



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 6 October 2023 Autumn Term

October – the month of the Rosary

In this morning's assembly, we reflected on the importance of Our Lady and encouraged the children to pray The Hail Mary or The Rosary during this special month of dedication.

The children were told the story of St Dominic who, when Our Lady appeared to him, was told that every time we pray The Hail Mary it is like handing Our Lady a rose. When we pray the rosary, we send enough roses to adorn Our Lady with a crown of them. A beautiful picture to keep in our mind when we are praying. We have asked that our younger children make a special effort to learn the Hail Mary prayer this month and do hope you support them with this at home. Thank you.



Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for your donations for our celebration on Tuesday 10th October. We are more than happy to accept these until Monday and they will be used on a wonderful display. The celebration of songs and appreciation will take place on the Junior playground and everyone is more than welcome to join us at 10.00am. After the celebration, the food will be distributed to our local food bank.

Miss Maher's Massive Pumpkin

Thank you to all those who have purchased raffle tickets for the incredible pumpkin (all 3 stone 9 lbs of it) from my allotment plot! All proceeds will go to School Fund. These tickets can be purchased after school or the school gateway system.



Open Classroom / Meetings with Class Teachers

It was great to see so many parents coming into look at the children's work and classrooms this week. We hope your visits will help scaffold the conversation you have with teachers at your scheduled meetings next week. Please ensure you make an appointment for this week as working in partnership with our parents and carers is key to ensuring the best outcomes for your child.

If you have any problems securing an appointment on the School Cloud system, please contact the Class Teacher via Seesaw or Class Dojo (Reception). Thank you.

Pupil of the Week

Congratulations to our pupils of the week

Reception - Akshat

Year 1 - Nevan

Year 2 - George

Year 3 - Lucy

Year 4 - Taraji

Year 5 - Gabriella

Year 6 - Mason

Steel Pan Workshop

Steel Pan Workshop on the 10th November, Year 3 and Year 6 assemblies will be changing to the following:

Year 3 was Friday 17th November - now changing to Thursday 16th November
Year 6 was Friday 10th November - now changing to Friday 17th November

Christmas Projects

Christmas project/design

Please send the following back to school by Monday 9th October 2023 at the latest:

- the design
- the order form

and make the relevant payment on our online payment system by Monday 9th October also. Please note that the last day for ordering is Monday 9th October 2023 (to ensure that we get the items back to you before Christmas). The amount paid must match up to the completed / handed in order form (or we cannot process the order for you). Orders cannot be made without full payment in advance. All orders must be received by Monday 9th October 2023 at the very latest

Dress Up Day

Friday the 13th October is dress up day wear your own outfits to school day. Donation of £1.

Orpington Library

We have two exciting events coming up at Orpington Library (see attached. The first is to celebrate Libraries Week and is this Saturday at 10.30am: Green Storytime and Craft Activity (junk modelling) and the other is our regular Pictures Alive session next Mon at 4pm which is going to be focusing on Janet and Allan Ahlberg's Funny Bones books. Both events are for 4-7s and parents and carers. As normal booking is via Eventbrite:

<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

School Fund Contribution



We ask that each family contributes to a fund which helps to subsidise outings, cover the cost of cooking ingredients and pay for various other items needed to provide enrichment activities for your child. Enrichment of the curriculum is a strength here and your family contribution to the school fund will be put to very good use. The recommended amount is **£5 per family per term**, and this can be paid online (under products, online shop). Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Class Assembly Dates

Year 3 Friday 17 November
Year 4 Friday 1 December
Year 5 Friday 24 November
Year 6 Friday 10 November

Attendance Race 2023- 2024

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 25th September :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	97	1
Year 1	99	0
Year 2	98	0
Year 3	94	1
Year 4	98	2
Year 5	97	0
Year 6	96	0

Year 1 have won again this week - Well done !

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	
Year 1	2
Year 2	1
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

Weeks in competition: 3 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.9%

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023:

Half-term 16.10.23 – 27.10.23
Last day of term Wednesday 20th December 2023

Spring Term 2024:

INSET DAY **Wednesday 3rd January 2024**

First day of term Thursday 4th January 2024
Half-term 12.02.24 – 16.02.24
Last day of term Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024:

First day of term Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday **Monday 6th May 2024**

Half-term 27.05.24 – 31.05.2024

Last day of term Friday 19th July 2024

INSET DAYS **Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th July 2024**

Important Dates

Year 2 Our Lady of the Cray Mass

Thursday 12 October

Whole School Mass – Our Lady of the Cray

Wednesday 1 November

Reception Mass – Our Lady of the Cray

Thursday 23 November

Remembrance Assembly – School Hall

Thursday 9 November

Harvest Festival Event

Tuesday 10 October

Carol Concert – Our Lady of the Cray

Tuesday 5 December

Have a lovely weekend !

Miss Veronica Maher



Pictures Alive at Orpington Library



Join us for a great session as we explore the world of children's classic Funny Bones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

This Month's Focus: Janet and Allan Ahlberg

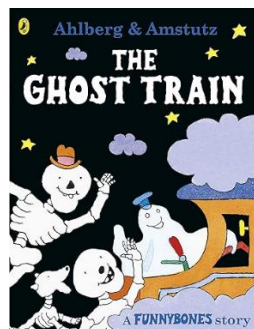
Date: Monday 9th October 2023

Time: 4-5pm

Age: 4-7 year olds (with parents & carers)

To book: <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

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In partnership with
Bromley



Libraries Week Storytime and Craft Activity

Join us for some 'green' stories to celebrate Green Libraries Week and then make your own model from junk!

Date: Saturday 7th October

Time: 10.30-11.30am

Age: 4-7s and parents/carers

Booking:

<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

