



# Weekly Head Teacher's Blog

Welcome to this week's news

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**Happy Friday Everyone!**

I hope you've all had a lovely week. We have had a great week here at OLOP.

The children have had a fantastic time taking part in activities for **British Science Week**, exploring a range of investigations and challenges that encouraged curiosity, creativity and problem-solving across the school.

We were also delighted to welcome our new **Education Manager, Pauline Walsh**, to the school on Wednesday. She was very impressed with OLOP and commented on the warm and welcoming ethos throughout the school. Thank you to our children for representing our school so well with their excellent manners and behaviour, and to our staff for all they do each day to create such a positive and supportive environment for our school community.

**Mrs Wilson, DHT**, also met with a group of parents whose children will be starting **Primary 1 in August**. We look forward to welcoming these families into our school community.

Today we finished the week with our **STEM Fair**, which was a great success! It was wonderful to see the children enjoying and engaging with the many activities on offer. A big thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped to make it such a positive experience for our children. A special thank you to **Mr Reid, PT**, for organising the visiting companies and providing resources for staff to support the learning throughout the week.

**A huge thank you to:** Rolls Royce, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, British Army, RAF, Generation Science, British Gas, Specsavers, Gardiner & Theobald, Education Scotland – STEM Nation Award Officer, National Manufacturing Institute Scotland, STEM Ambassadors Scotland, Morgan Stanley, EDT – Engineering Development Trust, Nationwide and St Benedict's High School.

## Highlights of this Week - Ask your child about it!

- **Monday: P4 & P5** learned about **forces and aerodynamics** with **Rolls Royce**
- **Tuesday: P3/2 & P4/3** had a great time learning about the **Fire Service**. They had fun climbing into the fire engine and everyone had a shot of the hose!
- **Wednesday:** Some of our **P7's** with our nursery children, **carrying out experiments** and **programming the Indi Cars** together. They demonstrated great teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm for the challenge.
- **Thursday: P6 & P7** worked very hard on a range of activities with **the Army**, developing their **Meta Skills**, teamwork and collaboration, while showing resilience and perseverance as they tackled problem-solving challenges
- **Friday: P1 & P2/1** had so much fun at the **Generation Science Workshop**, funded by **the RAF**, this morning learning about **Weather & Climate Change** this morning and we had a fabulous afternoon visiting the different company stalls at our **STEM Fair** this afternoon!

## Upcoming Events – Next Week

- **Sunday: P7 Mass of Enrolment**, St Conval's Church, 11am
- **Monday:** P5 Lunch Time Football - MUGA; Lunch Time Friendship Club; P6 & 7 Woodwind Lessons
- **Tuesday:** P6 & 7 Chanter Lessons; Lunch Time Friendship Club; **P7 getting photos taken for Young Scot Cards**
- **Wednesday:** Assemblies; Lunch Time Dodgeball for P4-7; Mixed Teams Football Tournament, the On-X, 12pm-2:pm; Filming for 'Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationships Approach' 10 Year Anniversary Film (pm)
- **Thursday: P6 PATHS Buddies Training, P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation** in school (pm), After School P6 & P7 St Mirren Extra Time Football Club



## This Week's Wider Achievements - Congratulations to:

- **Alya**, who won a trophy and a medal at her Irish Dancing Competition
  - **Poppy**, who came 1<sup>st</sup> in her Cheer Leading Competition in Edinburgh.

Well Done Everyone! 🙌🙌🙌

Please encourage your child to tell me about their successes or complete our Wider Achievement Form: [Wider Achievement at OLOP – Fill in form](#)

## Reminders

- **Please, please, please** make sure your child brings a **change of shoes** to school - it helps to keep the floors clean!
- **Thank for not driving your cars into the car park** in the morning. It is much calmer out there now! Can I also ask that you **please use the footpath** at the side of the pitch, rather than walking on the road.
- If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office 0300 300 0173/ [ourladyofpeaceenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:ourladyofpeaceenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

**PLEASE USE  
THE PATH**

(P1-4: Mrs Wilson, P5-7: Mr Reid, Pupil Support Coordinator: Mrs Wilson)



- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March: P7 Mass of Enrolment, St Conval's Church, 11am. (Uniform Please)
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Mixed Football Tournament, The On-X,
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March: P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation in school
- **NEW** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: All P7s from the 3 Linwood Primary Schools will go to Woodlands Primary School to watch the performance of "One of Two" by Jack Hunter.
- **NEW** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: P6 Swimming, The On-X
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: Final York Meeting, 6:00pm
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Winning House Celebration
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Lenten Service, 11:45am
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: School Stops for Easter Holidays at 2:30pm
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Schools reopens for Term 3 😊

## And finally .....

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's blog. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another busy week of learning at OLOP!

Best wishes,  
Lesley-Anne Dick

