



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd July 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for another wonderful week in school – I have listened to many of our talented musicians this week either rehearsing for performances or having their instrumental lessons. It is lovely to see so many children learning to play an instrument.

Mrs Shakespeare sent me a video of Timo, Y6, on saxophone, accompanied by his Dad on piano playing a jazz piece. It was wonderful, and Timo's performance was outstanding. We were then treated to musical extravaganza by Year 4 in our Friday Celebration Assembly. The class described the life of St Cecilia who is the patron saint of musicians. Thank Year 4 for your great performances on various instruments. I hope you have inspired others to take up an instrument in KS2.

There has been lots of hard work throughout school. Well done everyone.

On Saturday, the children in Year 4 will be making their First Holy Communion. This is a very special time for them, as it will be the first time they will receive the Body of Christ. Please keep them in your thoughts say a prayer for them on Saturday.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the time with your family and friends.

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



SPORTS DAY

Re-arranged Sports Day will be held on Tuesday 13th July. Unfortunately, due to social distancing regulations, we can only allow 2 family members (adults only) per child to attend. We cannot make any exceptions.

You will need to sign up from Monday 5th July via MS Form. This will be sent on Monday. If you do not reserve a space, you will be unable to attend. More information to follow.



CRICKET COACH IN SCHOOL

We have been lucky to secure Pro Cricket Coaching until the end of the school year. Please check the timetable below and make sure your children wear their PE kit on this day. Thank you.

	AM Session 1	AM Session 2	PM Session 1	PM Session 2
FRIDAY 18 th JUNE	YEAR 3	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2
FRIDAY 25 th JUNE (SPORTS DAY)	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 6	YEAR 5
FRIDAY 2 nd JULY	YEAR 6	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2
FRIDAY 9 th JULY	YEAR 3	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2
FRIDAY 16 th JULY	YEAR 5	YEAR 1	YEAR 4	YEAR 2

KEY INFORMATION

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July 2021

3rd July: First Holy Communion @ 10am and 12pm

9th July: Y4 Mass @ 1.30pm

9th July: Y5 Mass @ 1.30pm

13th July: Y6 End of Year Production

16th July: Y5 Big Samba Event

21st July: Y6 Leavers Mass

22nd July: Y6 Campover

23rd July: End of Term Mass @ 11am

PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Y3, Y4 and Y6 took part in pedestrian training as part of Leeds City Council's Road Safety programme.

The sessions, lead by the Influencing Travel Behaviour (ITB) team, identified safer places to cross and practising road crossing skills.

The children behaved sensibly and learned lots of safe ways to travel around Otley and the surrounding areas.

Thank you to Leeds City Council for facilitating the training. We are proud to teach our children the importance of road safety.

KS2 CRICKET

Well done to the 21 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 who took part in the cricket matches at Yeadon last night.

It was a great opportunity for the children to play on proper cricket pitches and we're very grateful to Yeadon Cricket Club for providing the facilities. Unfortunately, we lost both matches but they were very close with only 29 runs and 8 runs separating the teams.

Hopefully, for those children who don't already play cricket for a club it might inspire them to join! Thank you to all the parents for their support and for providing their support.

Thank you also to Mrs Holmes for helping supervise the teams.



CLASS CHARITIES

As part of our 'Money Sense' topic in PSHCE and having listened to feedback from the children in School Council Meetings, we decided that it would be nice for each class to choose a charity to raise money for this half term and their own fundraising event. These will take place in the week commencing Monday 12th July.

Here is a list of the charities each class has chosen and their fundraising event:

Year Rec: Blue Cross - The children would like to bring filled jam jars with things to sell to their friends, more information to follow!

Year 1: Otley Wildlife - The children have been creating their own artwork, for the Y1 Gallery, which will go on sale for parents and grandparents to buy.

Year 2: WWF - The children would like to host a bun sale. Children will pay to decorate cakes and purchase a plate of cakes for their family .

