



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



November 2023 Newsletter

SDG Project

Last year our P7s participated in a Sustainable Development Goals Project in partnership with ACS: Alternative Clothing Solutions. The children researched SDG 14 (Life under water) and presented their findings through song to a panel of experts. The project continues this year with a celebration event for 10 of our P7s. This will take place on the 23rd November at New College Lanarkshire, Coatbridge. Further information will be sent to those involved.

The Right of the Month

The Right of the Month is Article 12 – I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously. As part of this right the children will participate in The Big Question (a set question posed to the whole school where children record their answers) and Pupil Voice (various committees including Global Citizens, Eco Group, Pupil Council). We will also hold a Rights Respecting School Day on 20th November.

MISSIO and Catholic Education Week

We will host a special MISSIO Week, 6th November, to raise additional funds. If you have any loose change we will be collecting every day during MISSIO Week.

Catholic Education Week is an annual event starting on the feast of St Margaret of Scotland (16th November) and concludes on St Andrew's Day (30th November). The theme this year is Pilgrims of Faith. Please check our X page to see photographs of events that week, including our Prayer Breakfast.

Primary 7

Primary 7 will spend most of the 7th November in the gym hall participating in a workshop called Happy Place. Happy Place is a programme full of activities and discussions which provide children with tools to manage emotions and anxiety, whilst promoting positive mental health and wellbeing.

On Friday 10th November our P7s will make their first trip to Taylor High School to participate in either boxercise or bushcraft. The children will require PE kits for both of these activities and can wear PE kits to school that day.

Attendance and Time Keeping

Please ensure you contact the school office by telephone if your child is unwell and unable to come to school. The school will attempt to contact you by 10am if your child hasn't reported for school and we have had no notification from you.



Time keeping continues to be a concern for us as a school as a significant number of children are not arriving to school before the 9am bell. We appreciate that there will be the odd occasion where families will be running a little late for one reason or another but we ask that you endeavour to get children into school on time as valuable teaching time can be missed. In line with North Lanarkshire policy, we must mark children as 'late' if they are not in school for 9am. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Cross Country Trials

Cross Country Trials will take place on 14th November.

Day of Dance

We will be hosting a Day of Dance on the 24th November. Miss O'Donnell leads this event and letter has been issued about this. All are welcome.

Easyfundraising

Do you do Christmas shopping online? If so, collect FREE donations for Our Lady & St. Francis Primary by using the Easyfundraising site to redirect you to your favourite online retailers. Please register at: <https://easyfundraising.org.uk/olsfparents/>

You simply download the app and register, then anytime you do any online shopping you visit the app first and click the retailer. All funds go straight to OLSF. We received a cheque for £23 recently from Easyfundraising through normal online shopping.



First Friday Mass

Our next First Friday Mass will be Friday 1st December and will be led by P7a. Please send in any donations for the raffle or store bought goodies by the end of November. P7b will join P7a to entertain our guests with some songs.

Inservice Day

The school and nursery will be closed to pupils on Monday 13th November.