

Ursuline's May Newsletter

Following in Jesus' footsteps we love, learn and grow together.

A message from Mrs Robinson to thank you, our wonderful families, for your support over the Religious Education and Ofsted Inspections.

Reception

What a busy half-term we have had in Reception!

We loved our 'real superhero' visits from the Police and Fire Service, as well as Spiderman joining us for PE. Our key text, Superkid, by Claire Freedman inspired us to think about our own 'superhero' qualities.

We have also loved getting out in the local area, looking at local landmarks as we re-enacted a key moment, 'waiting for the bus', from our second Summer 1 key text, Naughty Bus. This inspired us in our writing, Expressive Arts and Design and Understanding the World.

We are also excited to be finishing the term with our first Ursuline Sports Day!



Year 1

Well done to year 1 for another busy half term! We have thoroughly enjoyed getting out and about to explore nature as part of our text 'Nature Trail' by Benjamin Zephaniah. Our art topic has been a real favourite with plenty of skills to work on including weaving and exploring textures. This has led us to produce our own artwork inspired by Gunta Stölzl and the four seasons.

We've worked hard with our coach from LFC to develop skills in field and striking games alongside some exciting yoga adventures for our indoor PE. The days might be getting warmer but in our geography lessons we have also found out about some of the coldest places on the planet, including Antarctica. Ask us about the equator and how this helps us understand why places might be hot or cold



Year 2

Year 2 have been comparing seeds and bulbs in Science. We had such fun planting our own sunflower seeds. We talked about how a seed needs water, light and the right temperature to grow. We will observe our seed growing over the next few weeks. We can't wait to watch them grow!



Year 2 have also been enjoying learning about Andy Goldsworthy in Art. We visited the beach and the eco garden during our 'experimenting' stages of our topic to see what natural resources we could use to make Art. This week we planned and made our final pieces. Just like Andy Goldsworthy, we made sure we put back all of our natural materials into the environment. What fun we had at sports day this year! Our activities were based around teamwork where we learnt that we are all valued members of our teams. We enjoyed working together during our events. Even the sun had his hat on for us!



Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying their geography topic 'rivers' by participating in a range of lessons such as forming meanders out of tin foil. The children have also been fantastic in our swimming lessons and are all making super progress in the water. As well as Geography and PE we have been loving looking at Antony Gormley's sculptures 'another place' otherwise known as the iron men. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring some local but historical art work and have been having a go at their own sculptures using the air drying clay. We look forward to our sports day coming up soon.

Year 4

What a great half term we have had! We have started to take part in military school during our PE sessions and we have already learnt so much. The children have immersed themselves in team building, communication and STEM activities. Also, the children have worked tremendously hard at improving times tables, in preparation for their multiplication check. Please continue to keep up the hard work!

Year 5

What a wonderful half term we have had! We have been into space with Cosmic, explored the planets in Science and developed our understanding of natural resources in Geography. In PE we have developed our skills in Netball and Tag Rugby. We are becoming confident in finding the common denominator when adding and subtracting fractions. The highlight absolutely has to be sports day led by our favourites, UK Military School.

It's hard to believe that we are moving into our last half term of Year 5 but rest assured, the adventure is not over yet!



Year 6

We have had such an incredibly busy half-term in Year 6! Not only have we been immersing ourselves in our class text 'The Island' in English and practising football and hockey in PE, but we have absolutely smashed our SATs tests after all of our hard work! We are all so proud of our Year 6s for the determination and resilience they have shown during this time and in addition to our Sports Day event, we have quite a few surprises in store to celebrate all of our efforts! We cannot wait to make the most of the rest of our time together and we will make every second count!

Sporting News

The Girls Netball team have continued their good start to the league by winning their second league game. They have more fixtures coming up soon so hopefully they will keep the wins coming. We had a league fixture in the Boys football against Forefield where we narrowly lost 1-0 but The Boys have now played their cup quarter final and won 7-0 against Hatton Hill Primary. The team then faced off against English Martyrs in the Semi Final where we had a fantastic result winning 3-2 in a thrilling game. The boys have made the whole school so proud and we cannot wait for the final in June. We also have all of our Sports days coming up before Half term so I am sure the children will have a fantastic time during these. Good luck to all of our children representing the school over the coming weeks in different sports.