Year 3: Otley Action for Older People - The children will take part in a sponsored No-Technology Day.

Year 4: Jacqui's Million (Cancer Charity) - The children will host a sponsored Talent Show

Year 5: Dementia UK - The children would like to pay to throw cold water over Mrs Harvey & Mrs Russell.

Year 6: Cancer Research - The children will take part in a sponsored Games (Sport) Afternoon

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for our brothers and sisters around the world who have different faiths to us, different religions to us, and different beliefs to us.

We pray that we may grow to understand each other more and celebrate our differences remembering we are all made in the image of God to love one another.

Amen.

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, Mass times have changed for Our Lady and All Saints Otley.

Please see bulletin for changes to Mass times

[Click here](#)

Please book a place for Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass - [book here](#)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend, 26 children from our School will be making their First Holy Communion. We wish them a very special weekend and pray that they may continue to grow to God.

Church will be open from 9:30am

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Tuesday, the Church celebrated the Feast of SS Peter & Paul. In our Collective Worship, we listened to the story of Paul's Conversion in the Road to Damascus and to how Jesus said to Peter "You are a rock and On this rock I will build my Church".

On Wednesday, Reception went to Church for a special Collective worship. The theme of the Collective Worship was the statement: "We are the same and we are different." The children looked at a range of animals and said how they all looked different. Then we thought about how we were all different with different eye colours, length of hair, different birthdays and different fingerprints. We then reflected that even though we are all different, we are all the same too as God made all of us in his image and God loves us all very much.

We finished by singing a song:

*I love my friends,
They are kind to me,
God made my friends
And God made me.*

VIRTUE - SERVICE

The virtue for the next three weeks is service which seems very appropriate at the moment when so many people have put other people's needs before their own; wanting to make a positive difference to the lives of others and helping people in need.

In 1 Peter 4:10 it says, "Each of you should use the gifts God has given you to serve others." Jesus showed us all that we should serve others when he washed the disciples' feet at the Last Supper.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

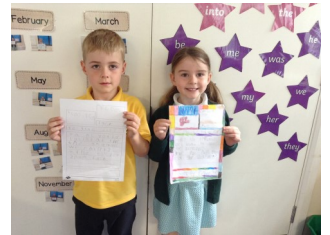
This week in Reception, we have been learning about the role of the vet and the important things they do to look after animals. We learnt about lots of different types of animals that vets need to help including wild animals, pets, farm animals and working animals.

We linked our vet topic with our chosen charity, Blue Cross. We learnt about the hard work that Blue Cross do, how they help lots of different animals and discussed how we can continue to allow them to help animals by raising money. The children then wrote a letter to Blue Cross and explained what we are going to do to try and help them and the animals.

Jack wrote "Thank you for looking after the animals. We are raising some money to help you."

Piper wrote "Thank you for helping the animals. We want to help your animals too. We are going to raise money for your animals."

In RE this week, we have continued to learn about our church. On Wednesday, we had a lovely worship at Church with Mrs Harvey and Father Lawrie. We spoke about how God made each and every one of us special and how we differ from one another.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In English we have been learning about the suffixes 'ed' and 'ing' when they are added to a verb (in which the root word stays the same).

We have been partitioning 2 digit numbers in Maths. We are able to count fluently in tens and can recognise that 52 is $50 + 2$. We have also finished our unit on position and direction and have been practising our understanding of left and right. We enjoyed programming the Bee Bots to make them follow our directions.

In RE, we have been learning about Jesus' miracles. Jesus performed the miracle of '*Calming the Storm*' when he was at sea with his disciples. We acted out the story in the classroom and reflected on how important it is to have faith in our lives, especially, against the problems we are powerless to overcome.

In Topic, in our unit on Our Local Area we have been thinking about how we can reuse, recycle and reduce. We completed a sorting activity and were surprised about just how much of our waste can be recycled and reused even things like egg shells and teabags can go in a compost bin. We designed posters to remind people around school about recycling.

