



Dear Parents and Carers,

As a Catholic school, our pupils are engaged in the rich prayer life of the school. We thought that you might be interested in all the different ways in which we pray at Our Lady's. Please see our explanation below.

Best wishes

**Mrs Jackson**

**Ms Richardson**

# Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 7th February 2014



**Formal prayers...** Children sit quietly and pray a traditional Catholic prayer. These are well known prayers such as the Lord's prayer (Our Father) and the Hail Mary. Sometimes children pray using a prayer that they have written themselves.



**Meditation...** Music starts and children sit quietly with their eyes closed. After 3 chimes, the children sit in silence for 3 minutes. All our children have taken part in training about how to meditate and what it is for.



**Reflection...** Children sit quietly with their eyes closed. An adult asks them to reflect on certain aspects of their life and speak to God about these aspects e.g. Being grateful for the small and simple things of our day. We have a period of silence to wait for God's answer.

**Class liturgies...** Our children lead prayers alongside the Parish Priest in class every term. We are praying in response to the Scripture we have heard.

**Whole school mass....** Our children lead prayers alongside the Parish Priest in Mass and Prayer Services. Parents are always invited to join us.

**Beginning of the day and end of the day...** Our children gather in class and pray our special whole school prayers every morning and every evening before they go home.

**Just before and after lunch...** Our children say Grace in class to give thanks for food they are about to receive or for the food they have eaten.

**We have recently introduced a prayer tree...**

Children can place a tag on the tree asking us to remember somebody special to them in our prayers. We read these special intentions out in our assemblies and the whole school prays for that person.

We have children from each class who are prayer leaders who help lead prayers in school.

**We have an act of worship every day...**

These can take place in assemblies. For example, during our Gospel Assemblies the children gather. We listen to a reading from the Gospel. The children respond to this by thinking, praying and explaining what it means to them. We leave the assembly taking the message with us into our lives.

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 7. 02. 2014

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE- your child may win a prize !

## Important dates for your diary...

**Thursday 13th February 9am**—Parents working alongside children in Y2

**Friday 14th February**—pupil academic review day (meeting with parents day)

**Mon 17th February to Friday 21st February**—Half term

**Monday 24th February**—Children return to school

**Thursday 27th February**— Non Uniform day

**Thursday 27th February**—2.30pm Mass for Y4, Y5 and Y6 in the school hall

**Wednesday 5th March**—2.30 Ash Wednesday Service in the school hall

**Monday 10th March**—2.30pm Prayer Service for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

**Thursday 27th March**—Non uniform day

**Thursday 27th March**—Reconciliation Service 10am

## Our prayer for the week...

Dear Jesus,  
Please bless our families  
And help us to be loving and forgiving.  
Help each of us to remember  
that we are all brothers and  
sisters in the one family of God.  
Amen



## Attendance...

The whole school attendance figures for this week...

### Winning class!!

Congratulations to Year 3 (again!) for winning the attendance award for this week. Our attendance should be at least 95% Please make sure your child is in school unless they are very sick.

Class	% attendance
Year 3	96.67%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 1	96%
Year 6	95.83%
Year 2	94.81%
Year 4	93.79%
Reception	91.72%

If you are having problems logging onto Mathswizz, please do ring the office and let us know.

## A scientist visits Year 4...



Yesterday Ms Molecular Mandy visited Year 4. She taught us that sound travels through solids, liquids and gases. It travels fastest through solids because the molecules are closest together. We enjoyed her visit because she was funny and she had lots of activities to help us learn.

By Natalie and Marco in Year 4.

## Work of the week...

Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).



This week Reice from Year 2 has been chosen for his brilliant writing of a postcard inspired by the book 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bertram.

Do come and take a look.

Well done Reice for your brilliant writing and for being able to use your own imagination to describe your adventure.