



Dispatches from Our Lady's



Y5 Mass at OL Church on 26/3/25 at 10.30am. Parents and Carers welcome.

Spring Forward Parade Memorial Gardens (28/2/25 & 1/3/25)

Rhythm and art shone through on these slightly chilly, but dry, crisp, early spring evenings, as the Crawley Light Festival took place. The parades this year were led by a lively samba band, musicians in glittery white costumes.



Year 3's fabulous herons, made during their workshop with an artist from Same Sky Community Art Group, looked absolutely great as a part of the installation. Some birds were carried in the parade.

Thank you to all families that came along to enjoy.

Mrs Mwale
Art Subject Leader



Ann Westgate (OLQOH Sports Coach) writes...

'On 6/3/25 OLQOH attended a Y5 girls football tournament at Broadfield. There were 14 teams present. We played in 2 sections of 7, playing 7 minute games, one way against all other teams in our section. We played six games as follows:

- OLQOH vs Bewbush 0-0
- OLQOH vs Northgate 0-0
- OLQOH vs Milton Mount 0-1
- OLQOH vs Three Bridges 1-1
- OLQOH vs Desmond Anderson 0-0
- OLQOH vs Seymour 0-0

The girls formed a new team that have not played together before. They all listened well to advice, worked really hard, were determined and resilient, never giving up. We had outstanding defending from Jiya and Rebecca, who demonstrated their speed on several occasions getting back to defend quickly when necessary.



Oliwia worked very hard as our striker, tracking back to defend when necessary but showing her speed in attack. She was rewarded for her efforts with a really good goal against Three Bridges.

I was delighted with how hard the girls worked. We did not qualify for the final but importantly, all the girls enjoyed the games and I can see much potential for this team in the future.

The winners of the tournament overall were Milton Mount, winning on penalties after extra time against Pound Hill.

Thanks to OLQOH staff, parents and carers for their support.'

'On 3/3/25 OLQOH took a mixed group of Year 3 children to a cricket festival at K2. The event was run by Sussex Cricket and supported by young leaders from Thomas Bennett Community College.

There were 10 primary schools at the event – it was lovely to see so many children taking part. The children stayed in school groups and rotated around various cricket based activities with young leaders and their own teacher.



The activities included bowling, under-arm throwing, overarm throwing, aiming at targets, catching, batting and fitness/agility exercises. After completing all activities, the children had a ten minute break.

The children then played very basic matches for the last hour learning more about batting, bowling and fielding. All children had the opportunity to bowl when fielding. The children batted in pairs when batting. The matches were for practice only so no scores were kept.

Our children were delightful, full of energy, enthusiasm and willingness to learn. They listened very well and tried extremely hard at all the activities.



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The matches were a very big learning curve for these very young children. Most of them were trying cricket for the first time. They embraced the challenges and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They behaved impeccably respecting young leaders, coaches and members of staff. I was very proud of them!

Basketball County Finals Y6

'On Wednesday 12th March we took a Y6 mixed basketball team to the county finals at Angmering.

There were 7 teams present so everyone played everyone in a round robin, playing each game as 8 minutes one way.

The result were as follows:

OLQOH vs St Mary's East Grinstead – win - 6-0

OLQOH vs Kingsham – win - 18-0

OLQOH vs Windmills – loss - 4-5

OLQOH vs Jolesfield – loss – 0-7

OLQOH vs TAB – draw – 2-2

OLQOH vs Northgate – loss – 0-2



The children played extremely well with great determination, stamina, resilience, effort and team work. They attacked brilliantly, most of the time, in all games. The defending, marking and chasing back was fantastic from all of our players. The problem we had today, apart from our second game, was that our shooting was unnecessarily rushed and a little "rash" in that the children often tried to shoot from quite far away. In all games we had by far the most attacking and shots at goal, than any of our opponents, but we constantly missed. In all the games we lost, there was no doubt that we had more possession, more attacking and more shots on goal than the opposition. Having said that, the work the children did and the effort they made could not have been better. I am so proud of every one of them. We had outstanding play from our captain Tommy.

Many thanks to parents, carers and Mr Adams who travelled a very long way to the event. Your support is very much appreciated.'

Year 4 Badminton Festival

'On Thursday 13th March we attended a mixed Y4 Badminton Festival at K2. There were over 120 children taking part, fantastic to see so many children learning together.

This was a fun festival with lots of simple activities to introduce the children to the types of movements and skills required to play badminton. Most of our children have never played badminton and this was their first experience of the game.

The hall was divided up into 10 areas with 10 simple activities for the children to perform. Each activity was run by "young leaders" from Thomas Bennet Community College.

The children spent 10 minutes at each activity until each group had rotated around all activities.



Some activities consisted of moving from side to side, lunging forwards and sprinting – all the movements required for badminton.

There were activities for gentle under-arm forehand and backhand movements where the children had to aim at targets for points to practice for serving.

Children practised throwing and hitting with each other, one feeding, the other trying to hit the shuttle back into the thrower's hands. This encouraged good movement skills to catch the shuttle whilst the hitter practised aiming accurately.

The children tried rallying with each other over a net, again practising good movement skills and harder hitting to get the shuttle up and over the net to a partner.

Finally, the children played small games of 1 v 1 over a net in a very small court to allow the children to experience playing against an opponent, moving towards the shuttle and getting the shuttle over the net.

The children loved the experience and took part with energy, enthusiasm and determination. Their behaviour was exemplary and they all gave 100% effort. Many thanks to OLQOH staff, parents and carers for their support.