

Newsletter



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FROM THE HEAD OF PRE- PREP

Dear Parents

The end of year is always a very busy time and this year has been no exception to this. The children have competed in, and enjoyed, their respective sports days and how well they all did. Yesterday's Prep School Sports day was a real feat in organisation. Thank you to all the class teachers for their hard work in preparing the children and to all parents who could be here to support the children.

On Wednesday evening we hosted our New Parents Evening for all those families we will welcome to Oliver House in September, a total of 36 families. Thank you to the PAT for providing refreshments and for coming along to introduce yourselves and say a little bit about what the role of the PAT. There was a lovely atmosphere during the evening as parents mingled and got to know each other. I know that all our existing parents will make a tremendous effort to welcome these families in September.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Prep School Prize Giving next Tuesday evening and to our end of term Mass next Wednesday, at 9.30am at the Holy Ghost Church.

Maureen Fields
Head of Pre-Prep
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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 always say good things about others.

Reception trip to the Natural History Museum

On Friday 25th June, Reception children collected their binoculars and explorer hats and set off into the Wildlife garden at the Natural History Museum in search of mini beasts. We had a wonderful time identifying the creatures we found and filling out our activity sheets, as well as collecting different coloured leaves, noticing the wide variety in the gardens. Following lunch, we visited the creepy crawly and ecology galleries, before returning to Oliver House to discuss our findings.

Thank you
again to all our
explorer helpers.



Nursery Sports Day

After weeks of practice, the nursery children proudly competed in races they have been preparing for sports day. The Lower Nursery children did very well in the Dinosaur and Hoop races while the Upper Nursery children were precise in the Quoit and Bean Bag and Bucket races. Mums and dads also had their own race.



Congratulations to the teachers for a well organised event and to the children for doing well in the races. Many thanks to everyone who came to support and cheer us on!



Junior Sports Day

Yesterday's Junior Sports Day was a huge success. The children marched on in their houses to a specially chosen track for that house. Events were hotly contested from the sprint and middle distance to the javelin, discus and ball throws. Children and parents all came out in support of the respective houses and there was a nail biting house relay at the end. Well done to Claudia Madera-Fernandez who won the Individual Sportsperson Award kindly donated by Tom and Josh Harris' grandfather. Congratulations to Warwick who won this year's house trophy.

The Year 6 leavers' party took place on Wednesday evening and was a wonderful event. The year 5 and 6 children played a variety of games which included turning themselves into mummies, apple bobbing, pea shooting and the inevitable water bombs! Food and drinks followed and we rounded off the evening with a massive game of football involving children, parents and younger and older siblings. Congratulations to all the Year 6's on their achievements this year - we will miss you!

Football tournament, Years 3-4

Oliver House finished third on goal difference. Man of the tournament was **Jake Claydon!**

Upper Nursery would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the parents who have come into our classes to do various activities with us this year.



The children have really enjoyed it and have had lots of fun learning new skills.

Minibus

From September we hope to be able to offer the minibus to some local children. We are looking at having a couple of places where we can collect and drop off children.



If anyone is interested please contact Vanessa Middleton.
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MERIT BADGES AWARDED TO

RECEPTION H
Tomas Watson

RECEPTION T
Isabel Clausell

YEAR 1 P
Lauren Byrne

YEAR 1 R
Lola Faiz

YEAR 2
Isobel Logan

YEAR 3
Eila Keeling

YEAR 4
Sophia Hittmair

YEAR 5/6
Ines Bunge

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

SAVE THE DATES

Monday 5 July

Yrs 4, 5 & 6 Instrumental Assembly, 9.10am

Tuesday 6 July

Junior Prize Giving, Refreshments from 7.15pm.
Children to arrive at the latest 7.30pm.

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

Monthly Recollection

6th of July, 11.30am – 1.30pm Holy Ghost Parish

Oliver House Monthly Recollections for mums, carers, grandmothers, and Oliver House friends.

A recollection is a time to focus on how to improve and enrich our relationship with God and others. It is a quiet time set aside for ourselves and God.

The recollection generally consists of two short meditations by a priest (Father Frank, Oliver House Chaplain), which focus on a particular subject. There is then a quiet time for personal prayer and a brief talk connected with the Catholic Faith or Christian virtues. Confession is available throughout.

You do not need to book in advance, just drop in and stay as long as you want. A crèche is available (£5).

If you have any queries please contact Ana Clausell at anamartinezuk@yahoo.co.uk or Maria Kemp at maria@azcarate.freeseve.co.uk, or catch up with them at the school gates.

School Photograph

You will have received in the book bags an individual proof card for the whole school photograph.

To view the picture – go online to www.myschoolphoto.org and enter your login and password numbers found at the top of your proof card. The names of everyone in the picture will be added to the base of the final copy.

If you would like to purchase the picture follow the online instructions to complete your purchase. For postal orders please use the form in your pack and send it together with your proof card. The order deadline is 12 August 2010.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dance Club Sharing Wednesday 7 July, 4.55pm

We are celebrating the last dance club of the summer term by inviting parents and carers to a sharing of this term's work, and we would be delighted if you could attend. The girls have been working hard to create their own choreography and are very keen to share with you their achievements.

Hope to see you there!

With best wishes

Amy Robinson
(Contemporary) Dance Teacher



End of Term Mass Wednesday 7 July, 9.30am Years 1 – 6

Holy Ghost Catholic Church

Do join us as we give thanks for the many achievements and blessings we have had this year. We would be grateful for any parents who can join us to walk the children to church at 9am. Please let us know if you can accompany us.