



Weekly Head Teacher's Blog

Welcome to this week's news

Friday 4th September

Happy Friday Everyone!

I hope you have all had a lovely week. It has been another busy and positive week at OLOP, with lots of fantastic learning, activities and opportunities for our children.

This week, our **Heads of House interviewed our Primary 7s who put themselves forward for the roles of House Captain and Vice-Captain.** They were all fantastic! They came well prepared, spoke confidently and shared some great ideas about how they could contribute to their Houses and our school community. We were incredibly proud of them all. 🙌

It was also lovely to **welcome some new parents to our first Parent Council meeting of the year.** We had the largest number of parents attending that we have had in a long time, which was fantastic to see! We really value the support, ideas and contributions of our Parent Council, and it was wonderful to see such a strong turnout. ❤️

The following roles were agreed:

Joint Chair: Marie Drew & Claire Hyndman

Treasurer: Mary Clare Cowan

Secretary: Fiona Darkin

Church Rep: Gemma Scott

It is always lovely to see the children enjoying school, working together and demonstrating our school values. There is a real sense of excitement around OLOP as we continue into September, and I am looking forward to all that the coming weeks will bring.

Highlights of the week - Ask your child about it!

The weather has certainly been **changeable this week** – sunshine one minute and pouring rain the next! ☀️☁️ It has been lovely to see the children making the most of opportunities for outdoor learning and play, so please remember to make sure your child has a **waterproof jacket** in school each day. You never quite know what the Scottish weather has in store!

This week, we were also delighted to welcome members of **Renfrewshire's Team Up to Clean Up** to OLOP. They spoke at both our assemblies, encouraging the children to take pride in our community and reminding everyone of the importance of putting rubbish in the bins. 🌍

I was delighted to catch the end of a P7 and P6/7 class debate this morning on **whether school uniform should be abolished.** I was hugely impressed by the children's confidence, enthusiasm and quality of argument. They clearly had some very strong views! Thankfully, when the final vote was taken, the children decided that school uniform should stay! ❤️

And finally... a personal highlight for me this week was having the **dripping tap in my office finally fixed!** 😊 No more constant dripping driving me mad!

Upcoming Events – Next week

- **Monday:** P6 & P7 Woodwind Lessons; **P6 & P7 Mixed Football Team Try Outs; Friendship Afterschool Club begins**
- **Tuesday:** P6 & 7 Chanter Lessons;
- **Wednesday:** **P7 to Pilgrims in the Park Event; Children's Rosary in P4**
- **Thursday:**
- **Friday:** **Gruffalo Granny Online Event for P1 & P2/1; Monthly Whole School Assembly;** P6 & 7 Percussion Lessons

• Wider Achievement at OLOP

Congratulations to:

- **Layton P5:** for winning the family ticket for tomorrow's St Mirren Game! An extra birthday present for him! 🏆🏆🏆
- **EriOluwa P5:** for taking part in the fun run during Paisley 10k and fun run. It was her first time ever in a race like that. It's a very brave effort and her mum was very impressed and proud of her that she started and completed the race. She received a medal for participating.
- **Honor P6 and her under 12s St Conval's Girls team:** for winning every game they played and winning the Crosshouse girl's section tournament in Kilmarnock. They receive their first silverware for the club!
- **Honor P1:** In July, Honor travelled to Dallas, Texas to compete in the American Highland Dancing Championships where she represented Scotland! She returned home with 3 x first places and 5 x second places.

★ ★ Well done everyone – We are very proud of you!! ★ ★

We enjoy hearing all about our children's achievements out with school.

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

Children will be presented Wider Achievement Certificates at Assembly!

House Captains & Vice-Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains & Vice-Captains for 2026-27:

House	St Teresa of Calcutta	St John Bosco	St Vincent de Paul	St Maximilian Kolbe
House Captain	Holly Kerr	Brodie Muir	Callie Sloan	Margi Johnston
Vice-Captain	Lucy Walters	Sophie Evans	Orlaith Ryan	Arrianna Scott

House Captains & Vice-Captains will be presented with their badges and certificates at our Annual Cluster Mass in St Benedict's High School on Thursday 17th September at 6pm.

Farewell Father Michael:

Last weekend, Bishop John announced a number of clergy moves, including changes to our parish and school chaplaincy.

After more than **10 years as our school chaplain, Father Michael will be leaving us next week** as he takes up his new role at St Joseph and St Patrick's Church in Wemyss Bay. Father Michael has been such a special part of our OLOP community over the years, and we are incredibly grateful for all the support, guidance, kindness and care he has shown to our children, families and staff.

We will be very sad to see him leave, but we wish him every happiness and every blessing in his new parish. We will certainly miss him at OLOP. ❤️

We are also delighted to welcome **Father Joe McGill**, currently Curate at Saint John's, Barrhead, who will become the new Parish Priest of St Conval's and our school chaplain. We look forward to welcoming Father Joe to our school community and working with him as he begins his new role.

Please keep both Father Michael and Father Joe in your prayers as they begin these new chapters in their ministry. 🙏

I will meet with Father Joe once he starts to confirm sacramental dates.

Reminders/Suggestions:

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact **Mrs Wilson (P1-4)** or **Mr McGoldrick (P5-7)** via the school enquiries email or through the school office, rather than using Seesaw. Thank you.

School Office 0300 300 0173 or by email: ourladyofpeaceenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

- Please click on the link below to see next week's school meals menu. **Next week is WEEK 1.**
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- **Thursday 17th September:** All P6 & P7 to St Benedict's for Extended Transition Day (more info to follow)
- **NEW Thursday 17th September:** Cluster Mass at St Benedict's High School at 6pm.
- **Monday 21st to 25th September:** Maths Week Scotland (more info to follow)
- **Thursday 24th September:** First Golden Tea Party of the Year!
- **Friday 25th September:** **Schools Closed for September Weekend**
- **Monday 28th September:** **Schools Closed for September Weekend**
- **NEW Thursday 1st October:** Parent Council Meeting, 6:30pm-7:30pm (Google Meet)
- **Monday 5th October:** Term 1a Winning House Celebration
- **NEW Thursday 8th October:** P7 & P7/6 Poppy Display with Linwood War Memorial Association
- **Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October:** **Schools Closed for Mid Term "October Week"**
- **Monday 19th October:** **Schools Closed – In-Service Day**
- **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October:** Care Experienced Week
- **NEW Wednesday 28th October:** Flu Vaccinations
- **NEW Thursday 29th October:** Halloween Disco
- **Thursday 12th November:** Parent-Teacher Meetings. 3:30pm-8:30pm
- **Friday 13th November:** P7 Race Night – Tickets will be on sale soon!
- **NEW Monday 16th November:** Monument Photography for individual & family photographs
- **Monday 16th to Friday 20th November:** Book Week Scotland & Anti-Bullying Week
- **NEW Thursday 19th November:** School Choir Singing at the switch on of Linwood's Christmas Lights
- **NEW Thursday 3rd December:** Parent Council Meeting, 6:30pm-7:30pm (Google Meet)
- **NEW Thursday 10th December:** Christmas Lunch

And finally

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

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's blog. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy some time with family and friends. See you all on Monday! 😊💙

Best Wishes,
Lesley-Anne Dick

