

# School Newsletter

CAFOD - A Culture of Curiosity - Flash Dance



## The Bigger Picture

### A Culture of Curiosity



We are hosting an increasing number of visitors from across the country, drawn to Our Lady of Pity to see the levels of thinking your children reach, working with teachers skilled in the art of teaching for mastery. Children are accustomed, now, to an approach which is more interested in the thinking, than in getting everything "right". This, coupled with a behaviour policy that neither rewards, nor punishes, makes it safe for children to explore without judgement.

Curiosity becomes the main focus of every learning experience. Children become increasingly good at teasing apart ideas, through debate and discussion. They know that their ideas will be respected, and will generate responses, but will not be ranked.

This frees them to think differently, to take risks, to venture into the unknown.



### [ParentZone.org](http://ParentZone.org) for Internet Safety Advice

How might an app help with a picky eater?  
Visit [parentzone.org](http://parentzone.org) and find out!



## Pupil Voice

Electronic surveys are now being used with groups of children to hear their views.

### Behaviour

We are asking the children for their perceptions; of behaviour in school and of the responses given by adults. So far, responses are very positive.

## Parent Voice

We are gaining valuable insights through electronic surveys. You are helping us to drive improvement in home-school links. Thank you.

### No Screens Week

Your response: overwhelmingly positive - it is good to hear that this helped in so many cases; quality time with family and friends increased and children's focus and concentration improved in many cases. We will be synching with national events where possible in the future.



### CAFOD

Lenten fundraising is underway for CAFOD.

Our target for Lent is £1000.00!

Please encourage your child to undertake simple tasks to help at home, in order to collect "Lenten Pennies" to send to CAFOD to fund fish farms in Zambia.



### LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Ash Wednesday prayer service gave children time to reflect on their journey through Lent.

We ponder on Christ's example: how ready are we to sacrifice ourselves for love?



## PARENT CONCERNS?

Please contact us with any concerns.

[schooloffice@ourladyofpity.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@ourladyofpity.co.uk)

## PARENT COUNCIL

Are you interested in working to enhance learning? Contact [amaney@ourladyofpity.co.uk](mailto:amaney@ourladyofpity.co.uk).

## ESAFETY

[thinkuknow.co.uk](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)  
Visit for latest guidance.

## PARENT VIEW

You are invited to register your views at:  
[parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

## FOLLOW US!

@olopschool1

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.olopschool.co.uk](http://www.olopschool.co.uk)

## Say HI!



Let us know if you need documents in another language, or if a translator would help.

# OLOP Flash Dance

## Twist and Shout!

Fabulous scenes - dancing erupts spontaneously as the new sound system is used on the playground and the moves taught so skilfully by Mrs Talbot's team are activated - the children dance with such confidence and enjoyment. See our blog <http://www.olopschool.co.uk/home/blog-school> for more.



*"While I dance I cannot judge, I cannot hate, I cannot separate myself from life. I can only be joyful and whole. This is why I dance." - Hans Bos*

## UNIFORM

THANK YOU for high standards of dress - children feel good when they are smart. We are working on same standards in PE.

## ATTENDANCE

THANK YOU - current attendance figure is:

**97.2%**

Help us to raise this even further!

## PARKING

THANK YOU - parking has improved. Please park considerately and legally. Be aware, police will be a regular presence in the area.

# World Book Day

A wonderful day. Thank you for all the finery!

*"If you want your child to be intelligent, read them fairy stories..." Einstein*

See our blog, including current favourite titles and recommendations, at:

<http://www.olopschool.co.uk/home/blog-school>



## Day to Day...

### Lexia

We now have more than 70 children whizzing through the Lexia programme. The morning sessions are proving very successful - the children love the mixture of Lexia and board games.

### Pre-Teach

Huge thanks to our teachers for coming in early. Pre-teach is proving to be an excellent way of meeting the needs of our children and enriching the curriculum. All feedback is welcome; help us develop this work.



### Mayor's Quiz

Congratulations to our Mayor's Quiz team for coming third, against fierce competition.

### Reports

Please return the paper slip in your child's report, these form a vital part of your child's school records.

In response to survey feedback, we will be making changes to the report format and to the positioning of parent teacher meetings next year.

### Music and Merriment

Our music evening is booked for **29th June, 6-7:00pm**. We have a lot of children now taking Associated Board of Royal School of Music exams; medals abound!

Thank you for your support.

### SPORTS - WELL DONE OLOP TEAMS!

Hockey - Y5s - are our first tournament team.

Football - Y5s through to the next round in the EFC tournament.

Netball, Y5 & 6, 1st game coming up in April.

Mrs Talbot is now using our FaceBook page to post in-the-moment photos and updates. Please like our page:

**Our Lady of Pity RC School.**

