

# Newsletter



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## FROM THE HEADMASTER

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all our year 6 pupils who have received Secondary School offers from the following school:

Cardinal Vaughan  
City of London  
Dulwich College  
Emanuel  
More House  
Sir Roger Manwood (a Grammar School in Sandwich)  
Streatham & Clapham High  
Trinity  
Whitgift

I am very proud of all their achievements and as the first cohort of children to leave Oliver House at the end of the year, I have no doubt that they will continue to thrive and succeed in their new school.

A big thank you to staff and parents for preparing the children for their assessments and interviews, all this effort has been very worthwhile.

Ciro Candia  
Executive Headmaster  
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### PREP SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

The Prep School is hosting an Open Morning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This will take place from 9-11am and is a great opportunity for all parents at Oliver House to come and see the Prep School in action.

Lessons will be going on as usual and the doors will be open so that you can see the Prep School children at work in their classroom. At the same time there will be an exhibition in the White Room of photographs of this year's events and displays about various aspects of school life. Tables will be set out for each subject area with examples of textbooks and children's work so that you can have a sense of the academic life of the school.

Tea and coffee will be served from 8.30am onwards in the Prep School.

## FROM THE HEAD OF PRE PREP

Dear Parents,  
I extend my congratulations to all those children in Year 6 who have done so very well in getting into the schools of their choice. A lot of hard work and preparation has gone into this by children, parents and teachers alike. **WELL DONE!**

With the Global Citizenship week and the Prep School visit to the Missionaries of Charity last week, today's outings to the Horniman Museum by Reception, the London Aquarium by the Upper Nursery, the Open Day on Monday at the Prep School and the Book Fair next week there is an abundance of activity in school which the children love and enjoy.

I have been very impressed with the fortitude some children have shown in the small sacrifices they are making during Lent. Although small these acts of self denial are what strengthen character. We know that character does not just happen, it must be made to happen, so do continue to support your children in the sacrifices they make and all the little extra things they do as they prepare for Easter and encourage them to do so cheerfully.

The children will be keen to participate and support our Lenten charity Mary's Meals; do support them in this.

Maureen Fields, Head of Pre Prep  
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### CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

The virtue for this half term is Obedience. Next week their target will be:

#### Reception & Year 1

To help others obey cheerfully by giving good example

#### Lower & Upper Nursery

To help others.

#### Prep School

The virtue continues to be friendship.

## LENTEN CHARITY

Our Lenten Charity this year is 'Mary's Meals'. We will be holding sponsored events for both the Prep and Pre-Prep schools this term and we will be asking children to help with their 'backpack appeal'. (The Sponsored Run forms for the Prep school will be issued today).

Mary's Meals is an international movement to set up school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals provides daily meals in school for over 391,000 children in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Mary's Meals not only addresses the immediate needs of hungry children by giving them a daily meal, it also allows those children to receive an education that can provide an escape from poverty for themselves and their communities.

Further details of sponsored events and the backpack appeal will be issued on Monday.

## MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

On Monday, years 5 and 6 visited the Missionaries of Charity homeless shelter at Elephant & Castle. The children were given a tour of the premises, watched some video clips of Blessed Mother Teresa explaining the MC's charism and some footage from her life which made a big impression on the children. They also met with Sr. Christi Paul who had worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta and who was very impressed with all the questions that Oliver House brought with them. As part of the trip, the children purchased and carried food for a sandwich-making activity that followed a beautiful prayer liturgy which the children had prepared for. Later that evening, the MC sisters and a team of volunteers distributed the sandwiches, made by Oliver House students, to the hungry homeless at Victoria Station. In this way, the children's faith was able to lead them into action, helping the poorest people in society.

## JUNIOR PRODUCTION

The Prep School is starting to prepare for their production of Alice in Wonderland which will take place in May next term. If anyone is able to help with costumes, make-up and props, please contact Miss Newbould. Thank you

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The next second hand uniform sale will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8.45am in the Pre-Prep school refectory. Do bring any uniform that you would like to put in the sale into the school office for collation by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure that all items are labelled clearly so that any money from sales can be directed back to you.

