



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st April 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

What a busy week in a busy term – I think we are all ready for our Easter break. Thanks to all the volunteers, Mini Vinnies and staff who have either made toast, run stalls or organised events. I know you have all enjoyed taking part in these activities.

This week in school, we have performed our 'Holy Week' collective worships. Children learnt about Jesus' journey – beginning with Palm Sunday to his crucifixion on Good Friday. The Paschal Triduum is the most important time of the Liturgical Year. If possible, try to attend mass during this time. Father Lawrie would be delighted to see mass full of children from school on Easter Sunday.

Well done to all the children for a fabulous term in school: for their hard work, great behaviour and especially for making us smile. Thank you to the staff for their hard work and dedication to the children.

Have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

From all the staff - be safe; be kind and be happy. God Bless



SPORTS UPDATE

Bishop Cup Football Match will take place on Thursday 21st April at St Augustine's School for children in Year 5 and Year 6. Letters have been given out this week.

Our next Otley League match will take place on Monday 9th May for Year 5 children against Westgate School. This will take place on our field after school.



FOSJ UPDATE - MOTHERS DAY STALL

We are pleased to announce that we made £194.41 profit from the Mother's Day stall. A huge thank you to all the people who gave donations to support the event. Additionally, thank you to our fabulous helpers Lindsey, Lizzie and Alice who ran the stalls. We look forward to our next school event!



OTLEY CARNIVAL

We are excited to announce that this year's theme is 'Queen's Canopy' - more information and a consent form will be sent home after the Easter holidays.

Thank you to our Carnival committee for their hard work so far!
If you would like to join the committee, please contact the school office.



IMPORTANT DATE FOR THE DIARY - QUEEN'S JUBILEE YEAR

Due to a scheduling error, school will now be closed on

Friday 1st July 2022.

School will be closed on this day to all pupils and staff. Thank you!



KEY INFORMATION

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Return to school Tuesday 19th April
- 22nd April - Y2 Feast Day
- 28th April - Basketball Training
- 6th May - Y4 Skipping Festival
- 9th May - Y6 SATS Week
- 16th May - Brownlee Triathlon
- 19th May - Under 11 Football
- 26th May - Ascension Mass
- 27th May - School Jubilee Celebrations
- 30th May - HALF TERM
- 1st July - School closed for Jubilee Bank Holiday



LOVE EXPLORING LEEDS

Love exploring is an app that has been created for Leeds that takes families out into local parks on scavenger type hunt challenges. It provides motivation to get outside as a family, and explore nature.

Join the city's 1st mega Mini-Beast hunt to win prizes for your school and your family, as part of the Love Exploring Inter-School Challenge, starting this Easter hols. Read more [here](#). #LoveExploringLeeds.

By getting active as a family and answering questions on the interactive quiz, you will score points which link to the school. There are points for every question answered and for every 100m you walk.

MULTI-ACTIVITY & LEGO WORKSHOP EASTER COURSES IN OTLEY

Inspiration Tree are offering Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshop this Easter at our school on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th April and a LEGO workshop at the Whartons on Tuesday 12th April.

They courses are £17 per day from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required. Please look at the attached flyer for further information. To make a booking please go to www.inspiration-tree.com.



'JUST ONE MORE' LEEDS CATERING COMPETITION

This week, as a city, Leeds launched a new 'Just One More' campaign to encourage people to increase their **vegetable** intake by "just one more" portion per day. St Joseph's have been invited to enter a 'design a poster' competition to support the 'Just One More' campaign's message and aims of eating more vegetables.

The deadline for submitting entries will be on **Friday 30th April 2022**.
Posters must be on A4 design and should be created by hand (not using a PC)

PRIZES

1 st place (2 winners)	2 nd place runner up (up to 5 winners)	3 rd place (up to 10 winners)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £50 voucher for each winner • Invitation to attend the unveiling of your poster • The 2 winning posters will be published, used in city council venues, cafes and social media • Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing kits • Posters will be shared on social media • Certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeds • Certificate

OUR MEMORIES OF Y6 RESIDENTIAL

- Lily "I liked having a sleepover with my mates."
- Joseph "Playing pool during the free time."
- Ella "My favourite was the assault course, apart from getting wet and muddy at the end."
- Cora "I loved doing the zip wire."
- Esther "Pulling Miss Dowd's harness so tight that she couldn't stand up!"
- Matthieu "Making a cat meow noise on the zip line."
- Agnes "I loved the high ropes because I was able to hang upside down like a monkey."
- Bede "Doing the crate stack."
- Eva "When I got bang on bullseye on archery."
- Daniel "Being a monkey on the high ropes."
- Abigail "Overcoming fears of height on the high ropes."
- Emily "Being an animated character on the zip wire even though I hated it!"
- Zahra "High ropes was my favourite activity even though I'm scarred for life."
- William "Giving Miss Dowd different names, for example: chef Dowd, DJ Dowd, flying Dowd, 45-minutes lighting a fire Dowd, crazy Dowd, disco Dowd, sheep Dowd."
- Rhys "Acting like I was running in the air on the zip wire."
- Mia "Spending time with my classmates and doing lots of fun activities."
- Alistair "Finally getting to sleep."
- Lexie "I liked playing the games in the chill out room."
- Tallulah "I liked having naps on the sofa."
- Ciara "My favourite was getting muddy in the ball pit on the assault course."



