



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th February 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It has been a very busy week in school this week – we started the week with a toy sale arranged by Friends of St Joseph's to raise money for school (we are hoping to put some of the money towards buying some new headphones); Y4 have started to learn their skipping moves for the Skipping Festival and had their class mass this week as well. They have been very busy! Y3 led Celebration Assembly today. The theme was about giving and helping others. They talked about the role of the NSPCC and Number Day. The money donated today will go towards supporting the excellent work of the NSPCC. They read the Gospel reading of 'The Widow's Mite'. The message they shared was it's not about the amount you give but the intention you give it with.

[Children's Mental Health Week](#)

Helping children to have good mental health, being able to talk about their worries or express how they are feeling is very important to us. Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is Growing Together. Human beings change and grow – we do it all the time and in many ways. Emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. At these times, we are reminded of how much we need others in our lives to help us to keep growing. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

**Bananas** - Children and staff may bring bananas as part of their lunch from Monday.

**Covid cases** – we have had a significant reduction in covid cases. As from Monday, it will no longer be necessary to wear masks when collecting your child/children.

Well done to all the children this week for their hard work, for making us smile and great behaviour.

Have a wonderful weekend; have fun and enjoy time together.

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

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

5th February - LSAA Cross Country Event  
8th February - Safer Internet Day  
10th February - Y4 Dodgeball Festival  
11th February - KS1 Mass  
14th February - Y6 Bikeability  
18th February - Y3 St Bernadette Feast Day  
18th February - Y5 Mass

HALF TERM

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The Academy Council would like to announce that there is a vacancy for a parent governor. As a parent of a child at the school you are entitled to stand as a candidate and vote in any election. Please note that you are also not eligible to be governor if you fulfil any of the disqualification criteria listed on the attached eligibility form. This is a great opportunity to be an active voice within the school community.



A letter detailing the role and application process has been sent via email. If you did not receive this letter, then please contact School Office. Thank you.



# KEY INFORMATION

**Number  
Day 2022**

## NUMBER DAY

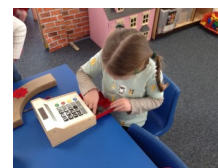
**Number  
Day 2022**

Thank you to everyone who donated generously today as we took part in NSPCC Number Day!

Everyone looked fabulous dressed in 'numbers' or something 'mathematical'.

We raised over £120 for The NSPCC!

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



## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on **7-13 February 2022**.

This year's theme is **Growing Together**.

We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

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

## INSPIRATION TREE: LEGO WORKSHOP FEBRUARY HALF TERM COURSE

**Whartons Primary, Otley – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February – 9am-3pm**

Inspiration Tree have organised LEGO workshop for £17 days from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required. The LEGO workshops explore science, technology, architecture, engineering and art concepts using LEGO® bricks.

The possibilities are limited only by their imagination. The workshop will fire up your child's imagination and spark creativity in the form of inspired play following one of our many themed LEGO builds coupled with our magical delivery.



Please look at the attached flyer for further information.

To make a booking please go to [www.inspiration-tree.com](http://www.inspiration-tree.com).

## PE UPDATE

Well done to the children in Year 6 who took part in a Basketball Festival on Thursday. The children really enjoyed it and demonstrated lots of skill.

On Tuesday, a group of children will represent the school at the Leeds Cross Country Finals at Temple Newsam - good luck!

A Year 4 Dodgeball Festival is taking place on Thursday 11th February at Ralph Thoresby School.

A Year 6 Football League match will hopefully take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February at Bramhope School. Letters will be sent out when the details are confirmed.



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



## OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

Saturday Morning: 10am

Saturday Evening Vigil: 6:30pm

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

There is also a weekday morning mass before school at 8:30am each morning except Tuesdays. Please can I encourage parents to take their children to mass on a regular basis and please note that the church is open to parishioners all day long if you wish to spend a few moments in quiet prayer or reflection.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We have continued to look at the virtue of Simplicity in our Collective Worships this week, thinking about what we can live without in our lives and how we can place our trust in God as He will give us everything we need.