## BOOK FAIR

There will be a Book Fair in school on  
**Thursday 11th March**  
8.30am - 9.30am and 3.30pm - 4.30pm.



and

**Friday 12th FEB**  
3.30pm - 4.30pm.



To celebrate World Book Day we would like all Nursery children to come to school dressed as a character from a book on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. We will be having a Book Parade assembly to show off our costumes and we will be talking about our favourite books and story characters. The teachers may even be dressing up as well!

## OLIVER HOUSE DADS

Calling all Oliver House Dads: Please add the following events to your diary:

**Thursday March 11th** - Dads Get Together,  
8.00pm Nightingale Pub

**Friday March 26th** - Dads Football Match  
Oliver House vs Holy Ghost/Kick It Dad's,  
7.00pm, Away, Newton Prep.

## MERIT BADGES AWARDED TO

**RECEPTION H**  
**Finlay Douglas**

**RECEPTION T**  
**Graydon Meissner**

**YEAR 1 P**  
**Camila Alzaga**

**YEAR 1 R**  
**Thomas Foot**

**YEAR 2**  
**Daisy-Ellen Kent**

**YEAR 3**  
**Carlos Sedoufio**

**YEAR 4**  
**Angus Logan**

**YEAR 5/6**  
**Ines Bunge**  
**WELL DONE CHILDREN!**

## YEAR 1 TRIP

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Year One visited the Horniman Museum in South East London. The children had an hour long session entitled 'Animal Encounters', where they had the opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of stuffed animals. The fox and the mole proved particularly popular, and the children were also very interested in the shark's jaws with 3 hidden rows of spare teeth. Later in the day we also visited the Aquarium and the African exhibition, which gave us some lovely ideas to help us with our current art topic.



## TAG RUGBY – RESULTS

Tuesday 2 March – Yrs 4 & 5  
Oliver House vs Fairley House  
4 – 3.

Man of the Match – James Doran



## SAINSBURY & TESCO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Don't forget to collect the school vouchers from both supermarkets. The collection boxes are in the entrance halls at both No's 7 & 11. The vouchers are a great way of gaining extra free resources for the school and we have been very successful in previous years in collecting enough vouchers to provide some excellent sports and classroom equipment.

## SNACK BOXES

Please ensure that all snack boxes are labelled. We have an abundance of snack boxes in lost property.

## SAVE THE DATES

### SATURDAY 6 MARCH 7.30PM

Parents Social Evening - Quiz Night

### MONDAY 8 MARCH 9.00 – 11.00 AM

Prep School Open Morning

### TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2.00PM

Tag Rugby vs Fairley House Yrs 5 & 6 HOME

### THURSDAY 11 MARCH 9.00AM

Fr Frank's Talk

### THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2.15PM

Tag Rugby vs Eaton House Yr3 AWAY

### THURSDAY 11 MARCH 8.00PM

Dads Get Together - Nightingale Pub

### Friday 12 March

Under 11 Netball Tournament in Battersea Park  
time to be advised

### TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2.00PM

Tag Rugby vs Eaton House Yrs 5 & 6 HOME

### WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH

Dulwich Picture Gallery Yrs 2 - 6

### Friday 18 March

Second Hand Uniform Sale 8.45am

Netball vs Parkgate Yrs 4-6 HOME

### TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2.00PM

Football Tournament Yr 2 vs Dolphin School  
AWAY at TRINITY FIELDS

Football Tournament Yrs 3 & 4 vs Dolphin  
School AWAY

### FRIDAY 26 MARCH

Hilary Term Ends

### FRIDAY 26 MARCH 7.00PM

Dads Football Match vs Holy Ghost/Kick It Dads.  
Away, Newton Prep.

### TUESDAY 20 APRIL

Return to School - Trinity Term

## CONGRATUALIONS

Congratulations to the Funsch family on the birth of Jessica Elizabeth.



