

# Newsletter

Autumn Term: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024



The  
**ORATORY**  
**RC PRIMARY**  
School

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

## Dear Parents,

We have had a very successful first full week of school, full of learning, settling into routines and reflecting on belonging to our special Oratory School community. The children have all been endeavouring brilliantly with their work in their new classes. A particular well done to our new Reception children on completing their first week of school!

We look forward to welcoming all of those that can make it to our first coffee morning and uniform sale of the term this coming Monday and, of course, to our Meet the Teachers' Evening on Thursday.

In the meantime, wishing you all a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes,  
Mrs Steinart

## Upcoming dates

### September

- 16 sept** Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale 8.30am
- 17 Sept** Start of year Mass at Brompton Oratory 10am
- 19 Sept** Meet the Teacher Evening 6.30pm
- 25 Sept** Secondary Transfer Meeting Y5&Y6 3.45pm
- 27 Sept** Foodbank donations
- 27 Sept** Y6 Cake Sale
- 30 Sept** Poetry Fortnight begins

### October

- 18 Oct** Autumn Mufti Day
- 21 Oct** Languages Week
- 21 Oct** Y1 & Y5 Class Family Mass 2.15pm
- 23 Oct** Parent Forum 10am
- 25 Oct** Half Term 3.30pm

### November

- 4 Nov** Children return
- 7 Nov** Optional Flu immunisations for children
- 8 Nov** Y6 Class Remembrance Assembly
- 8 Nov** Y5 Cake Sale
- 11 Nov** Friendship Week
- 12 Nov** Coffee Morning 8.30am
- 12 Nov** Odd Socks Day!
- 13 & 14 Nov** Parents' Evening
- 14 Nov** Spirituality Day
- 19 Nov** Y6 & Reception Class Family Mass 2.15pm

### December

- 12 & 13 Dec** Infant Nativity 2pm
- 17 Dec** Junior Carol Service 7pm
- 19 Dec** Children's Day (Christmas party)
- 20 Dec** End of term 1.30pm

Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements

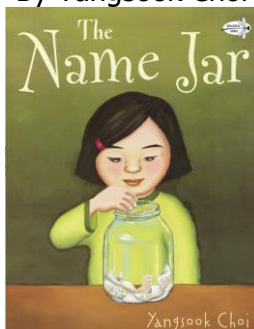
## This week's theme: BELONGING

This week in assemblies we have looked at the theme of 'Belonging' and what it means to belong to our very special school community. We used our story of the week, 'The Name Jar', to reflect on the uniqueness of our names and the meaning behind them. We then looked at all of the special ways we belong to the Oratory School Family and what that means for us. It was wonderful to hear from the teachers in certificate assembly this morning about the many ways that the children have living out The Oratory Way throughout the week.

### Story of the Week

*The Name Jar*

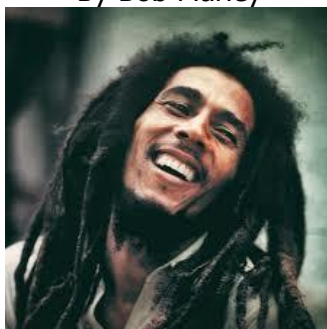
By Yangsook Choi



### Music of the Week

*One Love*

By Bob Marley



### Art of the Week

*La Ronde de la Jeunesse*  
(*The Youth Circle*), 1961

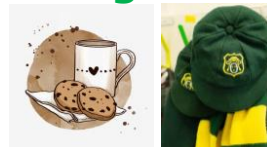
By Pablo Picasso



## 'Meet the teachers' Evening Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Our meet the teacher evening will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This will begin with a presentation from Mrs Steinart in the school hall at 6.30pm and be followed with a meeting with your child's class teacher in their classroom. You will go through a 'parent pack' and your child's class teacher will be giving you an overview of the year ahead and what to expect.  
We very much look forward to welcoming you!

## Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale



We look forward to welcoming you to our first coffee morning of the year on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 8.30am in the school hall. This is the perfect opportunity for any new families to get to know our school community and also a chance to purchase any pieces of second-hand uniform your child may need.