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR EASTER

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you most abundantly
and be your loving guide.

Amen

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Saturday Morning: 10am

Saturday Evening Vigil: 6:30pm

Sunday Morning: 9:30am & 11:15am

For updates, please check the weekly bulletin for up-to-date Mass times.

<http://www.olasotley.org/bulletin.html>



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Each morning this week, we have come together as a school to think about the events of Holy Week.

On Monday morning, Reception and Key Stage One led our worship and enthusiastically retold the story of Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

On Tuesday, Year 3 continued the story by thoughtfully retelling the story of Jesus Washing the disciples' feet and we thought about the humility Jesus showed.

It was Year 4's turn on Wednesday and they acted out the story of the Last Supper beautifully - this story is especially important to Year 4 as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time in May.

The mood was very sombre during Thursday's worship as Year 5 reflected on the story of Jesus' Agony in the Garden.

Our Holy Week worships ended on Friday when Year 6 expertly led a whole school Mass thinking about the sad events on Good Friday. We hope that through these Collective Worships it has enhanced the children's understanding of the Easter Story and that on Easter Sunday they are able to celebrate the wonderful miracle that is Jesus' Resurrection.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE

We have completed 3 preparation sessions— thank you to families for their continued support at home.

On Saturday 14th May, each child will be allocated one bench for family and friends.

The celebration breakfast will take place in the Parish Centre on Sunday 15th May after the 9.30am Mass. The children will receive their certificates on this day.

All welcome!

LENT FUNDRAISING

A massive "Thank you" to everyone for supporting our Lenten charities (The Good Shepherd Appeal, CAFOD and the DEC's Ukraine Appeal) so generously.

We hope the children have enjoyed the Faith Lunch, Toast Tuesdays, Games Afternoon and Easter Egg Raffle. We will let you know how much we have raised after the holidays.

Thank you to our volunteers who gave up their time to prepare the toast for the past 4 weeks - it was yummy!!!



CLASS NEWS

YEAR R NEWS

What an exciting week we have had in Reception. We were thrilled to come into school on Monday to see that some of our caterpillars had turned into butterflies. We enjoyed releasing them later in the week!

In Literacy, we have been learning the Easter Story. The children then sequenced pictures of the story and wrote captions to go with each picture. The children are getting really good at applying their phonics in words!

In Maths, we have been practising number bonds to 10. We used the numicon to help find all the different ways we can make 10 by adding two numbers together. Ask your child if they can show you some of the ways they can make 10!

On Wednesday, we enjoyed doing Easter crafts with our Buddies. We made chocolate Easter nests and baskets. We also enjoyed making Easter cards.

On Thursday we finished off our topic on 'People who help us' by learning about the importance of looking after our teeth. We then sorted all the foods that are good and bad for our teeth.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths, we have been thinking about one more and one less than with 2-digit numbers. We have used number squares to help us. We have also been comparing groups of objects and consolidating our understanding of comparative language: more than, greater than, less than, fewer and equals.

In RE, we made a beautiful wreath of the Easter Story. We coloured and cut out each part of the story from Palm Sunday to Pentecost.

We've had lots of fun this week doing Easter crafts. We made beautiful chalk pastel Easter cards. We coloured in 3D nets and constructed Easter baskets. We also made chocolate Easter nests and placed them in our baskets.

We watched YR release their butterflies which had metamorphosed from wriggly caterpillars to beautiful Red Admirals. (Ours are still chrysalids; we think they'll emerge in the holidays).

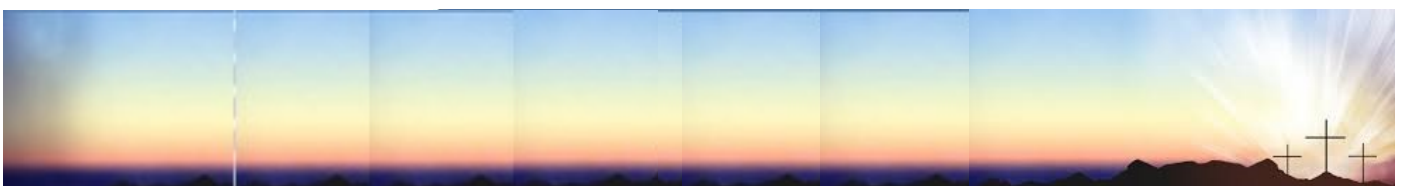
We also enjoyed the Easter Egg raffle on Friday and attended a beautiful, end of term Mass. We hope you have a lovely Easter break.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions. We have been finding a third of shapes and fractions and using our knowledge of division to support us. Year 2 are great at spotting patterns and realised that if we are finding half of a number, we divide by 2; to find a quarter we divide by 4 and to find a third we divide by 3. We even know that the bottom number of a fraction is called the denominator. Sofia pointed out that 'when the denominator number gets bigger the fraction size gets smaller.'

