

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th July 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi Everyone,

Two more weeks to the end of term – it is super busy with lots more events to come. Thank you to everyone for all their efforts and the wonderful sporting achievements. Children will be visiting their new classrooms next Friday as we take part in our transition activities. Our staff cannot wait to meet the children ready for next year!

We have been blessed with beautiful weather – please make sure your child has a water bottle, sun cream and a hat or has had sun cream applied before coming to school. Keeping safe in the sun is really important and it is good to get into good habits.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sun; have fun and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

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

SPORTS

Fun Run

Well done to all the children who took part in the Fun Run on Monday at Cardinal Heenan. The children all ran brilliantly on a long, challenging course and showed the virtue of determination.

Overall, we finished 5th out of 25 schools and some children finished in the top three so received medals. A massive thank you to the parents and grownups who helped with transport.

Y6 Cricket Final

We played some tough competitors, with representation from Yorkshire's finest primary school teams, winning all three of our matches in the morning, with the third match coming down to the wire with a 109 win against 108.

In the afternoon we played a semi-final match against Brockholes (West Yorkshire Champions), but just couldn't break their stride, facing Nawton in a playoff for a third place without success. Amelia was a fantastic captain, and the team were a credit to the school, obviously disappointed not to be able to bring home some silverware on this occasion.

Y3/Y4 Girls and Boys Cricket

Well done to the Year 3 and Year 4 cricketers who took part in cricket matches on Thursday at Otley Cricket Club. The girls team narrowly lost to Ss Peter & Paul's School and the boys team narrowly won. There was some fantastic cricket in both matches and the spirit of cricket was upheld at all times!

Thank you to all the grown ups who helped with transport and came to watch. A massive thank you to Mrs Halliday, Mrs Bassindale and Otley CC for helping to organise and hosting the matches.

KS2 Netball Final

On Thursday, a group of Y5 and Y6 netballers attended the Bishop Roche Netball Final at Cardinal Heenan for the shield cup. The girls showed tremendous netball skills and sportsmanship.

We are proud to announce that we were the **WINNERS!** Well done to all the girls for their amazing efforts, and to the parents for helping with transportation and support.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 10th July - Girls Football Tournament
- 11th July - Y6 Production
- 11th July - Y2 Football at SSPP Yeadon
- 14th July - Transition Activities
- 14th July - Y4 Class Mass @ 10am
- 17th July - Y5/Y6 Football Match at The Whartons
- 18th July - Y6 Mass
- 19th July - Scarborough Trip
- 20th July - Y6 Party
- 21st July - End of Year Mass and Picnic

LIRA LEWIS—NEURODIVERSITY

Following our health and wellbeing week, we had a visitor, Lira Lewis, in school to teach the children more about neurodiversity. She shared her own story about how she overcame challenges and used her amazing talents to go on and achieve so many wonderful things. Lira talked about how she discovered her own talents and had someone who believed in her. She has now achieved a degree in Marine Biology, achieved the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award, set up a charity and even delivered a talk at Buckingham palace.



The message for the children at St Joseph's was dream big and believe you can achieve anything you want to, as well as be kind to all those you meet who are neurodiverse and different to you.

FOSJ BIG CAMP

The first FOSJ Big Family Camp took place last weekend at Curly Hill Campsite in Ilkley. Everyone started to arrive on Friday after school, excited to see where they would be staying and explore the site. Tents were going up and bunk barns were being filled with supplies, it's amazing what you can fit in a car! In the kitchen, chilli was bubbling away and fridges were being reorganised to make room for important weekend refreshments.



The hall was the perfect place to eat and socialise on Friday as the drizzle set in. The disco kicked off at 7pm with some great dance moves and games, which was followed by movie night.



On Saturday morning we had arts, crafts and Lego in the main hall, whilst cricket was being played on the games field with an occasional pitch invader from excited children playing hide and seek in the surrounding woodland. Rockets were getting fired into oak trees and water taps were discovered, which quickly led to the boiler room doubling up drying room. The site was perfect for exploring and Saturday lunchtime was preceded by a Scavenger Hunt where children matched colours in their egg self-designed egg boxes to what they could find around the camp. With the weather improving, we had football in the afternoon followed by Dave's Bushcraft with everyone learning about trees and nature, and how to build and start a fire.



