

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd February 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of the School,

We are approaching our final week of this Half Term! The mornings are getting lighter, and the drive home isn't so dark!

We have finished the end of a busy week with a high - Disco Time! Thank you to the Friends of St. Joseph's for organising the event and making it one to remember. An additional thank you goes to Simon and Becky who have donated all the fruit for the children - much appreciated, and it has gone down a storm!

On Wednesday evening, we have our third Academy Council meeting of the year - a highly productive meeting with passionate governors. They are helping us drive forward our standards and provide our children with the best education possible - thank you all for your time and commitment to the school.

I hope you all have a happy and restful weekend,

Best regards and God Bless,

Mr G



ASSEMBLIES - SPRING 1

Y1	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
09.02.24	12.01.24	19.01.24	To be rearranged	02.02.24
Mission Statement	Mutual Respect	Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	British Democracy

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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w/c 5th February - Y6 Bikeability
5th February - Y2 Football League
5th February - Under 11's Football
6th February - YR Stay and Play
8th February - Y5 PHGS Festival

w/c 12th February **HALF TERM**
Return to School 19th February

SPORT - UPCOMING DATES:

Good luck to the Year 2 football team who have their next set of league matches on Monday. A text message has been sent to remind the children who are taking part.

Good luck to the under 11 football team who have their first match of the season on Monday against Adel St John's School.

Good luck to Benjamin (Y3) Alice (Y5) and Ian (Y5) who have qualified for the Leeds Cross Country Finals which is taking place on Thursday at Temple Newsam.

DATES: 22nd Feb - U11 Boys football match against Weetwood School

DATES: 8th March - KS2 Cross Country Finals on Thursday @ Temple Newsam

REQUEST: PANS AND KITCHEN UTENSILS



We are looking for donations of old pans and safe kitchen utensils for our mud kitchen in Reception.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 4th February.**



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

OTLEY CARNIVAL STARS

We recently had a visit from a member of the Otley Carnival organising committee (Nicola Horner), who talked to the children about the 'Otley Carnival Stars'. Anyone in KS2 can nominate themselves to become an Otley Star by championing one of these four themes: Equality & Diversity, Health & Wellbeing, Environment, Community.

We are looking for pupils who are passionate about one or more of these themes and are willing to help raise awareness and contribute to their local community to champion this through voluntary events during the year.

The successful nominees will also have the opportunity to be on the Otley Stars float during the carnival procession and be involved in some of the events at the show ground after the procession has taken place.

To apply, please complete the online application form, <https://forms.gle/DUeAC3ycNjNCPjKi9> or paper copies are available in school by Friday 16th February 2024. The committee look forward to receiving your applications.



NUMBER DAY

On Friday, we celebrated NSPCC Number Day. Everyone looked fabulous dressed in 'numbers' or something 'mathematical'. We spent the day taking part in some creative maths challenges.

On Wednesday, we had a 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assembly with Miss Wilkinson and Miss Earley. We thought about lots of ways to stay safe and who we can talk to in school. We also had a visit from Bobby the Bear.

There is a new TT Rockstars Challenge from today called NSPCC Rocks! There will be certificates and prizes for the most points in each class. See TTRS for more details.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 5-11th February 2024. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to use their voice to speak out about their feelings and encouraging children to feel proud of themselves and their achievements.

For more information, please see <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



INTERNET SAFETY DAY

On Tuesday 6th February, we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024.

Please complete our anonymous E-Safety Questionnaire for parents <https://forms.office.com/e/m21fVehPiR>



If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with Mr Gilhooly, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs Harvey and Miss Earley.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

As the new month of February dawns, we come before you with a heart full of gratitude and expectation.

During this month, we think about the people we love and we are reminded of the constant care and love that you give us.

We ask for your blessings, guidance and protection for our loved ones during this month

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

This week, we have started thinking about our new virtue of simplicity. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be thinking about:

- thinking about what is important in life;
- thinking about how we can do good to help others and our world;
- thinking about how we can live simply to get closer to God.

