

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd February 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It certainly has been a very busy week in school! I am sure you are aware of the flood damage to YR and Y1. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Ed, Mrs Hart and the staff who helped move furniture and set up two rooms before the children started their school day on Monday. The children were very excited – a little adventure and YR have loved the extra space! Y1 are the first children to use the newly renovated bungalow. Unfortunately, it is going to take longer than we first thought as all the carpets and lino from YR and Y1 have to be replaced and the sink unit from Y1 has to be ripped out and replaced. We have had quotes and once we have the go ahead from the insurance company, we will start repairs immediately.

From Monday, Y6 will use the hall, YR will use Y6 and Y1 will remain in the bungalow. Thank everyone for being flexible and going with the flow – pun unintended!

School took part in a cross country qualifier at Temple Newsam and a big well done to Lucille who has qualified for the next stage. Thank you to the parent helpers and staff who accompanied the children.

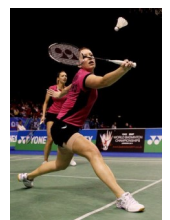
Have a wonderful weekend; the time we spend with people who are close to us is precious so enjoy quality time with family and friends.

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

SPORTS

Jenny Wallwork Visit

On Thursday afternoon, the children had fun completing their exercises in the hall with Jenny and enjoyed cheering everyone else on as well. At the end of the day, everyone gathered in the hall to listen to Jenny tell us about her journey. She also told the children that she was able to achieve her dreams with hard work and by believing in herself.



Cross Country

Well done to all the children who took part in the Cross Country event at Temple Newsam on Thursday. The children really enjoyed the day and all did brilliantly. It was a very difficult and hilly course, but the children completed it with a great time and a big smile on their faces.

Well done to Lucille who has qualified for the finals!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- w/c 6th February - Y6 Bikeability
- 9th February - Y3 Gymnastics
- **w/c 13th February - HALF TERM!**
- 20th February - Dogs Trust Visit
- 21st February - Pancake Day Activities
- 22nd February - Ash Wednesday Mass
- 24th February - Author Visit
- 27th February - Reading Week
- 28th February - Toast Tuesday
- 1st March - YR Saint Day
- 2nd March—World Book Day

SCHOOL NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

GOLDEN TICKET - WILL YOU FIND A GOLDEN TICKET?

We are looking forward to our Golden Ticket Event on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February.

Children will be able to purchase 110g Galaxy chocolate bars for £2.50. If they find a Golden Ticket hiding in the wrapper, they need to bring it to the school office on Friday 10th February at 3.15pm to claim their prize.

A huge thank you to Arundel Travel Otley and Wharfedale Mumbler for sponsoring us for this event. In addition, we would like to give a shout-out to those incredible parents who have sourced/donated prizes: Tom Monkman, Alice Miles, Jo Crosby, Amy Barnett, Lisa Hayton and Rebecca Keinhorst. Thank you.

We are still accepting prizes, so if you or your workplace would like to donate we would be very grateful. We currently have 30 prizes with more expected. We have a wide range of prizes for adults and children (£200 holiday vouchers/Leeds Rhino Tickets/£50 Buon Apps voucher/Go Ape vouchers/ family railway tickets etc!).



INSPIRATION TREE - MULTI-ACTIVITY & LEGO WORKSHOP FEBRUARY HALF TERM



Inspiration Tree are offering Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshop this half term at St Joseph's and Burley Oaks.

The 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.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 6-12th February 2023. This year's theme is Let's Connect. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they make meaningful connections.

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



INTERNET SAFETY DAY

On Tuesday 7th February, we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023.

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

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with Miss Choma, Miss Wilkinson or Miss Hulbert.



NUMBER DAY

Thank you to everyone who took part in NSPCC Number Day! Everyone looked fabulous dressed in 'numbers' or something 'mathematical'.

Led by Y1's Assembly on Friday morning, we raised awareness about NSPCC and Childline and keeping safe.