Share a prayer

Praying the Our Father together, reveals the union we share with one another. Our newly painted mural shows our deep connection as we worship God together in school and in our homes.



Share a story and a good read

Our Reading Ambassadors delighted the residents and were delighted by the residents at Craignair as we foster real connections across the generations through story.



We were busy again the following week as we shared a rhyme or two with our younger friends at Kristaval Day Care Nursery.



Book Look Celebration

Our pupils were delighted to share their hard work and achievements with their family at our latest Family Book Look. Thank you Team Ursuline!



What's the buzz?

There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. We know reading is one of them. Thank you for creating that buzz.



Guide Dogs

Ready, set....Fund Race

Year 4 pupils, Beth, Olivia, Bonnie and Sienna, have continued their fundraising efforts for Guide Dogs by selling home-made bracelets and raising money at Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 Sports' Days. Our children ran in a blindfolded race, supported by a guide, to help raise awareness of how it feels to be a person with visual impairment. Thank you to Waterloo Eye Centre who have made a contribution to top up our fundraising.



Thank you to Eva and Leo for saving up their pocket money during Lent and donating it to CAFOD. Your donations will help transform the lives of families experiencing poverty around our world.

Wednesday Word

Don't forget to access this wonderful resource to support sharing of the Gospel at home. Follow the link below to access our prayer resources page where you will find, amongst other resources, The Wednesday Word.

[Family Prayer Resource](#)



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Healthy Snacks

All children in the infants are provided with fruit or vegetables at breaktime. Children in KS1 and KS2 can bring in a healthy snack to have at breaktime. Children should not bring in crisps, chocolate and biscuits to have as a snack.

All pupils are invited to bring a water bottle to school. We are struggling to find space to store large and/or wide water bottles. Please encourage your child to bring a small bottle that can easily be fitted into our class bottle crates. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Healthy Lunchboxes

We encourage all our parents/carers who provide a packed lunch for their child to provide a balanced meal. Government guidelines recommend that a packed lunch should include:

- One portion of fruit or vegetables each day.
- Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein each day (e.g. lentils, beans, pulses, falafel).
- A starchy food each day e.g. rice, potatoes, pasta, noodles, couscous, cereals.
- A dairy food each day e.g. milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais.
- An oily fish at least once every three weeks.

Children are not allowed to bring in fizzy drinks or energy drinks as part of their packed lunch. For further information healthy lunchboxes please follow the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



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PE Kits

On PE days, please ensure your child is wearing their school PE kit:

- House team coloured T-shirt with school logo (red, yellow, green or blue)
- Navy Blue shorts/skorts
- Black jogging bottoms (If weather is cold)
- Black sweatshirt (If weather is cold)
- Velcro fastening or pull-on pumps or trainers

Football kits or multicoloured hoodies/sweatshirts should not be worn. Please let school know if you have any difficulties purchasing the correct PE Kit.

Curriculum information

Don't forget that our website contains information about the curriculum for all subjects. Visit our class pages for up-to-date information about what is happening in each of our year groups.

Holiday requests

School has recently received a number of term time holiday requests. As a reminder, we are unable to authorise term time holidays (apart from some exceptional circumstances). Holidays taken during school time may incur a fine.

Some dates for your diary:

3.6.24	School reopens for all pupils
3.6.24	Year 4 National Multiplication Check begins
5.6.24	PTFA Thank You Day- £3 to purchase a gift for someone special
10.6.24	National Phonics Screening Week Yr1 and Yr2 retakes
13.6.24	Rock Kids Day
14.6.24	Year 4 National Multiplication Check ends
17.6.24	Social Media Workshop Year 5 and 6
25.6.24	Year 1 & 2 Eureka Trip
28.6.24	School Sacramental Celebration Mass St Josephs 10am
2.7.24	School Nurse Talk Year 5 & 6
5.7.24	Summer Fayre
12.7.24	Family Book Buzz 9am-9:30am
15.7.24	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm
19.7.24	End of Term 2pm

All school newsletters can also be found on the school website under the parent tab.