

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd March 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

The weeks are flying by ... There are lots of activities planned for this term so please check the newsletter for dates. It has been another busy week in school. This week, there has been a focus on reading with a celebration of books on World Book Day. The children looked fabulous – there were some amazing costumes linked to words; some of my favourites from the children were manipulative, sparkling and explosive. Staff was definitely Mrs Mulholland with the word disguise! I thought we had a new member of staff in Y1. Well done and thank you to everyone for making an effort.

Classrooms: all the repairs/replacements are now complete in Y1 and YR. The children will be back in their own classroom next week. Thank you to the children and staff for their resilience and flexibility during this time; it hasn't been easy. Hopefully, everything will be back to normal on Monday.

Father Lawrie: some of you may have heard at Sunday Mass that Fr Lawrie will be retiring in the summer. We all agree that Fr Lawrie is an amazing Parish Priest. He works hard for the school; his care and support of the school community is greatly appreciated and acknowledged by all. We will definitely miss him. We hope that Fr Lawrie has a wonderful retirement and has lots of time to enjoy his walks and free time.

Have a lovely weekend; enjoy your time together – we can't go back in time so make the most of every moment.

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

FOOTBALL CARD UPDATE

Following on from our school council meeting this week, it has been decided that children can now bring in their football cards on Mondays as well as Wednesdays and Fridays. Key Stage one will also be able to bring in their cards on these days but they must be in a labelled container and given to the class teacher who will look after them safely.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 8th March - Y4 Skipping Festival
- 9th March - Y3/Y5/Y6 Scooter Safety Workshop
- 9th March - Y1 Hearing Screening
- 11th March - Cross Country
- 14th March - Y2 Handball Festival
- 17th March - Mother's Day Stall
- 17th March - Y1 Saint Day
- 17th March - Y6 Leeds United PSHE Event
- 17th March - Scholastic Book Fair!
- 20th March - Big Walk and Wheel Week
- 20th March - St Joseph's Day
- 27th and 29th March - Parents Evening

NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

FOSJ SOCIAL

FOSJ would like to invite you to a social on Wednesday 8th March at the Horse and Farrier. Arrive anytime from 7.30pm. We will be discussing upcoming events like the Camping trip, King's Coronation, and the Rainbow Run. Pop in for a drink or share some ideas; we would love to see you all.

SAVE THE DATE—CAMPING TRIP

FOSJ Camping Trip will be taking place on 30th June - 2nd July. We can't wait to make some brilliant family memories with you all.

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT FOSJ SECRETARY?

We are looking for a Secretary to join our team. Please email FOSJ@stjosephsotley.org for more information. Join our friendly relaxed team for the Summer Term.

SPORT



Well done to Jack in Y2 who played in the under-8s LTA tennis tournament in Cheadle and won the runner-up medal. He's now training for the Yorkshire team. We are so proud of his achievements.



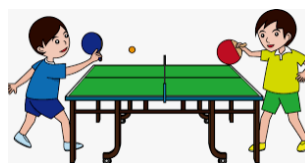
- Pool AFC will be holding an open, fun, introduction to football for any current year 3 or 4 girls on Sunday the 12th March at 10am.
- This is with a view to creating teams in 2 new age groups for the season 2023/24.
- All abilities welcome.
- Location – Football pitch by the river Wharfe (as seen from Pool Bridge). Parking available at Pool Village Hall, Arthington Lane, Pool in Wharfedale, LS21 1LG
- Anyone who is unable to attend on the day but is interested or has any questions please contact Mark at mwilkinson1309@gmail.com.

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS YOUTH CLUB

Calling all Year 6 Parents

Our Lady & All Saints Youth Club is up and running as you know, but we have very small numbers of young people attending. If your child would like to come and try youth club, these are some of the activities that we have on offer:

- Table Tennis
- Wii games
- Giant Jenga Building games
- Four in a row
- Twister etc



It's also fine if your child and their friend/s just want to sit and chat/chill! We have a tuck shop where your child can purchase crisps and chocolate. All volunteers are DBS checked.