We spent the day taking part in some creative maths challenges—learning all about using money in our everyday lives.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Saint Brigid,
You were a woman of peace,
You brought harmony where there was conflict,
You brought light to the darkness,
You brought hope to the downcast.
Inspire us to act justly and with reverence to all God has made.
Strengthen what is weak within us and calm us into quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into deeper wholeness in body, mind and spirit.
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>



VIRTUE

As part of our Love Thy Neighbour Collective Worships, the children listened to the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke's Gospel and thought about the virtues that the Samaritan showed by helping the injured man. We thought about how our virtues and love for other people can grow as we journey through life.



On Thursday, it was the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas. The children listened to the story about Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the Temple where they met Anna and Simeon.



Y1 ASSEMBLY

Year 1's assembly this morning was about NUMBER DAY and they reminded us about the different numbers in the Bible:

- God created the world in SEVEN days.
- Noah took TWO of each animal onto the ark.
- There are FORTY days in Lent.
- Jesus was presented in the Temple after FORTY days.
- At the Feeding of the 5,000 there were FIVE loaves and TWO fish.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This week, we were able to set a date with Father Lawrie for First Holy Communion which will be on Saturday 13th May at 10am. We will be sending letters out with further information in due course.

RECONCILIATION

A reminder that Reconciliation classes will start on the first Wednesday after half term. Children will need collecting at 4pm from the office. If you have not already returned your child's form, please do so before the meetings start. Thank you.

Prayer of the Week

Morning Prayer

Oh my God, you love me.
You're with me night and day.
I want to love you always;
in all I do and say.
I'll try to please you Father.
Bless me through the day.
Amen

**As a family with God in our hearts,
we love, laugh and learn**

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

Firstly, a huge well done to Reception class for adapting so well to our new temporary classroom. Things have been quite different for us this week and we have all done so well to continue with our excellent learning.

In Literacy, we have been looking at the book 'One Snowy Night' and have been writing character descriptions about Percy the park keeper. We have thought about his appearance and also his personality.

In Maths, we have had lots of fun using water to explore capacity. We have used the vocabulary 'full', 'half full' and 'empty'. We realised if we fill containers too much they will spill. We have also been exploring mass and using scales to compare amounts.



We have learnt lots of new sounds this week in phonics; oo as in book and oo as in spoon, or, ar and ur. We are all making great progress in our reading and writing; keep practicing at home.

On Friday, we really enjoyed number day. We learnt about the coins and notes we use. We have done some coin sorting activities to get more familiar with money. Encourage your child to use money over the weekend.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In English, we have been reading our book called *Meerkat Mail* which is all about Sunny the Meerkat and his adventures. Sunny has written us a letter and is hoping to visit Otley soon. We thought about all the fun things Sunny could do during his visit and have been writing a letter back to him in the Kalahari Desert.

In Maths, we have used lots of practical resources to represent two-digit numbers. These have included: tens frames, number beads, base ten, dice and the rekenrek counting frame.

In Science, we have been matching the properties of materials and trying to understand why certain properties are so useful. We know for example that windows have to be made from glass due to their transparency and durability but an object like a chair could be made from plastic, wood or metal.

In RE, we have been thinking about Jesus as the light of the world. We reflected on the qualities that Jesus would expect us to have and share with others such as: kindness, respect, patience, generosity and loyalty.

In Art, we have been inspired by the abstract paintings of Piet Mondrian. We have been using the primary colours to experiment with the arrangement of different sized and coloured squares.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued our work on multiplication. We found out what an array is and found lots of examples around the classroom and we looked arrays we may find in everyday life such as egg boxes and chocolate bars! We then learnt that we could write 2 different multiplication calculations for each one e.g. 6×2 and 2×6 . This is because multiplication is commutative.

We also enjoyed Number Day this week. We learnt about how to keep our money safe. We discussed the best places to keep our money and then we made a moneybox to put our loose change in.

In English, we have enjoyed writing our stories about Orion. Mrs Holmes gave us a loyalty card for our writing. If we included expanded noun phrases, exciting adjectives and good punctuation we got a stamp on our card. We all aimed to get a full card stamped to earn lots of team points!