The sun (mostly) came out for our BBQ (thank you Wilkinson Butchers) and after a few burnt sausages and burgers we all enjoyed a sing song around the rather hot campfire that the children had built. Marshmallows were toasted and stories were shared as we all relaxed (well kind of) and made new friends. Sunday came too quickly, we sang Happy Birthday to Mr Voller, before packing up to head back home. We all had a wonderful time and can't wait to visit again next year. Thank you to everyone who helped run the event, the Wharfedale District Scouts, and of course the families for coming and making the first FOSJ Big Family Camp such a success.



BWCAT SPELLING BEE

On Thursday, 6 of our children took part in the BWCAT inter-school Spelling Bee. Well done to Stas (Y1), Joanna (Y2), Corben (Y3), James (Y4), Iyla (Y5) and Charlie (Y6) for their fantastic efforts. Each child sat round a table with other children from their age group and had to say the spelling of 10 words that were said to them. The competition was close as many of the groups went to tie breakers.



We are delighted to announce that overall St Joseph's finished 3rd! A special well done to Charlie and James who missed out on winning by a tie breaker! Well done to all the children for taking part and for practising the spellings so well. You represented our school brilliantly.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, I ask for your help.

When I need a calm mind, give me your peace.

When I need a clear head, give me your wisdom.

When I need to take care, give me your patience.

When I need to be inspired, give me your insight.

Keep me from being too anxious as I put my trust in your
power to guide me.

This day and every day.

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.



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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we looked at our new virtue of wisdom. Over the next couple of weeks, we shall be encouraging the children to:

- take time to reflect on their actions
- learn from their experiences
- decide, based on what they know, what is the best thing to do.
- make the most of their gifts and talents
- help others to make the right choices

For our Go Forth, we reflected on the virtues we have looked at this year and set ourselves the challenge of trying to be wise and use these during the day.

On Thursday, the theme of our worship was friendship. We listened to John's Gospel, when Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father."

We agreed that

- Friends talk to each other
- Friends laugh together.
- Friends play together.
- Friends forgive each other.
- Friends help each other.
- Friends look after each other.

YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY

Well done to Year 2 who led a lovely assembly this morning all about art. They showed us some of the beautiful artwork that they have produced over the year and taught us about Saint Catherine, the Patron Saint of artists.

CLASS MASSES

Thank you to everyone who came to Year 3 and Year 5's Class Masses this week. It was fantastic to have so many people join our children for their worship. Year 3 led a thoughtful Mass all about peace and Year 5 reflected on the importance of prayer. Thank you, as ever, to Father Lawrie for leading our worship.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again
from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen



CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have read the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' about Mr Grinling and some pesky seagulls who kept eating his lunch! We wrote some character descriptions about Mr Grinling. Ryker said, "He has a bald head!" Daisy said, "He is angry because the seagulls keep eating his lunch."

In Maths, we have been revisiting addition and subtraction. We've been using concrete resources to aid our understanding. We found it very funny using rubber gloves filled with sand to lift up and put down fingers to show our addition problems.

In RE, we have been finishing our work about Baptism. We enjoyed looking at photos from baptisms of our friends. We have also learnt that there are lots of jobs needed to keep the church running. Bella said, "People help make the flowers and give them water." Jack said, "People clean the church." Charlie had a great idea, "Lets make cards for the people who help look after the church to thank them." We will do these next week.

We really enjoyed a pirate themed day on Friday, we dug for treasure (and loved wearing all the jewels), made treasure maps and did lots of pirate maths.

We've also visited our new classroom this week. We have been talking excitedly about moving up to Year 1.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths, in our unit on fractions this week we have been learning about quarters. We have been practising finding a quarter of a shape we have also looked at finding a quarter of a number. Some of us are able to do this by finding a half then halving again.

In English, we have been looking at the suffixes 'ed' and 'ing'. We know that these are applied to the root verb and sometimes the spelling changes slightly. We read the book Commotion in the Ocean and wrote some super sentences describing what some of the marine life were doing.

In Topic, we have been learning all about Australia. We know some of the native animals like koala bears and kangaroos. We know that a didgeridoo is one of the oldest wind instruments in the world. We looked at some famous landmarks including Sydney Opera House and Uluru the sacred sandstone rock near Alice Springs.

In RE, we listened to the story of The Manna in the Desert. After the Israelites were freed from Egypt, they wandered in the wilderness. God provided for them a bread from heaven called manna when they were hungry. We acted out the story and reflected that God will provide our needs if we serve Him.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued to practise telling the time. We have been working hard to tell the time at five-minute intervals. We have also looked at how many minutes there are in an hour and solve problems related to this. We then finished our time topic by looking at the number of hours in a day.