All the classes led a collective worship for SS Peter & Paul's and Holy Name on Thursday with the theme of simplicity.

*Lighten my load Lord,
Help me to keep in balance the things I desire with those I truly need
May I give generously to those whose needs are more pressing than my own*

*Lighten my mind Lord,
Help me to relinquish my judgements and opinions by widening my world view
May I come to a greater appreciation of the diversity of your people*

*Lighten my heart Lord,
Let gratitude, kindness and a delight in life arise in me like the sweetest song.
Amen*

FRIDAY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Thank you to Year 6 for leading our worship today on the theme of the British Value of Democracy. They taught us about the Suffragettes and how they fought for equal voting rights for women and they also told us that there are some countries today that are not democratic.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thank you to all of the children who have returned their Reconciliation forms. Classes start On Wednesday after school. Children need to be collected from the Office at 4:15, thank you.

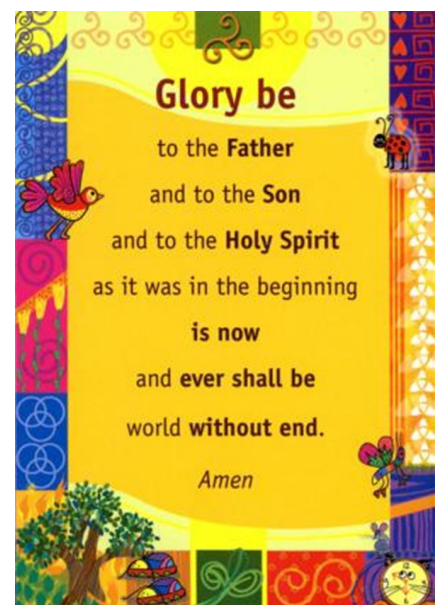
SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*There will be a meeting for parents of children hoping to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **20th March at 7pm in Church.***

Children in Year 4 upwards are invited to receive First Holy communion for the first time.

This will take place on **Saturday 8th June** at 10am in our Church. The children will be presented with their certificates in Mass on the following day on Sunday 9th June. After this, they will be invited to their Communion Breakfast.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK



CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

In Drawing Club, we have been reading the story, 'Owl Babies'. We made our own owl paintings with no brushes in sight and have thought about the story and how the owls felt. Mrs Georghiou made some owls to add to the reading corner to help us retell the story which the children have enjoyed.

In Maths, we have been learning about Weight and Capacity. We used the balance scales to compare the weight of different classroom objects. We learnt that although an object may be big, it does not mean it's always heavier.

In RE, we have been continuing our topic 'Getting to Know Jesus'. We thought about how we can show our love for people that are poorly. We had some super ideas such as making cards, drawing pictures and saying prayers.

In Music, we have been learning lots of songs and rhymes and using musical instruments and scarves to move to the beat. Ask your child to teach you one as they are brilliant performers!

In our 'Understanding the World' areas, we have loved using the magnets and have also started using torches to find some of the nocturnal animals which are hiding in the dark.

YEAR 1 NEWS

On Thursday afternoon, Year 1 went to visit Father Nicholas in Church to find out about Baptism. He showed us the font and the jug where the Holy water is stored. The children all get to smell the special oils that are used in Baptism and hold the special shell that Father Nicholas uses to pour the water over the babies' heads. A shell is used to remind us that some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. We were also able to find the date of some of the children's baptisms in the Parish Register of Baptisms Book.

In Art this week, the children made collagraph blocks for weather symbols which they then used to make prints.

In English, we have been busy writing all about a naughty toy bus that goes into different classes making a mess. The children have been trying to remember finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.

Today in Maths, the children were exploring length. They found different objects around the classroom and used cubes to measure the length of them. They have also been using number lines and comparing the size of numbers to 20 this week.

