



Loreto Preparatory School

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Newsletter 7 – 19th October 2018

Dear Parents

What a fantastic last week to end an extremely busy half term! One of the strengths of this school, and there are many, is the strong sense of support amongst the whole school community. This could clearly be seen at both the Family Fun Night and our Harvest Mass. Once again, thank you for your marvellous contributions to both of these events.



During our first assembly in September I spoke to the girls about their new shoes – many said that their new shoes weren't as comfy as the ones they had been wearing last July. At the time I compared their new shoes to their new class and we all agreed that it takes a little bit of time for new routines to become familiar. As I wander around school and drop in to lessons, I can see that the girls are very happy and that they have all settled well into their classes – the “shoes” fit well! During assembly the girls were also telling me about all the things they have enjoyed this term. They have put together some highlights from each year group and you will find these at the end of this newsletter.

There are lots of events planned for next term so make sure you have looked at the calendar on the website and noted the dates of those you wish to attend.

Enjoy the break and have a great half term.

Mrs Roberts

LPA

The LPA have lots of plans for the coming year and would love you to support as much as possible. The next meetings will be at:

- 7pm on Wednesday 7th November at the Grammar School
- 7pm on Tuesday 4th December at the Prep School

Parent Workshops – Save the Dates!

The parent forum requested that we try to arrange some workshops that would help parent to support their child's learning. With this in mind we have arranged:

Phonics & Reading Workshops – Wednesday 5th December 2018

Online Safety Workshop – Tuesday 5th February 2019

These workshops will be held in the evenings and further details will follow.



To Our Award Winners This Week

	Badges	Cup (P1, P2 & P3) Top Table (P4, P5, P6 & P7)
Prep 1	Felicity Gwyneth Avishka	Claudia
Prep 2	Elodie Aradhya Darcie	Darina
Prep 3	Bronwyn Amelia	Eme
Prep 4	Maria Maeve	No top table this week – it's been very busy!
Prep 5	All of Prep 5	
Prep 6	Alys Megan Lucy	
Prep 7	Julia Clare Maebh Harriet	

Dates for the Week Ahead

Monday 29 th October	All Day	Training Day for Teachers
Tuesday 30 th October	1.00pm 12.00pm – 1.15pm 1.00 – 3.00 3.45pm – 4.30pm	School re-opens for Second Half of Autumn Term Nasal Flu Vaccinations P4 & P5 Tennis Polar Express (STEM) Workshops at LGS P4, P5, P6 & P7 Netball
Wednesday 31 st October	12.45pm -1.15pm 3.30pm – 4.30pm 3.30pm – 4.30pm 3.40pm – 4.30pm 3.40pm – 4.45pm	P4, P5, P6, P7 Board Games P1, P2, P3 Multi-Skills P2, P3 Infant Art Club P4, P5, P6, P7 Yoga P4, P5, P6, P7 Chess
Thursday 1 st November	10.00 12.45pm -1.15pm 3.30pm – 4.45pm 3.40pm – 4.45pm	Mass for All Saints at St Vincent's P6, P7 Recorder Group P1, P2 & P3 Zumba P4, P5, P6, P7 Junior Art Club
Friday 2 nd November	12.30-1.15pm 2.00 3.40pm – 4.45pm	Orchestra practice Enrolment Service for First Sacraments P4, P5, P6, P7 Streetdance
Saturday 3 rd November	9.40	Crossford Bridge Cross Country

The Highlights - What have we been doing this half term?

Prep 1

Mrs Dobric, Mrs Jaberri and Mrs Packman are delighted and so proud of the way that all the Duckling and Prep 1 girls have settled into the new school year. We have had great fun together and there is so much to look forward to next term. When Sister Jacinta visited us this afternoon the girls told her about some of the things they had enjoyed most.

"I felt so proud when I got to go up to get my certificate in the Cups and Badges assembly."

"I loved the disco, dancing and pizza at the Family Night."