Our statement this week was: I try to use words to make the world a better place. Listening to the story of the Ten Lepers, we thought about the importance of saying "Thank you". We then thought about other words that we can use to show kindness to others such as: please, excuse me and sorry.

## RECONCILIATION

Well done to all the children who started their Reconciliation preparation this week with Mrs Russell - she was very impressed with them all. This week, the children learnt about thankfulness linking it to the creation story. A massive thank you to Mrs Russell for giving up her time to prepare the children.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation for First Holy Communion will be taking place later this year on Wednesdays after school for children in Year 4 who would like to receive this sacrament. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take be Saturday 21st May in Our Lady & All Saints Church at 10am.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Saint Brigid's Prayer whose Feast Day was this week and who is Year 4's Class 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.*

*May the cloak of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.*

*Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.*

*Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.*

*Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.*

*May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.*

*Amen.*



# CLASS NEWS

## YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have been reading the story 'The Man on the Moon- A day in the life of Bob.' We wrote a character description of Bob thinking about his appearance and personality. We thought of some super adjectives!

In Maths, we have been focusing on the number 7. We explored the different ways 7 can be made by adding two numbers together. We also explored it on a part-whole model.

In RE, we heard the story of Jesus turning the water into wine at the wedding of Cana. We thought about how God helped him to perform this miracle.

On Tuesday, we celebrated Chinese New Year. We enjoyed learning about how Chinese people celebrate the new year. We made lanterns and a Chinese dragon. We also tried some Chinese food including prawn crackers which were a firm favourite!



On Friday, we learnt about money as part of 'Number Sense Day.' We explored all the different coins and their value and then had a go at buying objects in the role play shop.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

To celebrate Chinese New Year, Y1 learned how the animals of the Chinese Zodiac decided on who would have each year named after them. We know that some of our class are goats and some are monkeys. We enjoyed making Chinese tiger lanterns and loved tasting Chinese food!

In Maths this week, we have been focusing on subtraction. We have used lots of practical resources to help us and practised different calculation strategies to help with our understanding. We have also begun to learn about capacity, which is the amount something can hold. We can use capacity to describe when something is full, half full and empty.

Sunny the Meerkat has been very busy this week and in English we wrote a travel review based on Sunny's adventures when he went to visit his other family members in the Kalahari Desert. Y1 has their own meerkat called Marley and he has enjoyed spending time with everyone this week.

In RE, we have been learning about Candlemas. When Simeon called Jesus a 'light' this was the inspiration for the celebration of Candlemas (February 2nd). It was and remains to this day a Christian celebration of the purification of Mother Mary and the first appearance of Jesus in the temple.

Year 1 had fun on Number Day, learning all about where money comes from and thinking about how to save and spend it. They also used the new rekenreks to master number bonds to 10 and 20.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have been looking at equal groups. We are getting good at using stem sentences to explain our thoughts and reasoning. We looked at the connection between equal groups and repeated addition. As part of the NSPCC Number Day, we had a fabulous discussion about money and planned how to set up a smoothie shop. We had to budget and be very careful not to overspend!

In English, we have been very busy writing our own stories about Orion. We used our story plans from last week to help us with the structure of our story. We then tried very hard to include conjunctions and expanded noun phrases to make our writing interesting for the reader.

In Science, we investigated what happens to our heartbeats when we exercise. We thought carefully about how we can make it a fair test and decided that the only thing we will change is the type of exercise. Marysia concluded by saying, 'The harder the exercise the quicker our heart beats.'

In R.E we listened to the story of The Paralysed Man. We used drama to act out the story and reflected on how the man must have felt when he was able to walk, and what the crowd must have thought when they saw this miracle.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

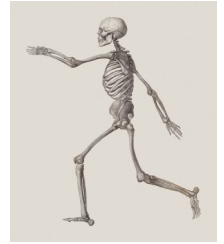
In Maths, we have looked at dividing by partitioning two-digit numbers. We used various representations - part-whole model, base 10 and place value counters.