When: Fridays term time - 6.30pm - 8pm

Where: Our Lady & All Saints Parish Centre (next to school)

Cost: 50p per week for members

£1 per week for non members

For further information please contact:

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WORLD BOOK DAY



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

On Wednesday, Reception celebrated their class saint's Feast Day - Saint David who is the patron Saint of Wales. Here is the Prayer that we said:

Dear Lord,

We thank You for giving us Your servant, St. David, as an example of holiness.

Help us to love You like he showed love to You.

We pray that we may be able to serve you in all we do in our lives.

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>



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CAFOD FAITH LUNCH

Well done to all the children in Key Stage Two who participated in the Faith Lunch today. For their lunch, the children had a choice of jam or cheese sandwiches followed by a selection of fruit. This is probably not as yummy as their normal lunch but hopefully it will help them remember how lucky we are to have a wide variety of food to eat everyday, unlike the 49 million children around the world who are suffering from malnutrition.



TOAST TUESDAYS

A massive "Thank you" to Miss Wilkinson, Doctor Knaggs and Mrs Holmes who prepared our toast for us on Tuesday. All of the children really enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Lenten fundraising efforts.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On World Book day, our Collective Worship talked about the Holy Books from different World Faiths. In Timothy's Second Letter it says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and is useful for teaching and for showing us how to lead better lives so that we may be able to complete God's good work."

This week, we have continued to think about our virtue of self-control. We talked about what self-control is and how we can show it at home and in school.

Our Statement of the Week was: I know I can learn from my mistakes. In this Collective Worship, we thought about Saint Peter and how he denied Jesus three times but then afterwards was sorry and showed his love for Jesus by being the leader of the early Church.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 13th May at 10am for children in Year 4.

There will be four preparation meetings for the children which will take place after school on the following dates: Wednesday 19th April, Wednesday 26th April, Wednesday 3rd May and Wednesday 10th May.

Prayer of the Week

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving us the gift of books.

Thank you for all of the people who write stories and draw pictures for us.

Thank you for all of the people who teach us to read.

Please help those children around the world who do not have books to enjoy and who do not have the opportunity to learn how to read.

Amen.

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

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

What a fantastic week we've had! We have celebrated both St David's Day and World Book Day as well as fitting in our regular learning too.

For St David's Day we loved coming to school in our yellow clothes. We looked beautifully bright and sunny. We painted some spring daffodils, made some delicious Welsh cakes and learned all about our class saint.

In maths, we have been focusing on the numbers 9 and 10. We had a fun game of 10 pin bowling and recorded how many pins we knocked down on a ten frame.

On World Book Day, we showed off our outfits to our friends and talked about the characters we had come dressed as. We loved hearing lots of different stories throughout the day. We explored book themed provision in our classroom including a vegetable patch like in Oliver's Vegetables and we gave Rapunzel a hair cut. We were also introduced to a virtual library, watching read along books online - another way to support our independent reading.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE, we listened to the Bible story of the miraculous Catch of Fish where Jesus chooses his first apostles, Luke 5:1-11. After performing this miracle Peter, the fisherman, knew Jesus was special and fell to his knees before Him. Jesus told Peter and Andrew to follow Him and he'd make them fishers of men.

This week in Maths, we've been learning about position and direction. We practised our quarter-turns, half-turns and three quarter-turns by moving around the classroom.

We really enjoyed our visit to Otley Library on Wednesday. Kate the librarian read to us, played a game and told us all about the different types of books and audiobooks on loan. We loved exploring the children's section and have been given some books to read in class.

In English for WBD, we wrote our own book reviews about our character or word and why we had chosen this. We found silly places to read books, made bookmarks, listened to mystery readers and sang songs.

In Art we have been looking at shades of colours and how these change when we add white or black. We had fun experimenting with this.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have continued to enjoy our work based upon 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr. We have written some wonderful invitations to tiger. The food lists sounded very tasty including steak sandwiches and gooey chocolate cake! We then looked at the characters and thought of lots of interesting adjectives we could use to describe their appearance, personalities and behaviours.

