

School Newsletter

Anti-Bullying - Playground Refurbishments - No Screens



The Bigger Picture *A caring community*

We launched the term with a review of our behaviour and bullying policies. Through assemblies and class discussions, the children have gained a much deeper understanding of the difference between a 'fallout' and serious bullying. We've booked a visit from a drama company whose production 'Just Joshing' will help the children to understand the impact of unkind words and cyber bullying. We welcome any suggestions to help our children to grow and develop as a confident and caring community in an ever changing world.

Congratulations to the children selected in our first cohort of play-leaders. The scheme is running very well and everyone is enjoying the new games. This makes a marked difference to how children feel about playtimes and helps everyone to develop lasting friendships. For children who prefer quieter activities, we offer a variety of different, indoor clubs. We welcome any suggestions for making playtime happy and productive for everyone.

Keeping Safe - Internet - Virtual Reality

- See guidance, produced by parentzone.org.uk on the potential risks of Virtual Reality headsets. These are new on the market and are not recommended for under 12s, due to possible detriment to vision, motion sickness, emotional trauma. Please do visit this site, it is a "must".

Pupil Voice

"We think the new playground is fantastic - it will develop climbing skills and help the children have adventures together. We can't wait for ours!" *Y6 comments*

新年快乐

Xīnnián kuàilè Happy New Year!

Chinese New Year is being celebrated at OLOP on 1st February with a themed lunch and an array of activities, supported by students from Upton Hall.



**Respect and
Tolerance**

"The highest result of education is tolerance." Helen Keller

We are encouraging the children to think about all forms of diversity and the richness it brings.

We look carefully at the challenges. How do we embrace diversity when it is difficult?



**Black and White
Y6 Exploration**

PARENT CONCERNS?

Please contact us with any concerns about any aspect of your child's education.

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PARENT COUNCIL

Are you interested in working with other parents and with the school staff to enhance learning? Contact amaney@ourladyofpity.co.uk.

ESAFETY

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Visit for latest guidance.

PARENT VIEW

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parentview.ofsted.gov.uk



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

Land Ahoy!

PTA - Playground Champions!

Just *look* at the fabulous new play area. We are so grateful to the PTA for this incredible new resource.



There's more to come as we replace the sail shades, put in some play houses and add tennis, netball and basketball markings to the junior playground. The old adventure play area has been dismantled, creating space for dance and drama.

The Basics

UNIFORM

We are proud of our uniform - it creates a sense of belonging. Please support website guidance.

ABSENCES

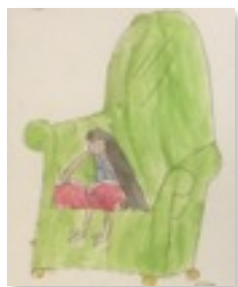
Leave messages on 0151 677 6262 or website link (bottom of homepage) **before 9am**.

PARKING

Please park with care and consideration for our neighbours. Illegally parked cars are a hazard to all.

World Book Day - 2nd March -

Everyone is dressing up to celebrate World Book Day. Funds raised (£1 donation suggested) go to Book Aid International. Who will YOU be?!



Where have all the colours gone?

Penguins and polar bears, igloos and snowscapes....We started the term by looking at everything in black and white. Incredible monochrome art work throughout the school, showing us nature in all its beauty.

And then Year 2, having found out everything there is to know about zebras, decided to have some fun by bringing the colours back. How would you like to meet one of **these** animals?



Y2 Artwork



Are YOU a No-Screens Champion?

No Screens Week returns! **13th-20th February**. This was a week of great challenge but huge benefit to those brave and determined enough to follow it through last year. This time, in response to School Council input, we are launching with a games afternoon in school.

Last time, children and parents alike reflected, at the end of the week, on just how much they appreciated spending time really enjoying each other's company.

Board games, books, play and conversation became a real delight for those who took this on. Old fashioned family time reminded many of the treasure to be found in spending time together.