In English, we used creative adjectives to develop our expanded noun phrases. We created our own main character - 'The Happiness Collector'.

In Science, we have looked in more detail at why animals have a skeleton. We examined the differences between an *'endoskeleton, exoskeleton and a hydrostatic skeleton'*.

In RE, we considered how we might interpret our weekly statement about using words that make the world a better place and why we might need to say sorry, please and thank you.

On Friday, we celebrated Number Day! We designed a 3-course meal for Miss Chappel. We did our own 'shopping' for ingredients to try make the cheapest, yet most enticing menu. We also discussed the link between jobs and money in PSHE. We took a guess at the amount we think different jobs are paid. We were surprised at some of the answers!



## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have been experimenting with subordinate clauses. The children discussed whether the order of the clauses changed the sentence, then created their own sentences with main and subordinate clauses.

In Maths, we completed our post assessments for Multiplication and Division. The children used the methods they had learned for different problems, and we discussed the language of the questions and what they were asking for.

In RE, we celebrated St Brigid's feast day. The children learned about her life through a biography and created their own St Brigid's cross. They led a beautiful Mass which reflected on the lessons we can learn from the life of St Brigid.

In DT, the children have worked incredibly hard on their pavilions. They have used different materials to create frame structures, and then added cladding to develop the aesthetics of their designs.

The children have also been lucky enough to take part in a skipping workshop this week, in preparation for the Year 4 Skipping Festival in May. We are now practising our skipping skills at breaktimes and lunchtimes, and will begin preparing in earnest after the half-term holidays.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

In PSHE this week, we focused on "Time to Talk Day. The children thought of lots of reasons why it is important to talk and were able to suggest different people that they could talk to if they had a problem. We also thought about our different feelings and how we need to respect other people's feelings.

Our focus in Maths has been division and the children have done really well with using written methods for dividing 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers including calculations with remainders. Next week, we will be starting our work on fractions.

We have been continuing our work on non-chronological reports in English and have been looking at making notes, using our notes to write a paragraph, writing introductions and writing conclusions. Next week, we will be putting all of these skills together to write our own non-chronological reports.

The children have enjoyed lots of art this week. They used the pictures that they drew from their collages to make enlarged paintings using grids to help them scale up their work.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have developed our knowledge of decimals to 3 decimal places. We began with multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and moved on to converting fractions to decimals.

In English, we looked at various non-chronological reports. With these, we identified the features: language and structure. We also looked into detail about to answer questions linked to a non-chronological report.

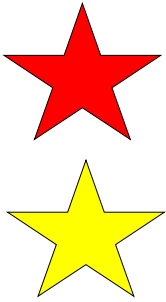
Everyday, we have continued to observe our bread for mould. Some of the pieces of bread are extremely mouldy now! We will look at the results next week.

As part of Number Day, we created posters about numbers to show off our mathematical number skills. In the afternoon, we learnt all about fraud – what it is and how we can identify it. We looked at different sources and had to decide whether we thought it was an example of fraud or not.





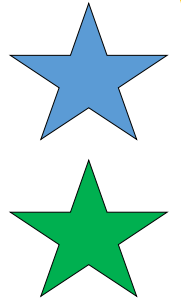
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

## BOLTON

FOR EARNING THE MOST HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### SUNSHINE AWARD

GEORGE (YR), LEXI (Y1), SAMUEL (Y2),  
JACK (Y3), OLIVIA C (Y4), ISLA (Y5), ALEXA (Y6)



### ENGLISH AWARD

JUDE (YR), SEB (Y1), CHARLOTTE (Y2),  
JAMES (Y3), HEIDI (Y4), EVIE (Y5), ESTHER (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