

Newsletter

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

Forthcoming dates

- 26 May** Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y4 & 5 parents 10.45am
27 May WeSee parent workshop session 7pm
28 May Y2 Assembly 9.30am (via Zoom)
28 May End of half term cake sale (Covid safe)
31 May Half Term week
7 Jun RSE Parent Meeting Y5 & 6
7 Jun Class Photos (if fine weather)
10 Jun WeSee parents workshop session 7pm
12 Jun Year 4/5 First Holy Communion 11am
18 Jun Year 1 Assembly 9.30am (via Zoom)
21 Jun Year 6 Residential Trip
1 Jul Infants Sports Day (children only)
2 July Reception Class Assembly (via Zoom)
7 & 8 Jul Parent Teacher Meetings via Zoom
12 July Junior Sports Day (children only)
21 Jul Year 6 play (details TBC)
22 Jul Leavers' Mass Year 5 & 6 (details TBC)
6 Sep First day of term
11 Sep Current Year 3 First Holy Communion
Please note: In the current climate, most end of term events are going to be held in a Covid safe way, with parent involvement kept virtually.

Get thinking!

What does the colour green sound like?

What do you think? Take a moment to discuss this at home, or with your friends. Remember, there is no right or wrong answer and it is the process of discussing that is important!

Dear Parents,

Now that restrictions are easing nationally, we are looking into how to adapt school procedures accordingly. This will be a delicate process, which we will take slowly in order to keep school safe. As part of this, we are thinking about how we can run our summer events in a Covid-secure way. The dates have been added to the calendar on this newsletter, and we will give further information on classlist as we get nearer to each event.

Please do take part in the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WYJ72VY> in order to help us plan Parent/Teacher meetings moving forward.

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

Map Quest



Map Quest is a whole school-home learning project which takes place each year in the summer term and lasts for two weeks. Each year group will encounter a different region of the world. By the time the children leave the Oratory, they will have an impressive locational knowledge of the UK, Europe and beyond. Every day the children will be involved in a range of short activities and complete homework with a Map Quest focus. On the final day each child will complete a short quiz and depending how many places they can correctly locate, they will be rewarded with a gold, silver or bronze certificate. We hope that you will enjoy Map Quest again this year.

Year 4/5 First Holy Communion



Final Preparations are under way for the children's First Communion Mass on 12th June. A letter will be sent later this week detailing the final arrangements, but families can now book seats in the church for the Mass itself: <https://buytickets.at/bromptonoratory/526676>

The booking webpage assists in the provision of seats according to the current regulations. The booking system automatically works out the provision of seats depending on how many people wish to sit together. Currently and certainly until the first Communion Mass, it is only permitted for a maximum of two households to sit together. Based on calculations, it ought to be possible for each family to have up to 8 seats.

Please be mindful of other families when booking your seats, and only book as many as you need.

Holiday Dates: important

No doubt, you will be thinking of making plans to visit relatives abroad over the summer break. Please ensure you book flights with our term dates in mind, taking into account a need to self-isolate on return. We cannot stress enough how important the beginning of term is for your children's wellbeing and confidence.

Fortnightly Learning Summary

Reception

- Writing a letter to supertato asking for help
- Describing the 'baddies' Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh
- Role playing a fruit and vegetable shop
- Maths: numbers to 20 and doubling
- Making ladybird paintings
- Designing a rosette
- Constructing a trap to catch Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh
- Ascension artwork (RE)

Year 1

- English: How to Find Gold - retell story, creating sea monsters and the world they live in. The Secret Sky Garden - prediction, letter about why it is important to tidy up rubbish
- Maths: Find a quarter and half of a number; partitioning numbers (tens and ones); numbers to 100; counting in tens from a given number
- History: Stephen Hawking's story
- Art: Creating our own Beatrix Potter Rabbits
- Science: Planting our own seeds - observing and writing instructions
- RE: Jesus appears in the Upper Room and how Thomas didn't believe.

Year 2

- English: Writing diary entries and speeches to persuade the fishermen and women to save Black Rock
- Maths: $1/3$, $2/4$ and $3/4$ of shapes and amounts; telling the time to o'clock and half past
- Topic: Comparing jobs that people do at the seaside and in cities
- Art: Using different brush strokes and shades to create waves on our watercolour seascapes
- Science: Planting sunflower seeds and recording observations in our sunflower diaries
- RE: Reflecting on what it was like for the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. Learning that Jesus ascended into heaven.