Our focus in Science this week was looking at the life cycle of a squirrel in the different seasons. The children used their observation skills to try to work out what was happening in each picture of the squirrel.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have been continuing our work about shape. We have been investigating 3-D shapes by counting the number of faces, edges and vertices. We have used our knowledge of the properties of 3-D shapes to answer questions such as True or False, we discovered that the number of edges is double the number of faces on all 3-D shapes.

In English, we have enjoyed writing our Orion stories. We have worked hard to use interesting vocabulary and to remember to use conjunctions. We had a lot of interesting ways Orion overcame his fears of girls, popping balloons, heights, the sea and even wardrobes!

As part of our Science work about materials, we have carried out two investigations this week! We investigated the properties of paper to work out which would be best to use when posting a parcel. We then investigated whether or not we could make fabric waterproof. We found out that if we use a layer of wax on the fabric, it will create a waterproof barrier.

In RE, we enjoyed listening to the story of Jesus feeding the 5000. We then imagined that we were there at the time and were interviewed by a news reporter about what we witnessed.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we published our diamante poems about Pompeii after using thesaurus to develop our descriptive language. We moved on to analysing features of a newspaper and planned our own to draft and publish next week.

In RE, we reflected on the stories of Jesus calling his first disciples. The children thought about what Simon and Andrew had to leave behind, and what virtues they showed by choosing to follow Jesus. They then used laptops to create presentations about how to follow Jesus.

In Maths, we practised our times table knowledge using it to answer related calculations - if we know $12 \times 4 = 48$, we know $12 \times 40 = 480$!

In Geography, we had a race around the classroom to locate the Ring of Fire and the names of the different tectonic plates whose boundaries meet along it

In Science, we carried out an investigation to see which surface around school was the most slippery, measuring the frictional force against our shoe. We were introduced to force meters to measure the frictional force in Newtons.

YEAR 4 NEWS

This week, Year 4 have been mastering dividing two- and 3-digit numbers by 1 digit. We focused on calculations both with and without remainders, and used place value counters and part whole models to support us with the process of dividing. We have also been focusing on improving our times table fluency - keep going Year 4!

In Art, the children explored artists' use of atmospheric perspective and used a variety of different techniques to create the impression of the foreground, middle ground and back ground.

In Computing, Year 4 worked methodically to program a screen turtle. They had to create an accurate algorithm which would make the screen turtle write their initial.

In English, we planned and wrote a first person recount of a journey from Italy to America, inspired our class text *The Matchbox Diary*. The children used a variety of grammatical devices to ensure that their writing was cohesive and provided the reader with a vivid description of the tumultuous journey.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, we have looked at multiplying a two-digit number by a two-digit number using the area model and the column multiplication method. The children were able to recognise when multiplying two tens together, the number will get a hundred times bigger.

In PE with Mrs Fenton-Green, we played Tchoukball which derived from Switzerland, and is most popular in Singapore. We also played Rock-it Ball which evolved in North Yorkshire and is based on honesty. When a player gets hit with a ball, they must raise their hand and wait to be seen by the referee before they can continue playing otherwise a penalty will be given.

In Science, we have started looking at Life Cycles. We spent the lesson classifying animals and looked at the Mammalian features of a mammal and asked questions such as, "Does it have fur/hair covering its skin?" and "Do they give birth to live young?" We created flowcharts based on these classifying questions.

YEAR 6 NEWS

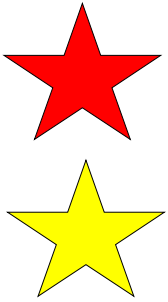
In Maths, we began the topic of ratio and looked in depth at the ratio language and the symbol. We used this information to compare figures using the key phrase: multiplicative relationship. We have shown a great understanding of ratio! We then moved on to looking at scale factors of enlarged and reduced shapes.

In English, we wrote an interview between ourselves as the interviewee and Mr Pig. We ensured that we asked open questions to delve deeper into why the Pig killed the Big Bad Wolf. In our writing, we used phatic utterance, a range of informal and formal language and relative clauses.

On Tuesday, we attended Prince Henry's performance of *Adams Family*. We thoroughly enjoyed watching the performance - they were brilliant!