In English, we have worked very hard to learn how to use inverted commas to mark speech. We know when a character is talking in comics because the words are in speech bubbles. We can "pop" the speech bubble and use inverted commas around the spoken words. We practised this by looking at text messages between two story characters and wrote them into sentences using inverted commas.

In our Geography work about cities, we looked at the city of Vancouver in Canada. We focussed on the physical and human features of the city and were surprised that there was a beach in the city! We then compared the features of the capital city of Scotland - Edinburgh - and the capital city of South Africa - Cape Town.

It has been another week where Mrs Holmes and Mrs Walsh have been very proud of Year 2. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come to our assembly. I think you will agree that they all spoke clearly and confidently. Well done Year 2!

YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths, the children were introduced to the concept of angles. They learnt that a right angle is the term to describe a quarter turn and identified right angles that we could see around our classroom. We then explored angles that are greater and smaller than a right angle and compared angles in shapes and lines by measuring and comparing them to a right angle.

The children have been busy in Computing this week. In programming, they learnt how to program movement and choose a suitable size for a character in a maze game. They also used desktop publishing software to create a poster warning children of the dangers of misbehaving, inspired by our new class book 'Jim A Cautionary Tale'. They thought carefully about the size and style of the font, as well as the colours used, to ensure they were appropriate for a warning poster.

In Geography, the children explored the ways the desert is used by humans. We discussed the natural resources found in deserts, the energy that can be generated and how deserts can be used for recreation.

YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have started our work on shape and have been looking at angles. We have learnt about acute angles, right angles and obtuse angles. As well as identifying angles, they have also been comparing and ordering them.

In English, we have continued to read our story "Christophe's Story" and this week we have written a poem following a given structure. This week, we also finished our class book which the children have really enjoyed. It was called "The Edge of the World" by Julia Green and was about a boy and a girl who sailed to a Scottish island.

In RE, we have started our new topic which is Belonging to the Church. Over the next couple of weeks we'll be finding out about the people who do different jobs in our Church. It is also our Class Mass next Friday at 10am in our classroom. All family and friends are welcome to join us.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths this week, the children have continued to look at negative numbers. They have been comparing and ordering negative numbers using abstract concepts and number lines to help them. They identified the importance of a number line and the part that 0 plays when finding the difference between these numbers, using their prior knowledge and understanding of addition.

In English, the children have been making predictions based on pictures that link to our new class novel. They included subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to add detail and explanations for their predictions. We analysed the preface of the book, identifying the author's thoughts and opinions as well as using a dictionary to find the meaning of different words.

In RE this week, the children have been deepening their understanding of Peter the Apostle. They studied a Bible verse that told the story of when Peter carried out a miracle and healed a very sick man. The children were then able to retell this story, identifying the thoughts and feelings of the individuals involved in this miracle.

YEAR 6 NEWS

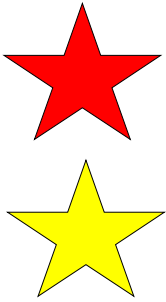
Monday was a transition visit to St Mary's for some of our children who enjoyed taking part in lots of different lessons, including: Science, Maths and English. Children joining Prince Henry's will take part in their transition activities next week.

Throughout the week, we have rehearsed the play – we can't wait to show you it! Our acting and singing skills have improved each week and our costumes look brilliant! We performed our dress rehearsal for the rest of the school and they loved it!

In Science, we created videos in small groups about healthy and unhealthy choices. We used iMovie to edit these and add voiceovers to create short documentaries.

On Tuesday, we attended a cricket and rounders festival at PHGS against other primary schools in Otley. We showed great skills and worked brilliantly as a team.

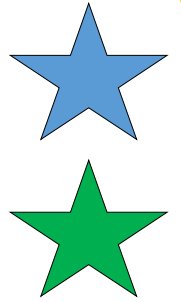
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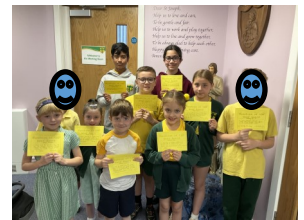
BOLTON

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

CONNOR, JACK AND JAMES (YR), WINTER AND AMELIA (Y1),
ADALINE (Y2), ANTHONY (Y3), JAMES (Y4),
NEAVE (Y5), APRAMEYA AND PIPPA (Y6)



ENGLISH AWARD

WILLIAM S (YR), GRACE (Y1), BEN (Y2),
ERIC (Y3), ALEXA (Y4), PRIMROSE (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