

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th May 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for another super week in school – it has been a busy week! Year 5 had a wonderful time at Nell Bank; it was lovely to join them for tea and breakfast. Luckily, we worked out how to use the ovens so they could enjoy sausages and bacon for breakfast! It was tasty despite the bacon being a tad overcooked. Mrs Harvey was very proud of how well the children joined in all the activities with enthusiasm. I would like to thank Mrs Harvey, Mr Voller and Miss Grant for giving up their time and organising a wonderful trip. Y4 took part in a skipping festival; they had a great time and enjoyed demonstrating their skipping skills.

Y6 sit their SATs assessments next week. They have worked very hard – thank you Y6, Miss Dowd and Mrs Kealey. Have fun this weekend and have an early bedtime on Sunday night. We look forward to seeing you at breakfast on Monday. Enter school via the main entrance.

**Molly and Miss Choma** – we are no longer Molly and Miss Choma; we have a new addition to the family – Luna, a cockerpoo. She is crazy. Poor Molly regularly has a puppy hanging off her tail or ears. She is patient (most of the time) and I do think they like each other.



Have a lovely weekend and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

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

## ELECTION OF FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Emma Nicholson has been elected as a foundation governor for the Academy Council of St Josephs.



Thank you to all our governors for their tireless efforts and contributions to school life.

## PARENTPAY

There are still payments due for trips, clubs and dinner money. We would appreciate you looking into these arrears and making payment or calling into the Office to discuss with Miss Wilkinson. Please ensure outstanding monies are paid as soon as possible.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9th May - Y6 SATS Week
- 14th May – First Holy Communion
- 15th – First Holy Communion Breakfast
- 16th May - Brownlee Triathlon
- 19th May - Under 11 Football
- 26th May - Ascension Mass
- 27th May - School Jubilee Celebrations
- 30th May - HALF TERM
- 1st July - School closed for Jubilee Bank Holiday



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for celebrations,  
for happy times that we spend with people we love.  
Bless those who are enjoying the end of a time of fasting.  
May the lessons they have learned  
bring them happiness, forgiveness and  
a sense of community.  
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](http://www.olasotley.org/bulletin.html)



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, many of our classes joined our virtues Collective Worship with SS Peter and Paul's and Holy Name where they thought about our virtue of Perseverance and Resilience. Over the past few weeks, the children have thought about how it is important to persevere even when things are difficult and that we can show resilience by remaining positive even when things don't go as we planned. Our next virtue will be kindness.

In our Collective Worship on Thursday, the children learnt about the Muslim celebration of Eid.

They learnt about how Eid celebrates the end of Ramadan and that it is also a time to reflect on their lives and to forgive others. The children listened to Ephesians 4:32.



## MONTH OF MARY

As we are now in the month of May which is the month of Mary, our Prayer for the week was the Hail Mary:

*Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*



## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The preparation classes are almost complete with a rehearsal after school on Wednesday in Church.

Please collect your child **from Church at 4:15pm.**

Please keep the children preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion in your prayers. They will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May at 10am, followed by breakfast on Sunday 15th May after 9:30 Mass.

# Y5 NELL BANK RESIDENTIAL

Year 5 had a great time on their residential at Nell Bank on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We started our trip by going to Clip N Climb in Ilkley where the instructors were very impressed with the children's confidence in climbing the different walls and their manners. After that, we headed to Nell Bank. Our afternoon activities were completing an obstacle course; crossing a piranha-infested pool of custard; using wooden skis to feed a bear or frog and then rescuing some trapped ducks. However, I think the highlight on day 1 was playing on the massive adventure playground! In the evening, we were joined by Miss Choma and Miss Wilkinson for our dinner of pizzas and ice-creams. We finished our day by toasting marshmallows, playing some games and drinking hot chocolate.

On Wednesday, we started our day with croissant, pain au chocolat, sausages, bacon and cereal for breakfast. We then enjoyed our morning activities of orienteering and den building - I was very impressed with the children's building skills and their imaginations as they used items from the nature to create 'mod cons' for their dens. We returned to school for our packed lunch and finished our residential by painting mugs at Puffin Pottery where the children showed off their artistic skills. Well done to all the children for their positive attitudes, hard work and team building skills - it was a pleasure to take them away. A massive thank you to all the staff who helped run this trip: Miss Choma who helped cook breakfast and washed up afterwards; Miss Wilkinson for booking everything; Miss Grant, Mrs Russell and Mr Voller for joining us on the trip. Apologies for the lack of tweets, we did try several times but they did not load.



# CLASS NEWS

## YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have continued learning about planting. This week we have focused on sunflowers. We then wrote about each part of the life cycle. We are doing really well applying our phonics to our writing.

In Maths, we continued learning about numbers to 20. This week we have been putting numbers in order, identifying missing numbers on a number line and playing number bingo. We have also been looking at different pictorial representations of teen numbers. The children are getting very good at identifying how many tens and ones make up each number.

In RE, we heard the story of Jesus appearing to the disciples. As May is the month of Mary, we have been busy doing a lovely collage of Mary for our hall display.

In PE, we learnt about balancing. We tried a selection of different balances such as a star balance, knee balance and arch balance. The children then made up their own sequence.