"I had fun making teddy bear biscuits and eating them with my friends at our Teddy Bear's picnic."

"It is so much fun when we do the "Stand Up, Sit Down" song in Music and Movement."

"I have enjoyed EVERYTHING about my first term at Loreto Prep!"

Prep 2

"I have being doing science. I love the trim trail." Alice

"I like the trim trail. I like the sticker charts. I like playing. I love Prep 2!" Seren

Prep 3

"During this term we have enjoyed making and painting the dough dollies and the battery clocks. We also made a poster for the Internationality assembly and have sold cakes to raise money for charity. We visited Dunham Massey and had an own clothes day in school because we are so well behaved!"

Bronwyn, Maddie, Pearl and Jessica

Prep 4

"This half term we have been doing all about "The owl who was afraid of the dark". We have made big guides about barn owls. We have loved it but it took a lot of time and care.

In RE we are making Baptismal cards. We are designing our cards using the signs of Baptism. For science, we have visited the science museum. We did a light show. I had a great time and it was fantastic.

In our South African topic work we made a flag of Africa and a poster."

We love Prep 4!

Daisy Bearsley

Prep 5

In RE we have learnt about The Bible with a focus on stories from The Old Testament: Abraham, Moses, Joseph and David and Goliath. We really enjoyed the role play we did based on the conversation between Joseph and Jacob when they finally met after so many years. Our Mary Ward value this year is Internationality and we enjoyed a talk from Kizzy and Hannah from Loreto Grammar who have visited Loreto schools in Kolkata.

In English we have been reading The Butterfly Lion. This helps us to develop our speaking and listening as well as our reading and writing. This has inspired our artwork and we have completed an African Sunset Silhouette, featuring some African animals that Bertie might

have seen from his compound. Alongside this, we have been studying about newspapers and Mr Ostick from the Manchester Evening News came in to speak to us.

In Mathematics we have been developing our arithmetic skills and applying them to solve problems and puzzles. We have been expanding our geometry skills by exploring symmetry, looking at coordinates and how to translate shapes. Prep 5 has a large focus on the knowledge of multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 so we have been practising these!

In Science we have looked at our local environment, habitats and living things. We explored ways in which to organise and classify living things as well as looking at how environments can change and the impact this can have.

Prep 6

We have been studying Stewardship of the Earth in RE- have led an assembly for the whole school and parents. We were very proud of ourselves! We went to LGS for a stewardship workshop with Mrs Perkins and completed a prayer trail in class.

We started our Internationality work, focusing on the country of Albania and produced magnificent posters.

In Geography, we have studied rivers of the world and focused on how rivers changed from source to sink. As part of these studies, we went on a field trip to the River Bollin in the Peak District and had a wonderful time fully immersing ourselves in the physical geography of the area.

We survived the start of the After School Study sessions and are making lots of progress, according to Mrs Ostick and Mrs Farmer

We met paralympian, Anna Jackson who inspired us to be resilient in all we attempt.

We focused on the work of Andy Goldsworthy in art lessons and used his ideas as a stimulus for our own art in the environment. We produced amazing art using items found in our outdoor environment.

We have learnt the new rules and routines of Prep 6 and have settled in beautifully. We have worked hard to improve our presentation, pace and accuracy across all the subjects of the curriculum.

Prep 7

"Prep 7 is a wonderful year - we do a lot of fun things but we also learn a lot of things.

Before I came to this school I didn't know how to speak French, but thanks to Mrs Gillespie and other members of staff, I am now more confident with French and lots of other lessons. Life in Prep 7 is amazing!" Lacey

"The Shakespeare workshop is so fun! Mr Wilkinson teaches us about different sections of MacBeth and the different characters. Mrs Hatton teaches us dance and movement and this helps us to perform in character. Overall we love the Shakespeare workshop!" Nell

"On Monday 24th September, Prep 7 went to the Edale Centre. We did many activities such as archery, crate-stacking and problem solving. I really enjoyed it - I wish I could go back again sometime soon!" Natalia