## Harvest Collection for 'The Trussell trust'

The Trussell Trust support a nationwide network of food banks and provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK. In the UK, more than 14 million people are living in poverty – including 4.5 million children. They support more than 1,200 food bank centres in the UK to provide a minimum of three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food to people who have been referred in crisis, as well as support to help people resolve the crises they face.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a special harvest assembly with Fr James, and we are asking each child to bring a donation to the Trussell Trust. We will then need some kind parent helpers to take the food along to the collection centre after the assembly – so please do let Mrs Steinart know if you are able to help. Please look at the list below to find out which item of food your child should bring.

**Important:** Please wait until **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** to send your child in with their item, as we have nowhere to store them until then. Please only send one item per child as they will need to carry it to assembly on their own. Items need to be in original packaging and be well within their 'best before' date. Thank you!

• Reception: Cereal



• Year 1: Sweet Biscuits



• Year 2: Tinned food



• Year 3: Lentils or dried pulses



• Year 4: Rice



• Year 5: Savoury biscuits/crackers



• Year 6: Dried pasta



## Secondary Transfer Meeting

We will be holding a Secondary Transfer Meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.45pm in the Year 6 classroom. This is a repeat of the meeting that was held in the summer term. We will go over the application process that Year 6 parents need to complete this term, including all deadlines etc.

We will also discuss secondary transfer in general if any Year 5 parents would like to join.

All secondary application information will also be sent out to Year 6 parents following the meeting.

## School Clubs

We have a number of new school clubs on offer, including our Breakfast Club and morning sports clubs on the roof. Please have a look under the 'After School Clubs' section of our website to book any clubs.

[School Clubs](#)

## Chaplain's Corner – Fr James

The 12th September is the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. St Ambrose attests to the power of Our Lady's Holy Name: "Your name, o Mary, is a precious ointment, which breathes forth the perfume of divine grace. Let this ointment of salvation enter the inmost recesses of our souls." As we begin the school year, we entrust the school to Mary's intercession. By confidently calling on her name, she obtains for us a deeper union with Her Divine Son, making straight our pathway to Eternal Life.

## PARENTS' PRAYER BREAKFAST GROUP

Fr James will lead a group for parents of the school who wish to deepen their spiritual life through the reading of Scripture, prayer, and reflection. Meets at 9.20am every Tuesday during term-time at Oratory House, for about 20 minutes. Bring your own breakfast. No need to register.

## CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

This is signed by the priest of the church you worship at, if your family is known to him as weekly Sunday Mass attendees. Because the Brompton Oratory has a large congregation, the Fathers can only sign the certificate for those who are registered with the Oratory's Mass Attendance Scheme and whose records reflect weekly attendance, unless they know the family personally as weekly Mass attendees at the parish.

## Children's Mass

There will be a Children's Mass at Little Oratory at 11.15am this Sunday. If your child would like to sing, they need to arrive at 11am.

## Meet the Prefects!

Every year our Year 6 pupils take on the very privileged responsibility of becoming prefects – a role which equips them with important leadership skills. Each role entails different responsibilities & jobs & we thought you might like to know a little more about the pivotal role that they play in our school community.

In our Friday assemblies we have been meeting a few of our Prefects & will continue to do so until they have all had the opportunity to introduce themselves. Much like assembly, we will introduce you to a few prefects every week.

They have taken to their new responsibilities excellently so far. Well done Prefects!

### Head Girl



Hello! I am the new Head Girl. I am looking forward to ringing the bell, making sure the school is tidy, being in school council and leading Open Mornings.

**Fun Fact:** I love swimming!

### Head Boy



Hi! I am Head Boy this year. I will be in charge of ringing the bell and leading school council.

**Fun Fact:** I am quite good at golf!

### Deputy Head Girl



Hi! I am Deputy Head Girl. I am looking forward to being part of school council and sharing my ideas with everyone.

**Fun Fact:** I love art and it is my favourite subject!

### Deputy Head Boy



I am the Deputy Head Boy and I am looking forward to all of my responsible jobs like representing Reception in School Council.

