

As we come to the end of another successful term in school, it is a time to reflect on all that we have achieved. The pupils continue to excel and make good progress in all they are asked to do. The staff remain committed to their roles and provide quality educational experiences every day to your children. I pass on my thanks to you, as parents/carers, for supporting the staff and school in all that we do and by continuing to work together, we will continue to improve further.

This term has been a challenging time for the school, with the temporary changes in leadership roles. For me personally, it has been an experience that I have enjoyed and for your information, the Archdiocese have asked me to continue in this role next term. I have accepted their request and look forward to the summer term at OLBE. I have no further updates to share regarding Mr. Metcalf, but will keep you informed, as I receive any additional information. On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to work at OLBE this term and while there is plenty to do, I am enjoying the challenges and do value the support of the parents and families at school. The children continue to impress me with their manners, attitude and hard work and I look forward to seeing them develop further in the summer term.

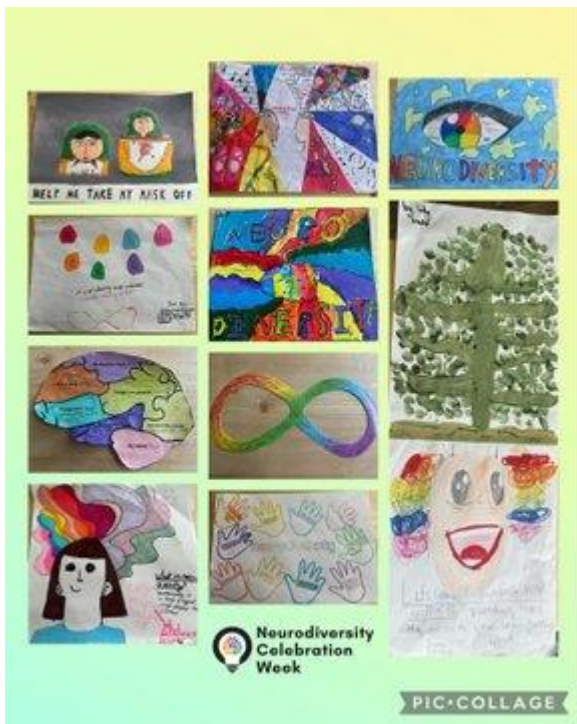
As normal, the school has been very busy this month, as the information below demonstrates.

Some of the children represented the school in the Highland Games, an inter school sports competition. They were a credit to the school and all enjoyed participating in this fun and non-competitive event.

We also celebrated International Women's day with an art competition. Congratulations to our winners.



Fr. Tim invited the Year 5 children to church to participate in mass, as part of their Lenten journey. The children were asked to reflect on what they do well and how could they make positive changes in their lives, both with their friends and family. The children were very reverent and respectful and Fr. Tim was very impressed.



We had some fantastic entries for Neuro Diversity Week, celebrating all of our differences and uniqueness. The children were reminded that we are all different, our brains work differently, but ultimately we are all equal and need to care and look out for each other.



World Book Day was a great success in school!!

It was fantastic to see the many wonderful costumes on the children, celebrating their favourite book characters. Equally, it was lovely to see so many parents and grand-parents coming in to school to read with the children. I received many positive comments about how enjoyable the experience was and I know the children really enjoyed it. Thank you for giving up your time. I am very keen at getting families more involved in school life and witnessing what the children are doing in school.



The Reception Mother's Day Breakfast was also a wonderful occasion in school. Thank you to the EYFS team for putting on such a lovely morning with treats and a chocolate fountain to share, as well as many craft activities to do with your children. We hope all of our mums and nans had a lovely morning

Cross-country:

Some of the children participated with great enthusiasm in the recent cross-country events at Wavertree Park. Both the boys and girl's teams ran very well on a cold and windy evening. The course was very testing on the children's stamina, but they all attacked it with great enthusiasm and performed exceptionally well. 3 of the boy's team finished in the top 10, with over 400 pupils competing in the events on the night. A special mention must be given to Leo Winfield who WON the overall race and is only in Year 4. A fantastic achievement and a very bright future in running. Well done Leo!!

from our parents for our termly parent meetings. Well for the school and with separate meetings, again the feedback was positive. The turnout at the day. If you did not get the opportunity to express, please do contact your child's teacher. We hope to see the good progress your child is making.

Last week we had a Shakespeare Day in school where the children had lessons and workshops all related to the works of Shakespeare and produced some high quality work. Thank you to Mr. Lewis for organising this day.

ate to invite Jeff Rich (former Status Quo) to demonstrate his skills and perform for the school. The enthusiasm and the children really enjoyed the performance and some budding drummers showing off their own skills. You can see more at our school Twitter (X) account to see more



26 of our Year 5 children were very fortunate to fly to Bormio in Italy last week on a ski trip, with some of the staff. A fantastic time was had by all and the children made some lifetime memories. The week itself, was very well organised with ski lessons every day for the children. They all progressed very well and were able to ski from 3000m by the end of the week. A fantastic achievement! The behaviour of the children was exemplary throughout the week and many of the other staff from different schools commented on the children's behaviour and manners and they all remained positive and resilient throughout the week. It was an absolute pleasure to be away with them. Thank you children and staff.





Thank you to the children for selling their Easter gifts and raising funds as part of the school's Enterprise Club



We wish Mr. Lewis every success as he prepares to run the London Marathon in April. He has been training hard and hopefully will be ready. If you would like to sponsor him, please see the link below;

Reception have been growing caterpillars for the last few weeks. The children have watched with interest as they have got bigger and bigger and produced some beautiful independent writing.

We are hoping for a lovely surprise of butterflies when we return after Easter.



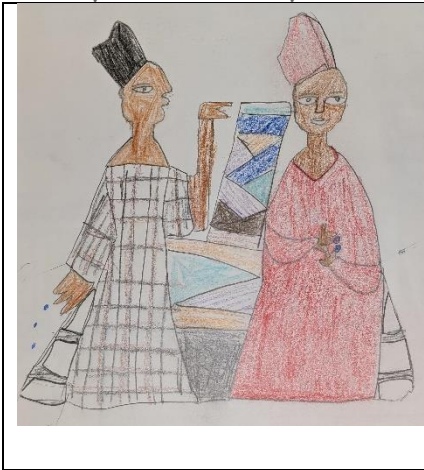
In March the Dot Art panel judges select the top three entries for each school. Our winning pieces are:

Ladies by Dolly Heaton

Be You by Flossie Smith

Watching the sunset by Cora Garton

Public voting opens online from Monday 25th March - Monday 22nd April 2024. The entry from each school with the most votes wins a place in the public exhibition at the Walker Art Gallery in June/July 2024.



As we come to the end of the Spring Term, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy, holy and peaceful Easter and I do hope you get to spend some quality time with your family and friends. Please do remind each other of the reason for Easter. It gives us all an opportunity to reflect on all that we have in our lives and to prepare for a new beginning. As we all look forward to the summer term and the adventures and challenges that lie ahead, I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

The staff will be on Inset day on Tuesday 9th April and we will see all of the children back in school on Wednesday 10th April.