

Newsletter



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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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FROM THE HEAD OF PRE- PREP

Dear Parents

As we approach the end of this academic year it is good to reflect upon how children have grown over the year.

Many have made excellent progress as I am sure teachers have shared with you at Parent/Teacher meetings, others more modest but progressing steadily. We also notice a huge difference in how children's characters have developed. Whilst there is always room for improvement, at any stage in life I might add, children's growth in virtue is always cause for celebration. Our focus on friendship this last half term is very fitting as children in Reception and Year 1 establish very firm friendships with those in their class which will continue through the summer months and next year. With younger children we appreciate that friendships can depend on just who they want to play with on the day but gradually, and with our support, children learn that to have friends they need to share, listen to others, be interested in what others do and be willing to be loyal and stick up for others. Friendship relies on having affection for others and wanting their happiness not just thinking of ourselves. We, as adults, appreciate how important our good friends are to us and we can do a great deal in enabling children to grow in love for others.

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Character Development

The virtue for this half term is friendship.

Next week, the target will be:
**Lower & Upper Nursery,
Reception & Year One –**

To share my things and play with others.



Year 4, School Trip

On Friday 11th June 2009 Year 4 visited Painshill Park, Surrey. This trip was closely linked with our recent geography topic 'The Environment'.

The children attended two sessions whilst at the park. The first session enabled them to take part in a range of geographic investigations, which assisted them in developing their map and compass skills. In the afternoon we took part in a 'Minibeast Safari', which provided the opportunity for the children to discover new habitats, learn about adaptation and explore lifecycles.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

FRIDAY 25th JUNE at 8.45am in the pre-prep school refectory.

Do bring any uniform (please, no more white collared shirts or navy socks!) that you would like to put in the sale into the school office for collection.

Please ensure that all items are labelled clearly so that any money from sales can be directed back to you.

If you have any queries please contact Nina Holmes or Penny Coulthard (parents of children in UNL).



Thank you.

Reminders

Summer Weather Uniform

During the warm summer weather, boys do not need to wear their caps and both the boys and girls do not need to wear their blazers. However, the girls do need to wear their boaters.



School Accounts

Please note that final accounts for 2009/10 academic year will be sent out the week commencing 12th July and will be due for immediate payment. If you are settling your account by cheque please send it to Finance Office, Oliver House Prep School, 7 Nightingale Lane, London SW4 9AH.

If you have any queries on the bill, please call the Finance Office on 020 8772 9422.

St Josemaria Escriva Feastday

The feastday of St Josemaria Escriva is 26th June and there will be a celebratory mass on the 25th June 2010 8pm, at Holy Ghost Church, Balham. The main celebrant will be Rev Mgr Nicholas Morrish, Regional Vicar of Opus Dei in Britain. Mgr Morrish was brought up in Clapham South very close to the school. Confessions will be available before mass. All welcome.

St Josemaria founded Opus Dei. www.opusdei.org.uk. The teachings of St Josemaria, especially with regard to the sanctification of ordinary work and the vocation of lay people to be saints, has been a guiding light in the foundation of Oliver House School.

MERIT BADGES AWARDED TO

RECEPTION H
Madeleine Bilke

RECEPTION T
Olivia Goodwin

YEAR 1 P
Oliver Brown

YEAR 1 R
Joey Stoole

YEAR 2
Pablo Jordan

YEAR 3
Carlos Sedoufio

YEAR 4
Chiara Walsh

YEAR 5/6
Marta Madera Fernandez

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

SAVE THE DATES

Monday 21 June

Upper Nursery School Trip – London Wetlands

Thursday 24 June

Lester Bowden Uniform Sale

Friday 25 June

Reception School Trip – Natural History Museum

Monday 28 June

Yrs 1,2 & 3 Instrumental Assembly

Monday 28 June

Yr 6 School Trip - Southall Gurudwara

Tuesday 29 June

Holy Day Mass 9.30am, Yrs 2 – 6
(Holy Ghost Catholic Church)

Wednesday 30 June

Sports Day – Lower & Upper Nursery

Thursday 1 July

Sports Day – Prep School

Thursday 1 July

Football Tournament (at Dolphin School) Yrs 3 & 4

Friday 2 July

Sports Day – Reception & Yr 1

Monday 5 July

Yrs 4, 5 & 6 Instrumental Assembly

Tuesday 6 July

Junior Prize Giving

Wednesday 7 July

End of Term Mass 9.30am, Yrs 1 – 6 children and parents
(Holy Ghost Catholic Church)

Wednesday 7 July

Football Tournament (at Dolphin School) Yrs 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 8 July

Yrs 2&3 School Trip - Blacklands

Friday 9 July

Term Ends

Sports Report

Y4-6 girls played in a competitive rounder's match on Thursday June 17th 2010. The game consisted of two innings and both teams proved to have big hitters! There was some excellent fielding by Oliver House with the girls on bases being quick to stump their posts and throw to the next base in order to stop runners.

The girls have been trying to overcome their habit of starting slowly in games and Thursday's match proved to be a huge improvement! All girls played very well and were focused on the task in hand.

Claudia Madera Fernandez and Ines Jordan formed a strong combination as pitcher and catcher.

Final Score:

Thomas's: 8 Oliver House: 5 1/2

Oliver House Summer BBQ

**Saturday 19th June 2010
12pm – 4pm**

Food, drink and entertainment for the whole family!

Craft stall, games and rides

Family tickets for 2 adults and unlimited children - £40

Additional guests - £5 each

Food and drink included