In Geography, we became cartographers! We designed some road maps for a Bee Bot to use. We enjoyed deciding where we should put each street and the different features we could include such as rivers, hospitals, train stations and parks. We discussed the different symbols we could use on our maps to represent these features. We are looking forward to using the Bee Bots on our maps as part of our Computing work on programming.

YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have been learning how to divide a two digit number by a one digit number. Building on our knowledge of times tables and division facts, we used place value counters and part whole models to represent the calculations we were working on.



In Reading, we have been working on our retrieval skills. We have been looking at different retrieval questions and unpicking the language within them to help us find the information we need for the answers in the text.

In Science, to finish our topic on light, we investigated the relationship between light sources and shadows. We experimented with torches and drew around shadows to find out if the shadow gets bigger or smaller when the light source moves closer.

In RE, we discussed and answered questions about how Christians follow Jesus. We thought about how we could bring Good News to people as Jesus taught us.

YEAR 4 NEWS

On Wednesday, Year 4 celebrated our Saint Day - Saint Brigid. In the morning, the children found out about the life of Saint Brigid and used their skills from English to write a biography about her. The children also enjoyed making Saint Brigid crosses from pipe cleaners and each child has created a picture on fabric so that they can be sewn together to create a cloak. If anyone would like to volunteer to sew the panels together, it would be very much appreciated!

In English, we have started our new book, "The Matchbox Diary". The children enjoyed making predictions about the book and enjoyed acting out a conversation between the two characters using expression. The children then showed each other what they had put in their matchboxes and asked each other questions about them. Having done this, the children wrote their conversations in the format of a play script.

Today, as part of Number Day, the children have learnt about the different methods of paying for things and why it is important to save. We had lots of interesting conversations about loans, interest rates and mortgages!

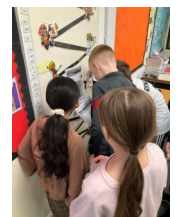


YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have moved onto a new topic. Year 5 have begun identifying the key features of a non-chronological report and the structure. We looked at a report on Mount Everest and the children really enjoyed cutting out each feature and sticking them into the correct category. We also spent time on note taking, emphasising how you listen out for the key information and write it down in short phrases.

In PSHE, we continued to look at online safety and how to stay safe online, more specifically looking at the information we might share online and how this can lead to fraud. The children worked in groups to look at 4 different case studies of individuals using the internet and gave some great ideas on how they can make sure they are safe as well as identify risks that can arise.

Within our RE, Year 5 have been looking at the life of Josephine Bakhita as part of our inspirational people topic. We read about the hardships she faced as a child growing up in Sudan and how her childhood was different to theirs. The children were able to acknowledge that, despite the hardships she faced growing up, she was still able to forgive; the children found this very inspiring.



YEAR 6 NEWS

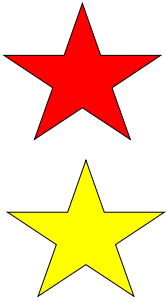
In Maths, we started our new topic of converting units using metric and imperial measurements. We identified metric measures of length, mass and capacity; we answered lots of problems where we had to convert these.

In English, we continued our work at looking at non-chronological reports about animals. We began by learning how to take notes when information was read out to us. Then, we used our notes to create some well-structured sentences with different grammatical devices – relative clauses, fronted adverbials and active/passive voice.

On Friday, as part of Number Day, we were asked to plan a party with a budget of £150. We worked together, in threes, to decide what we would want/need at the party and then work our costings. This was really enjoyable and challenging as we needed to decide what was necessary and unnecessary and ensure that we stayed within our budget.



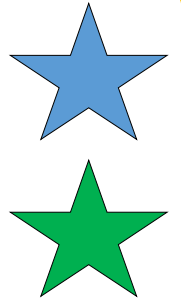
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

BOLTON

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

**TOM (YR), ALL (Y1), RONNIE (Y2)
HARRISON (Y3), CLOVER (Y4), ADDISON (Y5), CHARLIE W (Y6)**

RE AWARD

**ANNA (YR), LILLIE-AVA (Y1), LEXI (Y2)
KRISTIAN (Y3), ALICE (Y4), BELLA (Y5), LUCAS (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



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