In English, we continued to enjoy our work based around our class book 'Flotsam' by David Weisner. We played a game called 'You Complete Me' by reading sentences based on the book and finding the person with a conjunction which completed the sentences. We then imagined that we would like to find the owner of the camera in the story. We started to write a description of the camera using lots of interesting vocabulary.

We have enjoyed various Easter crafts this week, which have included: using a wash technique to create a sunset for our Easter cards, using our cutting skills to make Easter bunny boxes and finally a little bit of food tech to make crispy bun nests. Lots of skills have been developed through these fun and exciting activities! Year 2 wish you a very happy Easter!



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English, we have continued to read *The Pied Piper*. The children have been creating an advertisement poster for the important job of a rat-catcher for Hamelin Town. They have thought carefully about all the important skills and equipment a rat-catcher must possess.

In Maths, we have been reading tables and answering problem-solving questions involving adding and subtraction.

In R.E, we have listened to the story of The Baptism of Jesus. The children learned more about John the Baptist and how he prepared people for the coming of The Messiah.

In our Holy Week preparations, we acted out the story of The Washing of the Feet of the Disciples. This story taught us about humility and the importance of serving others.

In D&T, we continued working on our cushions. We carefully appliqued our animals onto the front of our cushions using running stitch, before sewing the back and front of our cushions together.

YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, the children brought in objects to represent their memories in the style of 'The Matchbox Diary' and used them to inspire their own autobiographies. Thank you to parents for discussing the objects with them and allowing them to bring them in - it really inspired the children's imaginations!

In Maths, we have been working on tenths represented in different ways such as on place value charts, number lines and decimal numbers. We looked at the relationship each column has in the place value chart and thought about how this made it easier to think about tenths as parts of 1 whole.

In RE, we reflected on the days of Holy Week. The children led a school Collective Worship on the Last Supper, which we linked to our topic on the Consecration and Communion in the Mass. The children followed the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and discussed why we call it 'Good Friday' even though there are many sad events.

We also enjoyed all the Easter activities, including the Easter Mass led by Year 6 and the Easter Egg Raffle in the afternoon. We hope everyone has a peaceful, happy and holy Easter, and comes back refreshed for the summer term!

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, we finally finished our work on fractions by looking at problem solving questions involving fractions. During our work on fractions, the children have all shown the virtues of perseverance and resilience as sometimes the work was quite tricky but they kept going and have all shown an improved understanding of this topic - well done.

Our Science, we focused on water resistance. The children enjoyed changing the shape of the plasticine and timing how long it took to sink to the bottom of a water-filled container. The more water resistance the plasticine had, the longer it took.

On Tuesday, we had our final session of golf in our PE lessons so we set up a mini 9-hole golf course on the field and the children had fun going round the "course" in small groups recording their scores on their score cards.

In RE this week, we have been learning about Reconciliation and have produced posters for people telling them about what happens before, during and after this Sacrament. We have also learnt about the role of the priest in this Sacrament.

YEAR 6 NEWS

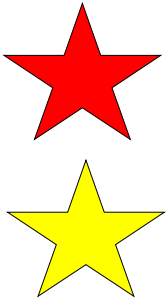
In Maths, we have worked on solving algebraic equations. We began by using the multilink cubes to represent the letter and the base 10 ones to represent ones to help us understand the equations. Then, we moved answering a variety of reasoning questions.

In Science, we continued to look how renewable energy is generated and how it is stored. We discussed in detail about the advantages and disadvantages of renewable energy.

In PE, we split the class into three groups and played hockey matches against each other. During these games, we used our dribbling, push passing and tackling skills.

On Friday, we led the whole school Mass. Well done to the children for behaving so reverently and reading with confidence.

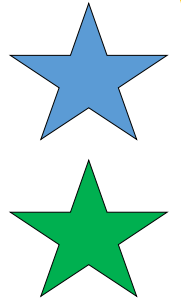
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



AWARD ASSEMBLY

Well done to all the children who received an award during Thursday Award Assembly. Some children have earned their bronze, silver or gold award—some have even got their platinum or super gold certificates! These certificates are awarded to children for earning a certain amount of merit points.

Additionally, we gave out the Good to be Green postcards. These are given to children who have remained on green, silver or gold for the whole of the Spring Term. We also randomly selected two 'Good to be Green' children from each class who won a £5 Argos voucher!

Finally, thank you to all those who took part in the Walk and Wheel to School Week. We selected three winners out of a hat. Congratulations to Ava, Henry and Lucius!

Well done everyone! We are so proud of all our children and their achievements. We look forward to seeing what next year will bring!



An Intercession to St Joseph

Dear St Joseph

Help us to love and care

To be gentle and fair

Help us to work and play together

Help us to live and grow together

To be always glad to help each other

Happy in your loving care

Amen