



## Our Lady's Bishop Eton Primary School

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February 2024 Newsletter

It has been another busy month in school. The children continue to excel in all they are asked to do and have maintained their impeccable manners and behaviour. As usual, there has been lots going on in school, both before, during and after school and lots to celebrate.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the forthcoming parent evenings and welcome your feedback on how the school is doing as a whole and what more we can do to improve.

Mr Loughran

The young Voices event in Manchester was a fabulous success with over 9000 pupils from across the North West participating in a mass choir event. The staff were very complimentary about the behaviour of the children, who were a pleasure to take and represented OLBE so well. I pass on my thanks to the staff for giving up their time to take the children and to the many parents who came along to support the event. As a school, we got to hear a rendition of the songs in our weekly assembly and it was simply fantastic. Well done to all.



The girls football team continue to represent the school with great effort and determination and have played in some exciting games recently. They have also succeeded in reaching the finals of a competition which will be held this coming Friday at the Wigan Stadium. We wish them the best of luck!





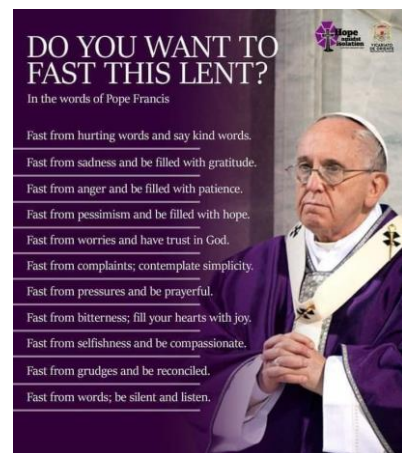
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It was a pleasure to invite Fr. Tim in to school prior to half term to talk to the children about the meaning of Lent. He explained that we don't always have to give something up but can try to be a better person by our actions, being kind, using our manners, showing respect and tolerance to each other. A great message for us all this Lenten time.



Fr. Tim did then come back in after half term to distribute ashes to the children and staff. Again the children were very reverent and respectful. We all continue to do what we can during this season of Lent; to reflect, change and look forward to the special celebration that Easter is. Thanks to our Mini Vinnies for leading our collective worship.



Over the last few weeks we also welcomed to school a Chinese dragon to celebrate Chinese New Year of the dragon. Performance were held for the KS1 children in the hall and there was much excitement and fun.







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### Safeguarding:

We have introduced a new Pupil Safeguarding Policy to the children, which will in turn be put on the school's website, when it has been ratified by the governing body. I have held assemblies with the children to explain to them the importance of keeping everybody safe in school and the importance for the children on what they need to do if they ever feel unsafe, worried or concerned about anything. We will also be introducing 'worry boxes' in to classrooms and these will be shared soon. This will give the children an opportunity to share any concerns or suggestions they have on how we can further improve our school. The boxes will be monitored by myself and actions taken as needed. The children are fantastic ambassadors for the school and their voice is very important and hence this new initiative.

Future sporting events to look forward to include cross-country, girls' football, swimming gala and highland games. We will keep you, posted on how the children get on.

I have been fortunate to meet the HSA (Home School Association) who do a fantastic job raising money for school and I pass on my thanks to you all for your support over the years. We have some very exciting projects planned for school that will be of benefit to all of the children and will keep you posted as these develop.

Before You...

# THINK

**T** = Is it True?

**H** = Is it Helpful?

**I** = Is it Inspiring?

**N** = Is it Necessary?

**K** = Is it Kind?

As part of Safer Internet week, the children learnt about how to keep safe online and the importance of not sharing any personal information to people or sites we do not know.

We will continue to promote this message and ask for your support in monitoring your own child's internet usage and access to appropriate sites online.





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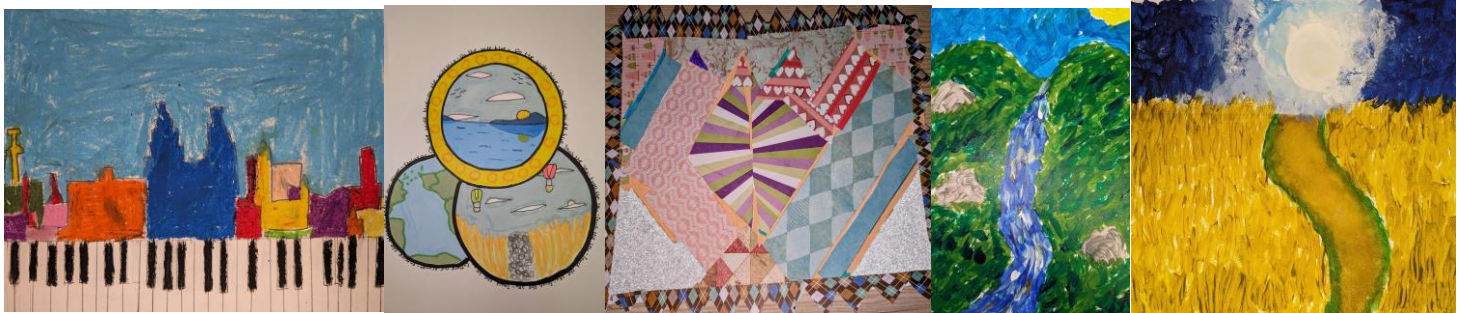
Dates for your diary:

The Year 5 children will be attending mass in church on March 6th after an invite from Fr. Tim. We look forward to participating as part of our Lenten journey.

World Book day is on March 7th and we hope to see all of the children dressing up as their favourite book character. A family member is also invited in to school on that morning to read with their child. We will open the doors as normal and invite you in and look forward to seeing you.

Parent meetings will be on March 13th and appointment times have already been shared. This is a further opportunity to see your child's progress and hear from the teachers on how you can further help and support your child at home.

The children in Year 5 have been busy with their art work and we have entered a number of the children's work in to the local Dot Art competition. Below are a selection of some of the wonderful art pieces produced by the children.





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### Mental Health

We were fortunate to invite special visitors in to school for Mental health awareness Week. The children learned about the importance of looking after their mental health as well as their physical health and about the need to talk to others if you have worries or concerns. The children were very receptive to the messages heard.



EYFS were very excited to invite some 'special visitors' in to school and hear all about the very important jobs our parents do. We pass on our thanks to you for giving up your time and sharing your knowledge and skills with us.







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Mr. Bland reported back from a very successful 'practice ski lesson' at Pendle ski slope for the children soon to go to Italy on their ski trip. He said it was wonderful to see all of the children master a new skill and he very much looks forward to seeing the children practice their skills on the mountains!!



Before half term, Year 6 studied a French artist called Miki De Goodaboom who painted an abstract piece called 'After the Earthquake'. We looked at the colours she used, the composition's impact on its audience and linked the emotions discovered to our knowledge of earthquakes from Geography. These elements informed and inspired our own watercolour artwork.



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