

# Newsletter

We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

## Forthcoming dates

**27 Sept** Y6 cake sale  
**1 Oct** Coffee Morning  
**3 Oct** National Poetry Day  
**3 Oct** Parents' social  
**11 Oct** Y5 cake sale  
**13 Oct** Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman  
**14 Oct** International Week  
**16 Oct** International Evening Years 4,5,6 6pm  
**21 Oct** half term week  
**28 Oct** back to school  
**30 Oct** Flu Immunisations  
**7 Nov** Year 6 Assembly  
**11 Nov** Anti Bullying Week  
**13 Nov** Class Mass: Reception & Year 6 2.15pm  
**15 Nov** Y4 cake sale  
**19 Nov** Class Mass: Year 5 & Year 2 2.15pm  
**20 & 21 Nov** Parent/Teacher Meetings

*Please note that class trips are not added here, please check your child's bag daily for letters from the teacher.*

## Dear Parents,

*"Nothing would be done at all, if a man waited till he could do it so well, that no one could find fault with it."*

These words from Blessed John Henry Newman (soon to be Saint!), founder of the Oratory in London, offer much inspiration as we get our school year underway. We constantly learn and develop, as students, teachers, and parents. We try our best, and remember that 'fail' means 'First Attempt In Learning'.

Let us keep his words close to our hearts as we continue on our learning journey together as a school. Have a lovely weekend.

**Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher**

## Good Manners Cost Nothing



As mentioned at our 'Meet the Teachers' evening, please support us in teaching the children good manners. These are some things you can encourage at home:

- Using courteous words and phrases (see left)
- Holding the door open for the person behind them
- Asking someone if they need help
- Looking at the person who is speaking to them and sustaining concentration during a verbal exchange
- Not 'answering back' to an adult
- Putting litter in the bin
- Learning people's names and using them politely
- Flushing the toilet

## Get thinking!

What are your favourite noises and why?

What do you think? Take a moment to discuss this at home, or with your friends. Don't worry about whether your answer is right or wrong. It is the process of thinking, and trying to explain your ideas that is important.

## Owls and Owlets



Our Year 6 Owls are helping their Reception Owlets settle into the school beautifully. They have been looking after them in the busy morning playground, showing them how to behave and what to do around the school, and here you can see them enjoying their favourite thing- Owl and Owlet playtime! Keep up the wonderful work Wise Owls!



## PA News

Dear Parents,

I'm sure you and your children are all settling in to the new term and have met your reps. Can I draw your attention to two dates coming up? On the 1st October we have our first coffee (and tea) morning and second hand uniform sale. Do come: you can grab a uniform bargain and enjoy a cup of our Oratory branded tea and coffee with some homemade cake. We'll be selling our beautiful selection of hair accessories. It's also a chance to go through the lost property box, in case anything has gone astray! From 8.30am in the hall.

On the 3rd October we're holding our 'meet the new parents' social evening from 7pm. This is always a lovely occasion when we cannot only meet the new parents, but catch up with old friends. This year I've invited the Governors, so one or two of them may be there too. Everyone brings a dish of finger food, the PA will supply the drinks, and we can enjoy a couple of hours of convivial company in the candlelit hall. I do hope to see you there.

In the meantime have a lovely weekend and if there is anything I can help with or you need to ask, please don't hesitate to send me a message on Classlist.

Alex Yates  
PA Chair

## Uniform

Now that the new term is well underway, we expect the children to be in full uniform. A uniform check will be conducted and letters sent home next week. The following points must be attended to as a matter of urgency before then:

- No jewellery at all. This includes stud earrings and religious medals
- Caps and berets for everyone
- White trainers
- Hair short at the back and sides or tied up
- PE t-shirts must be short sleeved and plain (no logos)
- Bags are allowed a keyring for easy identification, but no more than one
- Black shoes must fasten (no slip-ons)
- PE trainers must be white (no football boots)

## Did you know?



Did you know that at Oratory Primary School all 30 of our Year 6 pupils are prefects? At the end of Year 5 they are awarded their badges and told their roles. We have a variety of prefect positions, all vitally important to the running of our school, including Pupil Wellbeing Prefects, Religious Education Prefects and Sports Captains, to name but a few.

