



Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School



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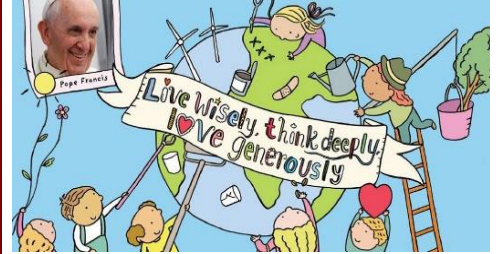
“Shine as to be a light to others”

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Family Mass at the Oratory of St Philip Neri
Sunday 12:15 noon
Everyone welcome!



Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Eloquent and Truthful

We are growing our children to be **eloquent and truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the wider world. Living our Catholic Virtues of **eloquent and truthful** this week are:

Year Group	Names	
Nursery	Mia Robinson	Jasper Jensen
Reception	Joshua Swaby	Thani Polach
Year 1	Nehemiah Filmon	Emelia Sami
Year 2	Victoria Pinzon Garcia	Tafari Herbert-Smith
Year 3	Melat Teklit	Dan Balole
Year 4	Caedan Wright	Rafella Nana
Year 5	Maksymilian Brzozowski	Simran Maan
Year 6	Nicol Suta	Nathaniel Obita



Catholic Life of the Oratory

Year 5 - Class Mass

Thank you to Amelia (First Reading), Ryan, Roseha and Peter (Responsorial Psalm) and Eli (Gospel Acclamation) who read clearly, reverently and with confidence.



Year 1 – Creation Walk



Year 1 went on a creation nature walk to learn about ‘Our Common Home – the World!’ that God created. They enjoyed finding things that God created within our own school grounds. **Laudato Si in Action!**

Curriculum News



Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) and Numbots

If your child is in Key Stage 2 they will already be familiar with the use of Times Tables Rock Stars as this is an on-line learning resource we have been using in school (and for home learning) during the past 18 months. TTRS helps our children to learn times tables and related division facts in an interactive and fun way!

Playing little and often (5 minutes daily), will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts, which are critical foundations in maths.

Logging In

By Wednesday 29th September your child will have and should know, their TTRS username and password. These details should be used to log into TTRS and Numbots. Your child might need some help navigating the website and entering the details but once they're in, they just need some quiet space to get on with the games for 5 minutes. We will have practised logging in at school.

If your child has lost/cannot recall their log-in details, please email your child's class teacher and we will forward these details to you.

Important: When your child is using TTRS and Numbots, please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them but do support your child if they're stuck.

Little and often

In order to get the best out of TTRS and Numbots, children should regularly play for short bursts so we would ask, that you encourage your child to play for 5 minutes, Monday – Sunday.

Game Types - Numbots

1. **Story Mode** – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles.
2. **Challenge Mode** – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10 and 20, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

Garage 10 coins per correct answer	Players answer the tables selected by their teacher or by TTRS' Auto trainer. If your child is on Auto, they will practise the one table chosen for them* in small chunks of 4 questions at a time. Our algorithm selects the table after a Gig game.
Gig 10 coins per correct answer	If your child is on Auto training they will periodically play Gig games to assess which table is best for them to practise in the Garage.

	Important: players must give each Gig performance their full concentration to demonstrate their tables skills. They may be returned to an earlier table if not.
Jamming 4 or 8 coins/correct answer	The only game mode without a timer, your child choses the table and the operation (× or ÷ or both) they want to practise. Answer 10, 20 or 30 questions.
Studio 1 coin per correct answer	Here your child earns their Rock Status, which is based on their Studio Speed. They answer questions based on all times tables up to 12x12. The faster they are the better their status. Studio Speed is the average of their most recent 10 Studio games. Suitable for confident players.
Soundcheck 5 coins per correct answer	Soundcheck games ask 25 multiplication questions (up to 12x12), allowing 6 seconds for each question. Suitable for confident players. This follows the same format as the Year 4 Multiplication Check.

Teachers will be monitoring engagement and progress via the teacher access area for both sites. They will be pleased to assist you with any questions you have to help with learning points that might arise via email: your child's class teacher email or communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk.

From **Friday 1st October, we will be giving out certificates.** Personal bests and class updates will be accessed via our weekly newsletter.

Exciting news – watch this space as Time Tables Rock Stars will be visiting the Oratory!!!



Spanish at the Oratory!

Spanish lessons begin this week with Mrs Herrera for Year 3 and Year 4. Year 5 and Year 6 will begin Spanish in November after half term.

Oratory R.C. Primary School is now a National Online Safety Certified School!

Our School has successfully completed a comprehensive online safety training programme demonstrating its commitment to keeping children and young people safe online.

We have received a National Online Safety Certified School Accreditation for our whole school community approach to protecting children in the online world.



National Online Safety is a multi-award-winning digital training provider with extensive resources in online safety, developed in line with the Department of Education's statutory requirements. Its Continuous Professional Development accredited courses and educational resources support UK schools in educating the whole school community in online safety– including all school staff, senior leaders, teachers, parent and carers – on how to make the internet a safer place for children.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped us by completing a course, without your support we wouldn't have done it. If you would like to be set up with an account please email us at communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk to gain access to many funded Online Safety courses at no cost to yourselves.