In Maths, we have made a great start to our new topic on money. We have started by looking at the value of each coin and have practised counting firstly in pence, pounds and finally pounds and pence. We then moved on to choosing the right coins to make different amounts.

As part of our RE work about Sikhism, we learnt about the Sikhs special book the 'Guru Granth Sahib'. We learnt that it was created by the ten Gurus of Sikhism and contains hymns, prayers and poems. It is treated with great respect and is kept on a special plinth so that it is not on the floor. It is always covered with a special cloth when it is not being used.

During World Book Day, we created some tiger art linked to our English work. We took inspiration both from the author Judith Kerr and the artist Henri Rousseau who painted pictures of tigers in the jungle. We used oil pastels to draw our tigers and then used different types of paper to create a jungle effect.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English this week, Year 3 have written some fantastic diary entries. Taking on the role of Rhodopis, from our class text Cinderella of the Nile, the children have produced very cohesive writing and conveyed the emotions of the character they are writing in the role of.



In Art, we used the printing blocks we made last week to create a repeated pattern. The children used colours in keeping with William Morris' passion for the natural world to produce some great designs.

In Geography, we used an atlas to help them to name major capital cities of the world. The children used the grid square reference to locate the city before researching which country and continent the city is found in.

YEAR 4 NEWS

It has been another busy week in Year 4 with World Book Day and our class assembly as well as the skipping festival next week! Please could all slips for the skipping be returned by Tuesday at the latest- thank you!

For World Book Day, the children enjoyed our visit to the library on Thursday afternoon where they learnt about how they could take books out of the library. Afterwards, the children worked in groups to choose one book they wanted to take back to school and then they had to persuade the rest of the class why their book should be chosen. and for sharing her storytelling skills with us.

In English, we started our new book "The Rain Player" which links to our new History topic as it is set in the Mayan period. This week, we looked at some of the unfamiliar words that will be in the book and wrote a setting description based on the front cover using expanded noun phrases.



In Maths, we finished our work on perimeter and length by looking at perimeters of regular and irregular polygons. Our new topic is fractions.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In English this week, Year 5 have been planning and writing their own non-chronological reports on The Seven Summits around the world. They have used technical vocabulary throughout and included different language features such as modal verbs, parenthesis, conjunctions and different fronted adverbial phrases. They have also had the chance to re-read their work, self editing and adapting their work to ensure that it makes sense.

In Maths, Year 5 have come to the end of their multiplication and division topic. This week in particular we looked at short division, exploring the method used to divide large numbers by a one digit number as well as introducing the concept of remainders. To finish off the topic the children applied this multiplication and division knowledge to answer multiplication and division multistep reasoning questions.

In Geography this week, the children enjoyed learning about the environment in and around the Grand Canyon. We spent time exploring the different biomes (ecosystems) on the North Ride of the Canyon and along the Colorado River corridor. The children were amazed at how different the two ecosystems were that we looked at.

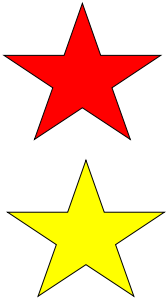
YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued to develop our skills in algebra through understanding formula: creating and using. Additionally, we have started to work on finding the values of algebraic letter by doing the inverse of the operation in the equation.

In English, we planned and have begun to write our non-chronological report. Before we began to write it, we really worked on cohesion between sentences so that our writing flows well. This was really useful because it really made us think about this when we were writing.

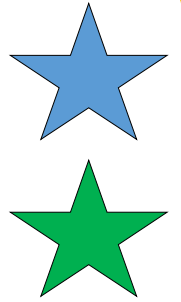
During our RE lesson on Islam, we looked in depth at similarities and differences between a mosque and church and worshipping. We had never seen a inside a mosque before so we watched a video to show us and then we labelled one in our books. We looked at the different roles in the mosque and the rituals before praying.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO
BOLTON

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AND RE AWARDS

WILL BE AWARDED NEXT WEEK



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