**Fun Fact:** I am from New Zealand, Germany & England!

### House Point Prefect



Hello, I am the House Point Prefect and my job is to count up all of the house points and then announce the results in assembly every week.

**Fun Fact:** I love tennis!

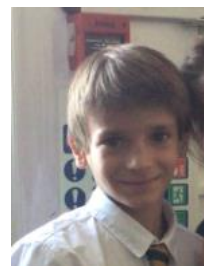
### Librarian Prefect



Hi! I am the Librarian prefects and I am looking forward to reading lots of new books!

**Fun Fact:** I love Science and I have a 574+ streak for duolingo!

### House Point Prefect



I am one of the House Point Prefects and I am looking forward to announcing the winner of house of the term and year!

**Fun Fact:** I love tennis, running and studying for 11+.

### Librarian Prefect



Hello, I am one of the Librarian prefects and I am looking forward to helping with the books.

**Fun Fact:** I love boxing and am part of a boxing club.

# What's been going on in class this week?

## Year 6

The Year 6s have had excellent week as they continue to settle into their roles as Prefects and role models at the top of the school. A highlight of the week was our very first Owl and Owlet playtime with the new Reception children. On top of that, it was also a great week of curricular learning:

**-Maths:** Place value of numbers to 10,000,000; Read numbers to 10,000,000; Write numbers to 10,000,000; Numbers to 10,000,000 on a number line

**-English:** Focus: Traditional Tales: Responding to illustrations and understanding genre; Identifying features of traditional tales; Oral story telling features & planning. Spelling and Grammar: Ambitious adjectives & Simple past tense.

**-RE:** To learn about Class Saint John Henry Newman and reflect on how he inspires us; To know about the Kingdom of God and reflect on its meaning for us.

**-History:** Investigating why we study history and chronology

**-PE:** Football: skills and strategy development

**-Science:** Introduction to Electricity

**-PSHE:** Setting goals for Year 6

**-Art:** Using portraiture techniques to create self-portraits

Next week, the children will have another busy week including our start of year Mass at Brompton Oratory and our first school trip - a Democracy Walk around Westminster as part of our 'Not Forgotten' history program with Westminster Archives.



## Year 5

It has been another wonderful week of learning in Year 5. The children have been continuing grasp the classroom routines with smiles and positivity.

-In Maths this week, we have been focusing on place value. We have been looking at numbers to 100,000 and rounding to the nearest 10 and 100.

-In English, we have begun our new class novel 'The Caribbean.' To understand the context of our novel we have studied different islands of the Caribbean and created information leaflets.

-In Science, we have started our topic on Living Things and their Habitats by discussing key vocabulary and taking and planting geraniums cuttings.

-In RE, we are beginning to think about Creation in RE. We have discussed the story of Creation and reflected on what it means to us.

-In PE, we have been using our communication skills and passing skills to support us with our football unit this term.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Miss Cornes and Mrs Watkins



# Year 4:

What a fantastic first week of learning we have had in Year 4!

**English:** In English we have been working on visualising and describing characters from the Three Billy Goats Gruff as retold by Mac Barnett. We started creating a "Role on the Wall" based on our initial impressions of the troll. We have also been discussing our favourite books and what a good reader looks like, as well as behaviours we can adopt in class to help us be better readers.

**Maths:** Our focus this week for maths has been place value. We have been working with base ten materials and charts to both represent and partition numbers.

**R.E:** This week in R.E we have been exploring the Bible and have been looking at the differences between the Old and New Testaments. We also started practicing using the Bible to find specific verses.

**History and Geography:** We will be learning about the Romans this term. This week we explored our prior knowledge on the topic and also practiced reading and interpreting timelines.

**P.E:** We have been working on ball passing skills in P.E through different drills and games.

Well done everyone on a brilliant week! Miss McVeigh



# Year 3:

Year 3 have worked so hard this year! We have had a full week of lessons and we have learned many new things. This week Year 3 have learned:

**-In Maths,** Year 3 have begun the unit on Place Value. We have revised our knowledge on numbers up to 100 ensuring we remember number bonds, ones and tens.