We continued with our Artwork on Friday of the local environment. Using pastels and watercolour paints to create beautiful wild gardens.



YEAR 2 NEWS

This week Year 2 have been busy researching facts all about The Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys. They have produced some wonderful fact files about Samuel Pepys for their History work and have started to plan their Great Fire of London fact file. Now they have chosen their subheadings, they have come up with some fantastic facts and information to include.

In Maths we have continued with our unit on time. The children have been learning all about o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past and telling the time to 5 minutes. We have used the Super Movers song to help us remember our time vocabulary.

In RE this week, we have been looking at the early Christians and how they came to be. We discussed how we are all part of God's family and how we pray, share, and help each other when we go to church.

To link with our Great Fire of London topic, Year 2 have been busy constructing houses for our replica of pudding lane. They have also begun painting them.



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English we have been developing our descriptive language. We analysed 'How to Live Forever' for adjectives and extended noun phrases, and then wrote our own paragraphs to describe settings and characters in the book.

In Maths we have come to the end of our Geometry topic. The children have worked on comparing 2D and 3D shapes with reference to angles, faces, parallel and perpendicular edges, and vertices. They have really enjoyed handling the shapes!

In RE we looked at the story of the Conversion of St Paul. We read the story together and thought about how Paul felt before and after Jesus appeared to him. We used this knowledge, and criticism of other works of art, to create artwork to retell the story of the Road to Damascus. Daniel was RE Star this week because of the composition and style he used in his piece.

We have also been busy with Pedestrian Training, designing our own pencil cases, and sculpting the heads of our canopic jars.



YEAR 4 NEWS

Firstly, thank you to all the grown-ups who attended our assembly about music. We hope you all enjoyed listening to us. Mrs Holmes and Miss Earley were very proud of us.

In our English work, we imagined that we were Conquistadors (Spanish exploiters), discovering the Mayan temples for the first time. We wrote diary entries which described the temples and statues. We also thought very carefully about how we would feel making such a discovery. We did some excellent descriptive work.

In Maths, we have been learning about co-ordinates. We have practised plotting co-ordinates and translating shapes to new positions.

As part of our Science work on electricity, Year 4 learnt how switches work. We learnt how to make two different types of switches. We used paper clips and paper fasteners to make one switch because they are metal and metal is a good conductor of electricity. We hope to use this knowledge when we make torches next week in DT.

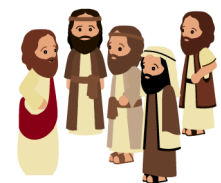


YEAR 5 NEWS

In RE this week, Year 5 started our new topic, "The Work of the Disciples". We started by reading different stories from the Gospels to see if they showed the disciples' strengths or weaknesses. In the following lesson, we reminded ourselves of the 12 virtues we have focused on in our collective worships throughout the year and thought if the disciples ever showed these virtues. Finally, we discussed which virtue we thought was the most important for a disciple of Jesus to have.

In Maths, we have continued to look at angles as well as revising our knowledge of 2D shapes.

We are continuing to read "Clockwork" in English, which the children are enjoying. This week, the children have used relative clauses and parenthesis to write about some of the characters in the book. They have also made predictions about what will happen next based on what they have already read.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we developed our understanding of statistics; we interpreted and drew line graphs using information.

In Art, we looked at various types of graffiti around the UK and discussed the legalities of it. We created our own graffiti art with our names. We thought about how we could exaggerate the lines using serifs – we found this quite tricky! We selected colours to contrast one another and to add effect.

We have continued to practise the play with enthusiasm and some great acting! The costume list is on Google Classroom. It would be great if costumes could start coming in next week – they must be in a plastic bag labelled with names.

On Friday, we enjoyed playing cricket again. We worked on our batting and fielding skills. Well done to Finn and Millie for being the last boy and girl standing!

