilion off Berryhill Road? There are lots of children making their way to school on this route and we would ask that all drivers slow down and be more courteous when entering and exiting the car park.

Dyslexia Scotland Meeting



Parents, Pupils and Teachers Are welcome to our OPEN MEETING Tuesday 6th November 2018

7.00pm-9.00pm Mearns Castle High School, Newton Mearns G77 5GU

<http://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/your-branch/glasgow-east-ren>

Email Address is dyslexiascotland.er@gmail.com

Culture and Leisure



Here is a link to the activities available from Culture and Leisure including Library activities.

Respectful to Staff



We pride ourselves in the strong parental links we have in Our Lady of the Missions school community. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers to please be respectful when dealing with all staff in the school. On social media such as Whatsapp, it can be detrimental to home/school relationships when issues are shared, discussed and no right of reply for school or staff has been considered.

The majority of incidents are dealt with in line with our school behaviour policy and do not require parental contact. However, if there is an incident which requires parental involvement, we will contact you directly. In the first instance, if you do have a concern please ensure that all communication with staff goes through the appropriate channels by contacting the office, or putting a note in your child's diary.

All staff at Our Lady of the Missions are committed to providing a safe, healthy and happy environment for your children; we ask that all parents help contribute to this ethos.

East Renfrewshire Council values its staff and asks you to value them equally. The council will not tolerate incidents of violence or abuse towards employees. Please be assured that all staff deal with your children in the school in a caring and professional manner.

SPAM Emails



East Renfrewshire Council have robust filters in place to protect our network, pupils and staff from *email spam*, also known as *junk email*. On some occasions genuine emails may be blocked resulting in the recipient being unaware that contact has been made. At Our Lady of the Mission Primary we aim to acknowledge receipt of an email within 24 hours of receiving it. If you contact the school via email and do not receive a reply, please telephone the office so that your query can be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

Also, please ensure that your child's name and class is on all communication sent to the school.

Digital Learning



This session we have further developed our digital learning strategy by increasing the range of devices and software that pupils have access to. Many classes are using Google Classroom and Glow to set homework and support learning at home.

Useful links and help sheets are available in the Pupil section of our school website. We appreciate that some parents may not be familiar with the devices and applications currently being used by their children and are unable to assist them if they encounter a problem. Therefore, we would like to offer a workshop for parents where they will have the opportunity to use the technology and ask any relevant questions.

If you would be interested in attending a workshop, click the link below:

[Parental Digital Workshop](#)

Dates for Diary



We have added a new facility on the school website and we hope you find this a useful tool for up to date events. Please see below for upcoming events but refer to the school website for any additions and amendments.

November

7th November - Flu Immunisation

8th November - P4 Stage Mass

15th November - P3 Stage Mass

19th November - Catholic Education Week

23rd-29th November - Archdiocesan Exhibition (City Chambers)

30th November - St Andrew's Day

December

8th December - Christmas Fayre

P1 Nativities:

- **Monday 10th December - P1a Nativity - 9.30am - Main Hall**
- **Tuesday 11th December - P1b Nativity - 9.30am - Main Hall**
- **Wednesday 12th December - P1c Nativity - 9.30am - Main Hall**
- **Thursday 13th December - P1d Nativity - 9.30am - Main Hall**
- **Friday 14th December - P1e Nativity - 9.30am - Main Hall**

P2/P3 Nativities - Letters will be sent home next week and online booking system will be coming soon!

- **P2a,P2b,P3a,P3b - Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th December at 2pm in Junior Hall**
- **P2c,P2d,P3c,P3d,P3e - Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th December at 2pm in Junior Hall**

14th December - Christmas Jumper Week

20th December - P1-P6 Christmas Parties

Nativity Costume Donations



Thank you to all those who have already donated Nativity Costumes so far. Anyone wishes to still donate please hand into the school office.

Many thanks

Primary 7 Hoodies



Primary 7 pupils will be encouraged to wear their Hoodies to Sports Events, for example Sports Day, tournaments, St Ninian's Sports Sessions or any similar events the children are involved in across this session. We ask that all of our pupils wear full school uniform in line with the East Renfrewshire's Dressing for Excellence Policy. The decision to purchase the Hoodies early this year was to ensure the children had these for the Lockerbie Manor trip.

SSFA Concept Soccer 7s Tournament



A large number of Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils took part in this tournament in Paisley in October. All children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to showcase their skills and talents. We presented 11 teams in total and all pupils did the school and their families proud. We are delighted that 1 of our Primary 7 teams were successful in the play-off match and will now play in the West Final later in November. Watch this space for news on the final!

Ski Finals



On Wednesday 31st August the P1 – 4 OLM ski team and P5 – P7 ski team competed for OLM in the SSSA Autumn Dual Slalom Series Finals. Teams from all over Scotland competed.

Well Done to the P1 – P4 team who came 3rd out of 17 teams—AMAZING.

Also—well done to the P5 – P7 team who came 5th out of 18 teams.

Football



OLM FC continues to thrive, with 48 parent coaches volunteering their time every week to support 232 pupils to learn to love to play football, build lifelong skills and healthy habits. Woodfarm pitch is packed each Monday evening with training across our age groups, with players taking part in leagues at the weekend and tournaments during summer.

Coaching is a great way to add even more value to our school community. We aim to start our P1 players training after Christmas and need parents or family members to get involved. We're especially keen to include girls and boys, in playing and coaching and no prior football skills or knowledge is needed.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting to find out more about coaching the P1s please contact David Reilly on 07776 990581.

Feedback and HT drop in



Remember if you have any questions or feedback, please send in on the Form below and we will do our best to reflect on or answer queries.

Head Teacher drop in is on the first Thursday of every month at 3.15pm. Please feel free to use this time for informal discussions.

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