Year 3

- Maths: Fractions as numbers and finding fractions of amounts.
- English: Writing a diary Entry from Rhodopis' point of view and writing a character description about Rhodopis (Cinderella of the Nile)
- Topic: Investigating into what archaeological sites tell us about what life was like in Ancient Greece.
- Science: Identifying that humans and animals have skeletons and looking at types of skeletons.
- R.E: Celebrating Easter and the Pentecost: Thinking about what we can learn from the story of Jesus appearing to some of his disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Year 4

- Maths: to identify tenths & hundredths in pence & ordering amounts
- English: Writing a character fact file and a set of instructions based on 'HTTYD'
- Science: Learning about what objects are conductor and insulations of electricity
- Topic: Learning about Anglo-Saxon jewellery
- Art: Making Anglo-Saxon Jewellery

Year 5

- Maths: Understanding percentages; percentages as fractions and decimals; equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages; adding and subtracting decimals
- English: Tudor London setting description inspired by 'Diver's Daughter'; researching, planning and drafting non-chronological report on Tudor entertainment
- Topic: Understanding Henry VIII as boy and man; give advice to his sixth wife based on what we know.
- Science: Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect; Fair testing: Recognise when a simple fair test is necessary.
- RE: Life in the Risen Jesus: know that the Spirit of Jesus works in many ways and reflect on the Spirit at work in the Church; know that Jesus is present among us in different ways and reflect on how we can be present with Jesus.

Year 6

- Maths: Calculating the area of triangles
- English: Writing poems about the experience of refugees.
- Topic: Understanding the difference between push and pull factors for migration.
- Science: Understanding the scientific meaning of inheritance & adaptation.
- RE: Exploring the biblical account of the Ascension.

After School Clubs

Thank you to all those parents who participated in our survey about school clubs. In a small school such as ours, it has always been a challenge to find enough space to host as many clubs as we would like. Using the break in club provision during Coronavirus has been an ideal time to gain your views and revitalise our offer before clubs resume fully in the autumn term.

We hope to run the following clubs: art, ballet, chess, choir, coding, cooking, creative crafts, drama, debating and philosophy, French for French speakers, Italian, science, Spanish, yoga and wellbeing. Football and netball leagues will hopefully resume in the borough, and instrumental lessons will be offered in clarinet, guitar, flute, piano, saxophone and violin. Fit for Sport will run our wraparound provision for working parents at Park Walk.

Some clubs and lessons will be run during the school day and others after school. We are preparing a booklet detailing all of the arrangements, which will be available before the end of term. Sign up for clubs will not happen at this stage, but we will let you know when this will begin. Fit for Sport's website is taking bookings now for the club at Park Walk.

Mrs Griffiths will be in contact with those families entitled to Pupil Premium to arrange free places for their children in some of the clubs and lessons.

We are looking forward to clubs once again!

Parent Association News

Dear Parents,

I'm very excited to share the news that it is now possible for us to have a cake sale! Please save the date of the 28th May for a special all day cake-tastic event. All the details will be on Classlist soon, including how to pay for cakes (it'll be a cashless sale). You'll be able to leave your baked creations at drop off. All children, one class at a time, will be invited down to help themselves to a cake or two to celebrate the end of this half term. Any home baked cakes and biscuits are gratefully accepted, although obviously NO NUTS whatsoever. If anyone is able to make a gluten free or dairy free cake then do let your rep know as we will have separate tables for those.

The staff were thrilled to receive a toaster and toasted sandwich maker from the money raised as a thank you present. I arranged a tray of bread and pastries for a surprise breakfast one morning too, and the rest of the money will be helping to pay for the Mary garden.

The Mary garden is progressing. A team of us is researching structures for the plants and possible statues, and Mr Toro has been a huge help in measuring and adapting possible locations for it. We look forward to working with the Year 6 RE and Wellbeing monitors to create a beautiful sanctuary for prayer and quiet contemplation.

I hope you all have a lovely week, Alex

Year 4 Dragon drawings



Our Year 4 children have been reading 'How to train your dragon' and creating illustrations to accompany their work. They are on display in the corridor outside their classroom, and show some very impressive drawing skills!

He is Risen Artwork



Here are more examples of our 'He is Risen' whole school display, celebrating the Easter Season as it continues. They are displayed in our school hall and our windows to bear witness to our faith.