In Science, we took part in an investigation where we measured our resting heart rate and then continued to measure it straight after the exercise, 3 minutes and 5 minutes after. We discussed how human error could cause anomaly as we are not 100% reliable when counting our heart beat.

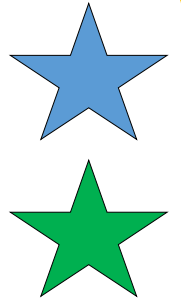
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

EUAN (YR), TAKARAI SHE/LUSWEPO (Y1), WINTER (Y2),
ROSE (Y3), FREDDIE (Y4), HENRY H (Y5), OLIVIA C (Y6)



ENGLISH AWARD

HUGHIE (YR), TOM (Y1), LENNY (Y2), WILLIAM H (Y3),
KADEN (Y4), ANNA (Y5), ARCHIE (Y6)



VIRTUE AWARD

ANYA (YR), GEORGIA (Y1), GRACE (Y2), ISAAC L (Y3),
CONNIE (Y4), WILLIAM (Y5), PRIMROSE (Y6)



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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ★ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - PARENT MEET AND GREET & AGM
- ★ WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER - CAKE SALE
- ★ FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER- FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
- ★ SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - SILENT DISCO
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - RAINBOW RAFFLE
- ★ FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY- COCKTAIL MAKING EVENING
- ★ FRIDAY 8 MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY
- ★ FRIDAY 26 APRIL - QUIZ NIGHT
- ★ FRIDAY 17 MAY- GOLDEN TICKET EVENT
- ★ FRIDAY 14 JUNE- FATHER'S DAY
- ★ FRIDAY 28 JUNE - CAMPING TRIP



OTLEY

COMMUNITY LARDER

Otley Social Club, Hollin Gate,
Otley LS21 2DP

NOW OPEN!

Come and find us:

TUESDAY 2.15pm – 3.15pm

THURSDAY 6.15pm – 7.15pm

SATURDAY coming soon

We distribute fresh foods which are close to, or just beyond their 'Best Before' date - reducing waste and providing nutritious foods to Otley people on a 'pay as you feel' basis.

No appointment or referral needed.

Our food is available to all.



www.otley2030.com/larder



OTLEY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

**JOIN US FOR FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL
SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

EVERY TUESDAY (TERM-TIME)

9.30-11.00 am

**NEW VENUE FROM JANUARY 2024:
Cross Green Community Centre, LS21 1HD**

Parents and carers of school aged children very welcome

For more information contact Lisa on:

07510079959/mnl@princehenrys.co.uk

HALF-TERM CAMPS

MONDAY 12TH - THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

ALLERTON HIGH SCHOOL, KING LANE, LS17 7AG

OUR COACHES FOCUS ON CREATING A FUN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE ASPECTS OF FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT ARE BLENDED WITH ACTIVITIES AND GAMES WITH THE CORE SKILLS OF BASKETBALL AS A FOCUS.

THE KEY AREAS OF SHOOTING, DRIBBLING, PASSING AND FOOTWORK ARE DEVELOPED, WITH YOUNG PEOPLE GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY THESE SKILLS IN GAMES.

THE CAMPS RUN FROM 09:00-16:00 AND IS DIVIDED INTO 3 SEGMENTS FOCUSING ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT, SMALL SIDED GAMES AND MATCH PLAY. SESSIONS ARE UP-TEMPO, EXCITING AND FUN WITH A VIEW TO INSTILLING A PASSION FOR THE SPORT.

CAMPERS SHOULD BRING A PACKED LUNCH, REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE AND SNACKS FOR THROUGHOUT THE DAY.



BOUNCE (8-11 YEAR OLDS)
MONDAY 12TH 09:00-16:00
TUESDAY 13TH 09:00-16:00



NEW HEIGHTS (12-14 YEAR OLDS)
WEDNESDAY 14TH 09:00-16:00
THURSDAY 15TH 09:00-16:00
£25 per day or £40 for two days.



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