Curriculum Snap Shot!

This week... Tennis in Year 4!

Year 4 have been working on improving their ball skills and co-ordination as they practised their overarm serve.

Miss Cooper was impressed with the children's determination to achieve the perfect serve!

There are definitely budding tennis players in Year 4!



Safe Parking

PLEASE ALWAYS PUT OUR CHILDREN FIRST!

We have a few parents who regularly park on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates.

We would like to bring to your attention that police patrols are in operation in the area and they are monitoring cars parked on the zig-zag lines outside our school, on Oliver Road and Monument Road.

Please ensure you refrain from parking there as you are contravening parking laws and you could be fined for doing so. You are also putting the safety of our children in jeopardy.

If you park on the zig-zag lines, a member of staff will ask you to move your car. PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU PARK.



School Photographs – MONDAY 4th OCTOBER

We welcome Fizz Photograpy back to the Oratory. Throughout the day, they will be taking individual, class and family photos. **Further details will be sent via Arbor, w/c Monday 27th September.**

Secondary School Applications – September 2022

If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions between **1 September and 31 October 2021**.

It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2021.

Applications received after the national closing date of **31 October 2021** will be treated as late applications.

Information about the application process will be available on the council's website, www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, from **1 September 2021**.

Secondary School Online Form Workshops

To help with the process of applying for a Secondary School place, we are holding workshops to support parents and carers in how to complete the online form. Please just drop into any session listed below.

Mrs Yaman (our office administrator), will deliver each workshop:

Location: St John Henry Newman Room

Wednesday 6th October 10:30 – 11:15am

Wednesday 13th October 10:30 – 11:15am

Wednesday 20th October 10:30 – 11:45am (Please note extended time)

Let's Talk About Health...

Tuesday 5th October

Year 1 Eye Tests (should have taken place in Reception however COVID-19 delayed tests)

Nasal Flu Spray (All year groups) Please ensure that your consent form and questionnaire is **completed and returned to school by 28.9.21**.

<https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/about-us/news/archive-news/flu-busters/>



Hello Yellow. Showing young people they are not alone in their mental health

We are encouraging our children, staff and families **to wear yellow on Friday 15th October** to raise awareness and show our young people that they are not alone when struggling or worrying about their mental health.

We will have a range of activities throughout the day to support our children in developing their emotional vocabulary, knowing who they can talk to and how the Oratory can help them and their families by providing resources, engaging the services of an outside agency or signposting to an organisation that has specific expertise in mental health.





The Daily Mile Information

The target for this term is 2350 miles.

Number of miles completed as of 24th September 2021 is 287.73 miles down 3 miles from last week.

Top individual preformers this week

Thomas, Year 5 - Laps completed 44 which equals 5.2 miles.
 Damian, Year 5 – laps completed 44 which equals 5.2 miles

Top performing class this week

It remains Year 5!
 Completed 538 laps which equals 64 miles.

Average lap completed by each class: 6th September to 16th September

- 1st place Year 5 completed 156 laps which equals 16 miles
- 2nd place Year 4 completed 122 laps which equals 14 miles.
- 3rd place Year 2 completed 113 laps which equals 13 miles.
- 4th place Year 6 completed 104 laps which equals 12miles.
- 5th place Year 1 completed 99 laps which equals 11.70 miles.
- 6th place Year 3 completed 93 laps which equals 11 miles.

The whole school has now completed 7,475 laps which equals 883 miles.



Person best (PB) laps completed in one day.

Christabel Y3: 7 laps Leyla Y3: 7 laps
 Theresia Y3: 7 laps
 Antoni Y6: 7 laps Tillie Y6: 6 laps



House teams based on continents miles completed up to 24th September

Continent	Miles
1. Australia and Oceania	194 miles
2. Europe	188 miles
3. Africa	183 miles
4. Asia	166miles
5. The America's	156 miles



Community News

Incredible Surplus



Location: Ladywood Health and Community Centre, St Vincent Street West, Birmingham, B16 8RP

Food Bag Distribution: Wednesday and Friday, 12 noon – 2pm.

Click on this link for more information <https://incrediblesurplus.org/2021/09/14/grow-update-sept-2021/>

Incredible Surplus at the Oratory



- **Beginning Tuesday 28th September, outside school, 3 – 3:30pm**
- **ALL** the food and items that Incredible Surplus provides are **Pay As You Feel**, or #PAYF for short.

But I don't want to take food away from people who need it!

Honestly, please don't worry – we promise you there's plenty to go around! It's a common assumption that shopping with us takes food away from other people who may need it more.

Incredible Surplus is about food equality – our food is for everyone and we promise you there's LOADS.

In fact, supporting our work in this way means that we can provide even more great food for the community!

Shopping with us is actually one of the best ways to support our work and help prevent food waste.

The food and items we rescue have value and it costs us to collect them.

We have vehicles, a warehouse, utilities, insurance, training costs... you get the idea.

We can only offer things to those who can't afford to give us much, if those who can, recognise the value of what we're doing and give us what they can afford.



A word from Pope Francis:

“God does not come to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but to free us from the real problem which is the lack of love.

This is the main cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills. Thinking only of ourselves: this is the father of all evils.”



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