

THE OSSIE

October 2017

Together with Jesus, we will Learn and Grow in Faith

175 YEARS OF ST OSWALD'S!

At the end of last term we had a very special occasion in school, with the celebration of St. Oswald's parish 175 year anniversary. As part of our celebration we also had an extremely important visitor in school, Archbishop Malcolm, which was really exciting! During our RE lessons we created some amazing pieces of art work that were displayed in church and during our whole school collective worship and celebration, which we were able to have on the playground as it was such a lovely day. Archbishop Malcolm joined us during our celebration and spoke to us all at the end. It was a real privilege for us to have the Archbishop joining us and we would like to thank him for helping us celebrate such a special day for our parish.



EARLY YEARS

Nursery

We have been doing a lot of exciting things in Nursery during our first half term. As part of our letters and sounds work, we went on a listening walk to find out about all of the sounds that we could hear around our school. We also had the chance to go on a shape hunt around school, finding as many different shapes as we could which was really fun. As we are now well into Autumn, we have set up an investigation area where we can get a closer look at the leaves, pine cones and lots of other interesting things that we find around our school during the Autumn months and we are learning a lot about them.



Reception

In Reception we have been working really hard to improve our counting skills in

Maths and have been learning some new sounds in our Phonics lessons. We had a very special visit from the Fire Brigade this month. The firemen spoke to us about some very important rules for keeping safe around fire and even allowed us to have a look inside their fire engine and try on some of their uniforms! It was a great day and we all had a lot of fun and learnt some really important things to keep us safe.

KEY STAGE 1

Year 1

It has been a very active start to the year for everybody in Year 1, with us taking part in lots of enjoyable active maths lessons. We have also been taking part in the daily mile which helping to keep us all extremely fit and healthy! As well as that we went on an Autumnal walk around Old Swan, to look at all of the changes happening around us during the Autumn months in the local area where we live. We found a lot of interesting things and had a really good time appreciating all of the great things that we have in the environment around our school.



Year 2

In Year 2 this half term we were lucky enough to visit the Storybarn in Calderstones park. We walked around the park with the Story Hunters, who were called Lady Popcorn and Red Wood, who read us some wonderful stories. We also went into the story barn and it was magical and amazing. We could pretend to fly in a hot air balloon and pick up lots of interesting books. After that we went to the craft room and got to make our own swans and decorate them. It was a fantastic day and we all loved our visit!

Collective Worship Themes

In our school we come together to enjoy taking part in Collective Worship every week both in our own classes and as a whole school. Our Collective Worship Themes this half term have been:

Week 1 - Getting to know You/ Families

Week 2 - Values

Week 3 - Rules

Week 4 - Hopes/Dreams

Week 5 - Our Lady/Rosary

Week 6 - Autumn/Harvest

Week 7 - Memories

Important Dates

- 7th November - PTFA Disco

- 10th November - PTFA Remembrance day veterans tea party

- 13th November - Anti-Bullying week

- 16th November - Book fair

- 21st November - Year 1&2 flu jabs

- 23rd November - Year 3& 4 flu jabs

- 23rd November - Junior Disco

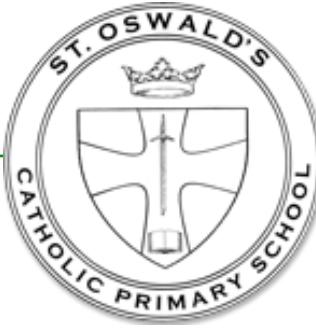
- 6th December - Mince pie and baubles event

- 8th December - School pantomime

- 15th December - Christmas jumper day

- 19th December - Nativities

- 21st December - End of term (school closes at 1pm)



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KEY STAGE 2

Year 3

In year 3 we have settled really well into our first year in the junior building. We have been learning about the skeleton and human body in Science and in Geography we have looked at Spain and Catalonia and how Catalonia wants independence, which has been really interesting. We were also lucky enough to visit the storybarn in Calderstones Park! We painted a candy house and got to read the story of Hansel and Gretel together. It was a brilliant trip that all of us really enjoyed.



Year 5

It has been a great start for year 5 in our first half term in upper school. Not only have we been learning about really exciting topics like The Romans, Myths and Legends and Earth and Space, we have also been going swimming at Wavertree Aquatic Centre every Thursday. Lucky us! During our swimming lessons we get taught how to perform a number of different strokes and have a lot of fun while doing so. Sharon from 5BW told us, "I really love going swimming, it makes me feel healthy and strong!"

We have also been working hard in year 5 to improve our handwriting and gain our very first pen licences in school. Many of us have already received them in just the first half term! Well done to all of those children who have managed to achieve their licence so soon.

Year 4

We have been enjoying learning about a lot of fun and exciting topics in year 4, including Ancient Greece in our History lessons and recreating some of Andy Warhol's famous pop art. We have also been lucky enough to have gymnastics lessons with Mrs. Williams during this term and have learnt how to do some amazing new things such as hand stands and cartwheels. Renae from 4PM said, "I found it pretty hard at first, but it is really enjoyable learning lots of new skills!"

Year 6

In year 6 we have covered a lot in a short time during the first half time of our final year at St. Oswald's! In our lessons we have been looking at some really interesting topics such as the Shang Dynasty in History and South America in Geography. We have especially enjoyed writing our own autobiographies in English and are currently focusing on researching some famous celebrities that we are going to be writing biographies for.

It has been a particularly exciting few weeks for us with new prefects being chosen and our new head boy and girl being elected; congratulations to Alfie and Macy and their deputies, Harley and Olivia!

Sports Results

The new football season kicked off for year 6 this month, with a tough game against Blackmoor Park. Unfortunately, after a hard fought game and some really bad luck with hitting the crossbar three times, Blackmoor ran out the winners. It was an encouraging start though, with the boys playing some good football and we are already looking forward to their next game after half term.

The year 3 football team also had a very exciting start to the year when they took part in a tournament at the Liverpool FC Academy. The boys represented the school extremely well and their day was made an unforgettable one as they had the chance to meet the Liverpool legend himself, Steven Gerrard!

There was a fantastic achievement for our year 6 dodgeball team who took part in a tournament at Notre Dame Catholic College. After a long and tiring 21 games and a remarkable 19 wins, they made it through to the city finals! A massive congratulations and well done to all of the dodgeball team that took part.



THEMED WEEKS

On October 6th it was wear it bright day, so everyone came to school in their own clothes! We were given an exciting opportunity during our DT lessons to decorate our own cakes which we sold to raise money for charity, some children even had the important job of selling the cakes in the infant building and what an impact they made! We managed to raise £1500 as a school, which will be split equally between the Macmillan, CAFOD and CLIC Sargent charities. It was a really fun day for everybody and we would like to say a huge thank you for all of your delicious cakes, donations and support, it is greatly appreciated.

It was also creative week in school from 9th-13th October and we had the chance to take part in a lot of exciting activities. Creative week was all about Liverpool and each class was given a specific Liverpool landmark to research and recreate using whatever materials we could find and the results were amazing! Each year group also had a song to perform by a local Liverpool band and we all came together in our praise assembly to sing and show off our wonderful creations. We also had some parent workshops where some of us sang and created artwork with our families. Thank you to all of the grown ups who came and took part, we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