Our Head and Deputy Boys and Girls are voted for by their classmates, and automatically become part of school council- representing the children from Reception and Year 1.

We are very proud of our Year 6 class. They have all begun the year brilliantly- including the three new children in the class- and are taking their roles and responsibilities very seriously.

From left to right: Deputy Head Girl, Red House Captain and Vice-Captain, Computing Prefects, Art Prefects.

## Reminder: International Week- coming soon!

Our school is very fortunate to be made up of families from a variety of countries- each bringing a unique culture, heritage and language. We will be holding our biennial International week from 14-18<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate this and to learn about parts of the world we might not know so well. This event relies heavily of the experience and expertise of our parents. If you would like to be involved, perhaps by cooking, dancing, telling a local folk tale or something equally as wonderful, please contact Mrs Griffiths directly, as she is coordinating the timetable for visitors.



## Important: Prepare for Brexit

We have been asked by the DfE to inform EU, EEA or Swiss citizens that they need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 2020.

Please read the guidance on the EU settlement scheme at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families> to find out who needs to apply.

Irish citizens' right to live in the UK will not change when the UK leaves the EU. Irish citizens do not need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme, but their family members, who are not Irish or British citizens, will need to.

Please speak to Mrs Griffiths who will be happy to help with applications.

## Fit for Sport

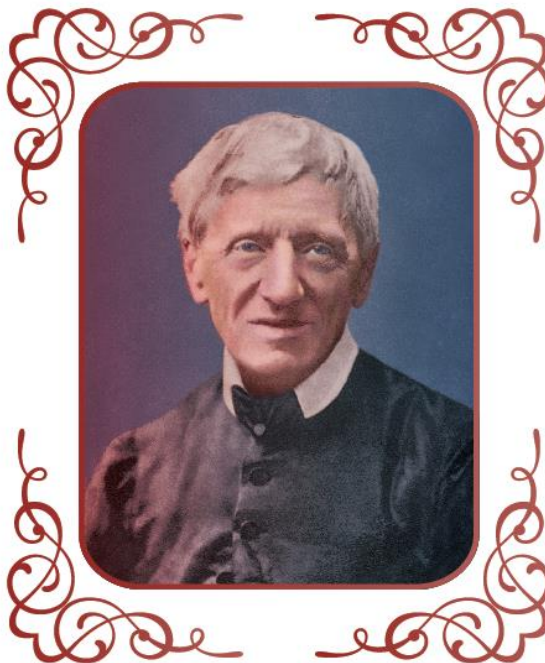
Fit For Sport have been providing OFSTED registered before and after school provision in primary schools for over 27 years. Running every day during term time, the Extended School Clubs are designed to engage all children in multi-sports and games to keep them active throughout their school day. Fit For Sport runs an after school club at Oratory on Wednesday for children in years 1 and 2 and Friday for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. The children begin the session by getting changed (optional) and eating a healthy snack. At 4pm the children start the activities at St Luke's pitches.

All bookings need to be made prior to attendance either online at [fitforsport.co.uk](http://fitforsport.co.uk) or by phone on 020 8742 4990. All sessions cost £8.50 per child. Currently Fit For Sport is offering a free 'trial' session to anybody who is using Fit For Sport for the first time. To book this please call the bookings line on 020 8742 4990 and request to book a free session as a new user.

## The Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman

Our own John Henry Newman, founder of the Oratory in London, will be Canonised next month. This is a remarkably special time for our school, and our Parish. We will be organising a number of events next month, and we will be taking part in a 'Novena with Newman'. Please join in and learn more by visiting the website [www.NewmanCanonisation.com](http://www.NewmanCanonisation.com)

### Novena with Newman



'I HAVE A PART IN THIS GREAT WORK;  
I AM A LINK IN A CHAIN.'

All over the world, people are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on Sunday 13th October.

This is a time of special grace for us to join together and form links in a great chain of prayer, where we call upon the soon-to-be-Saint to crown our prayers with his intercession in heaven.

We encourage you to form links in that chain by joining in our Novena with Newman - nine days of prayerful preparation for the canonisation, starting on Friday 4th October and finishing on Saturday 12th October on the eve of the canonisation.

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