

Leavers' Mass

At 2pm on Tuesday 17th July, Year 5 and Year 6 will be attending leavers' Mass in the hall. It is a chance for us to give thanks for Year 6 and their time at school, and to wish them well. We can also support Year 5 in their transition to become 'heads of school', and their prefect roles will be announced. Parents of both classes are welcome.

Hello and Goodbye...

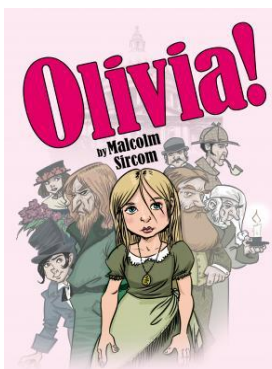
As each year goes by, we say a sad goodbye to those members of staff who are moving on to pastures new, and we give a huge Oratory welcome to those joining us.

Goodbye:

Miss Cowen, our Year 1 teacher, will be leaving to take up a promotion in a school in Clapham as Assistant Headteacher, we wish her all the very best in her new role. Mr Challens, our Year 2 teacher, has completed his planned year with us on his return from Sri Lanka, and is now moving to a school nearer home; we wish him lots of luck after many years at Oratory. Lastly, after almost 20 years at our school, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mr Murphy, our Year 5 teacher and member of the senior leadership team. He has given such a huge amount of loyalty and love to the school; we would like to thank him for all of his service. His care and dedication has been hugely appreciated and he will be much missed by us all.

Hello:

We are very pleased to welcome five new members of staff this year. Miss Georgina Mardling, Miss Lucy Howarth and Miss Emily McGregor are looking forward to joining us as class teachers next year, and will be spending some time with us over the next few weeks to meet their new classes and to settle in. We will also be welcoming two new teaching assistants, Mrs Laura Bailey and Miss Siobhan Rielly, to our school. We wish them much happiness in their new roles.



Our Year 6 class are well on the way to perfecting their end of year play. OLIVIA! A female Oliver! This brilliant show, set in Victorian times, traces the steps of Olivia, from downtrodden orphan to star of the stage.

Performances on Monday 16th July: at 2pm for the whole school and at 6.30 for parents.

Lydia Lang Memorial Award

The Lydia Lang Memorial Award is for pupils who have excelled in the school's mission over the past year: 'We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together'. Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated this year:

Soizic Bersihand

Lucas Blastiak Bielinski

Brooke Ruyyenda Kabajungu

Francisca Rosa

The winner will be announced at a special assembly on Wednesday 11th July!

PA news

We have had a wonderful week of fundraising, the sunshine clearly brings out everyone's generosity. On Friday Year 1 had a record breaking cake sale raising a whopping £371!! Well done to all the parents and children who put in the hard work baking and selling all those delicious goodies.

Last Tuesday we had our final tea morning and uniform sale for the year. It was lovely to meet new parents whose children will be joining Reception in September. As usual at these mornings we were selling not only the uniform but our Oratory tea. Mrs Mellis introduced the idea of selling tea at the beginning of this year and it has really taken off. Mrs Mellis and I have spent many a morning trying out different teas (it's a hard job, but someone has to do it) and Mr Thumm kindly designed these beautiful labels. We've developed two blends: the classic Breakfast Blend available in packs of 25 teabags for £3 and the Chelsea Blend, a delicate Assam and Darjeeling mix available in loose tea packs of 100g at £6.50. If you would like to order some do speak to your Rep.

It is no accident that I have enlisted the help of two fantastic bakers to the PA. Mrs Goelz, who has come on board as Vice Chair and Mrs Casales, who helps me keep the ledger in order, are going to be making biscuits to sell in gift packs with the tea. These will be available from September. Mrs Casales brought some teapot shaped biscuits on Tuesday delicately flavoured with different teas. They looked and tasted exquisite and perfectly complemented the tea we served.

In case you thought we'd abandoned the coffee lovers: not at all. We're currently developing our very own Oratory coffee which I hope to bring to the next tea AND coffee morning in September.

With all this fundraising going on I feel confident that we will be able to provide the school with the 30 iPads it needs. Mrs Steinart and I are looking over the different quotes to find the one which is most competitive and which meets the school's requirements. Fingers crossed they will be in situ for the new school year!

Next week I will send round a detailed breakdown of the PA spending this year so you can all see exactly what was raised and how it was spent.

In the meantime enjoy the sunshine
Alex Yates

Music Hub

Thank you to all of our performers in years 3,4,5 and 6 for their fantastic concert on Friday. It will be Mr Roberts' and Mrs Bryan's last music lessons with us next week, as they will be moving on from Music Hub next academic year. We wish them all the very best, and thank them for their dedication and inspiration during their time with us. We will miss you!