**-In English,** we have begun reading our class novel 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo. We used role play to infer how the townspeople may have reacted upon the rat invasion.

**-In RE,** children have learned how we can help our families and how sometimes families must compromise. We talked through a few examples of how we can help each other and then wrote our own.

**-In History,** Year 3 compared the King's Road in the past and in the present by using photographs as a resource. It was exciting to see how much of past King's Road we can still spot in the present.

**-In PSHE,** children discussed how mental health and well-being is important. Children talked about different things that help them stay healthy and what things can affect our health.

**-In French,** Year 3 looked at their new topic of 'Greetings and Classroom Instructions' to familiarise themselves with some new vocabulary.

**-In PE,** Year 3 practised foot skills and ended our lesson with a game of football. In indoor PE, Year 3 focused on the skills of throwing and catching.

**-In Science,** Year 3 were introduced to their new topic: Forces and Magnets. We explored what forces are with a carousel of activities to experiment with. **In Art,** Year 3 finished their wonderful self-portraits inspired by Amedeo Modigliani.



# Year 2:

We have had a wonderful two weeks in Year 2 and the children have been settling into their new classroom brilliantly! We have been focusing on settling back into school routines and getting to know each other. This has included:

- Writing letters telling me all about themselves.
- Creating goals for the year and thinking about how they can shine!
- Creating our class rules for Year 2 together,
- Creating some wonderful half and half self-portraits.
- Learning about our class saint, St Martin de Porres, and thinking about how he inspires us.
- Taking part in a whole school art project around our theme for the week: 'aim high'.

It has been a fantastic start to Year 2 and we are looking forward to another wonderful week of learning next week!



# Year 1:

What a wonderful first full week back! Year One have made me exceptionally proud with how hard they have worked. This is what we have learnt:

**RE:** In RE we have been looking at why God made the world and discussing what beautiful things he made. We made a list of our own favourite things and explained why we love them. We especially loved looking at and listening to the waterfalls!

**Maths:** This week we are learning how to count and recognise numbers and objects up to 10.

**English:** We have started to read Little Red Riding Hood. We acted out the story, pretending to be the Big Bad Wolf and practised our capital letters for the character's names. We discussed which fairy tales we knew already.

**Science:** We are learning about human and animals this term. We labelled a diagram of a human with all the body parts.

**Art:** In art this week we learnt how to draw a Picasso inspired cockerel.

**PE:** We have been learning how to run and discussed the proper form to ensure we can run quickly.

**Phonics:** This week we have been reminding ourselves of all the sounds we learnt in Reception and have been practising our tricky words.

**Handwriting:** We have been learning to write the letter 'c' and 'a'.

**PSHE:** We have been discussing who to speak to if we feel sad and recognising our emotions.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Wood



## Reception:

The children have had such an amazing first week in Reception! Our focus this week has been on learning school routines and building relationships with peers and trusted adults. The children have enjoyed exploring the classroom, toys and outdoor learning areas. We would like to say a big thank you to the Owls for helping everyone settle into school. The children have been practising good sitting and listening skills and we are looking forward to a great year ahead!



## PUPIL OF THE WEEK & ACT OF KINDNESS

Congratulations to these children who have had an extra special week and received Pupil of the Week and Act of Kindness awards. Keep up the great work!

	Pupil of the Week	Act of Kindness
<b>Reception</b>	Reception will come to their first certificate assembly next week.	
<b>Year 1</b>	Anna	Gabriella
<b>Year 2</b>	Sienna	Matteo
<b>Year 3</b>	Luc	Alvaro B
<b>Year 4</b>	Ariella	Adrian
<b>Year 5</b>	Achille	Kamira
<b>Year 6</b>	Frankie	Joshua
<b>Special Act of Kindness</b>	Marcus (Y2)	

<b>House of the Week</b>	<b>Class of the Week</b>
<b>Blue House</b>	<b>Year 1</b> For their excellent transition from Reception to Year 1!