We are really excited for next week as the chicks are due to arrive! We have just put the run up ready for our new arrivals. Watch this space for cute pictures!!

## YEAR 1 NEWS

In English, we have been writing our own booklets about London. We chose two well-known landmarks and wrote facts about them for others to share and read.

In Maths, we have been learning about time and the different times of the day that we do things such as breakfast in the morning. We have also learnt about the days of the week and how to read a calendar.

In RE, we listened to the story of Doubting Thomas. We reflected that sometimes it can be difficult to understand and explain how we know that God's word is true. We cannot always know things beyond a shadow of a doubt, but through faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we trust the reality of the Bible.

We have finished our topic in History this week, *People Who Have Made A Difference* and have been learning about the life of Florence Nightingale, who is famous for her nursing of wounded soldiers during the Crimean War.

As May is the month dedicated to Our Lady, in Art and DT we have been making our own prayer altars. We coloured in stain glass windows, constructed our own vases and made paper flowers to honour Mary with.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths this week, Year 2 have been learning about 2-D shapes. We are doing well at remembering their names and even learnt that a 12 sided 2-D shape is called a dodecagon! We have been counting the numbers of sides and vertices each shape has. Next week we will be learning how to draw 2-D shapes to find lines of symmetry.

In English, we have been finding out about different landmarks in London. We have been practising writing in present tense. We used fact cards to help us and rehearsed our sentences orally before we wrote them down to check they made sense.

In History, Year 2 had fun sequencing the events of the Great Fire of London. We read out facts and used picture clues to help us. We then discussed different sources of evidence. The children had a selection of statements and evidence. They had to decide which piece of evidence was the best at supporting each statement.

As May is the month of Mary, we used watercolours to create our own pictures of Mary. We thought carefully about our colour choices and made our designs look like stained glass windows. We can't wait for them to be displayed in the hall.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English, we continued to complete our extended story based on The Pied Piper. The class have created lots of interesting ideas on the characters and imaginary events in the story. One of Miss Chappel's favourite sentences was: "So the slimy alien, with his four arms, played his guitar so powerfully, colossal cracks appeared in the ground."

In our Collective Worship, we reflected on the theme of Trust - 'I understand what Trust means.' We listened to stories about how Jesus' friends trusted in him. The children led the morning Collective Worship and contributed many thoughtful ideas to our discussion and prayers.

In Maths, we started our new unit on Fractions. We learnt lots of new vocabulary and explored different ways of making and representing halves and quarters. We then moved on to learning the difference between unit and non-unit fractions.

In Geography, we learnt the different states of the USA by creating our own jigsaw, before learning different facts about them in a fact scavenger hunt.

In computing, we continued our unit on scratch. We explored how to programme different sprites, thinking about the use of different motion blocks.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, the children have been planning their own narratives based on the Selfish Giant. They have collected vocabulary to improve their setting and character descriptions, as well as preparing direct speech they could include in their story. We started our Big Write this week but will continue the story next week.

In Maths, we have looked at decimals in more detail, including comparing and ordering decimals based on their value. We used our knowledge of rounding to begin to round decimal numbers to the nearest integer.

In RE, we used Bible study time to understand the disciples' emotions after Good Friday and during the different events that led up to Pentecost. The children plotted the feelings of the disciples on an 'Emotion Graph' and then discussed what virtues helped the disciples become ready to lead the Church.

The children have also behaved impeccably and tried their hardest at the two festivals we have been to this week - the Netball Festival and the Skipping Festival. Miss Choma described how well the children played on Wednesday, and Mrs Armitage was so impressed at the skipping skills on display on Friday, as well as how bravely everyone tried their best in front of 5 other schools. Well done Year 4!



## YEAR 5 NEWS

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## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have completed our last couple of lessons on shapes (angles) and on statistics (line graphs and pie charts). We have worked on arithmetic skills too.

In English, we have revised grammar terminology, punctuation and spelling through playing lots of different games. We feel like we are thoroughly revised in SPaG!

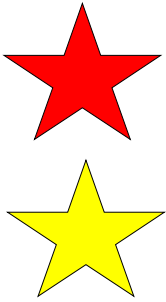
In RE, we were looking at the various names given to Jesus. We found and read many Bible texts which depicts Jesus as truly God and truly human. We found out that Jesus is truly human quite a lot of the time.

We would like to wish all the children lots of luck in their SATs next week - we know they will do **AMAZING!** Everyone has have worked incredibly hard this year; both Mrs Kealey and I are so proud of everyone.

**GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!**



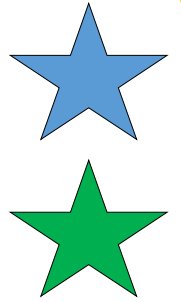
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

## BOLTON

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### SUNSHINE AWARD

LUCAS (YR), MARTHA (Y1), BENJAMIN (Y2),  
MILLIE S (Y3), AUSTIN (Y4), ALL (Y5), LILY (Y6)

### MATHS AWARD

FREDDIE (YR), ISAAC B (Y1), ANTHONY (Y2),  
HARRY (Y3), EMME (Y4), BENJAMIN (Y5), ALL (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