

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th October 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

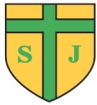
Thank you for another wonderful week in school – lots of hard work and certainly lots of laughter.

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

Parents Evening: Thank you to those who have signed up for a parents evening appointment. You can still book an appointment by contacting Miss Wilkinson in the school office.

Harvest: Otley Foodbank were overwhelmed by the kind donations from the families of St Joseph's. They wanted to you all to know that these donations would help lots of other families in Otley who are struggling at the moment. Once again, a big thank you for your generosity.

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



YEAR RECEPTION 2023 COHORT OPEN DAY/EVENING



Monday 10th October and Wednesday 12th October 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Monday 10th October 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Parents/Carers of children starting school in September 2023 are invited to come and see our school.

Miss Choma and Miss Wilkinson will be available to answer any questions and visitors will be given a guided tour by our Year 6 Pupils.

Please feel free to tell your family and friends about our wonderful open days. We look forward to meeting you!



YEAR 3 CLASS TEACHER (MATERNITY COVER) FIXED TERM CONTRACT



Required from January 2023, the Governors are looking for an enthusiastic and friendly Class Teacher to join our Catholic primary school for a fixed term maternity cover. *For more information, please see:*

<https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies-posts/2022/10/4/year-3-class-teacher-maternity-cover-fixed-term-contract>

Closing date for applications: Friday 28th October 2022 at 12 noon

Interviews: Friday 4th November 2022

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All post holders are expected to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to enhanced DBS disclosure and satisfactory references.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 14th October - Show Racism the Red Card
- 17th/20th October - Parents Evening
- 18th October - Y4 PHGS Netball Festival
- 20th October - FOSJ Pumpkin Pickup
- 21st October - Training Day

POLITE REMINDER

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 21ST
OCTOBER FOR STAFF TRAINING DAY**

SCHOOL NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS



On Friday, we held our fantastic Rainbow Raffle. Congratulations to the following winners:



Connie Y3	Dylan Y3	Ben YR	Logan YR
Joey Y3	Lucille Y3	Adaline Y2	William Y6
Samuel Y5	Zak Y6	Arron Y6	Cleo Y2
Daniel Y5			



OPENING OF WHARFESIDE CARE HOME

On Thursday, School Council representatives from Y4, Y5 and Y6 visited the brand new Wharfeside Care Home.

They took part in a tree planting ceremony with local MP Alex Sobel, and met some of the new residents.



The children took part in a tour of the building where they found the hidden cinema room! We are looking forward to building strong relationships with the residents and staff over the next few months.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

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On Friday 14th October, we are asking children and staff to wear red to raise awareness about racism within society. We would like children to wear red—this could be as simple as red socks/headband, or you can dress head-to-toe in red clothes. The important message is about acceptance and celebrating diversity. Wear Red Day is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses and individuals to wear red and donate £1 to help fund anti-racism education for young people and adults across the UK. Every penny raised during Wear Red Day, enables our education and campaign workers to work with more young people and adults across the UK to challenge racism in society.

INSPIRATION TREE - OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

MULTI-ACTIVITY & LEGO WORKSHOP

Inspiration Tree are offering Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshop this half term at St Joseph's school on Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th and a LEGO workshop at the Whartons on Wednesday 26th October.



InspirationTree

Inspiring & Creative Arts & Sports Courses

The courses are £17 per day from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required.

SPORT

Well done to the children who took part in the cross country race last weekend. Miss Choma was very impressed with everyone's determination and enthusiasm. A massive thank you to Miss Wilkinson, Miss Choma and of course Opie for giving up their Saturday morning to watch the children. Thank you also to all the grownups for giving up their Saturday mornings to provide transport and support to the children.

The next Cross Country race is Saturday 15th October at our home ground - Wharfe Meadows! Letters have been given out today.

There will also be a cross country event on Wednesday 9th November.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Generous God,
We thank you for the gift of food
For how it brings us together and nourishes us.
We pray for those without, whose harvests and store
cupboards are empty
Help us work together to share the world's resources so
that everyone can be fed.
We thank you for the gift that is creation
For the beauty of the Earth
And how you have created us to care for it.
Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.

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

On Wednesday, some of our children were able to link up with SS Peter & Paul's School for a shared Collective Worship led by their pupils. The theme was Citizenship which is our new virtue.

CAFOD

This morning, a special volunteer from CAFOD came to talk to the children about the work of the charity around the world in helping with emergencies such as: floods, earthquakes and droughts. They learnt that CAFOD provides vital support by providing shelter, food and clean water to those affected by natural disasters. We can help by remembering to keep these people in our prayers.



CAFOD
Just one world



HARVEST

A massive "THANK YOU" to everyone who brought in donations for our harvest appeal this morning. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. All the donations will be passed onto Otley Food Bank. Thank you to our Mini Vinnies for collecting and arranging the food on display.

ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary so this week in Collective Worship the children learnt a little bit about this special prayer and next Thursday Father Lawrie will be visiting each class with some Year 6 children to say the Rosary with them. Children are invited to bring their own rosary Beads to use if they wish to.



CONFIRMATION MASS

On Sunday 16th October, the Confirmation children will be having their Enrolment Mass in Church at 9:30am. We will be giving parts for the Mass at the session after school on Monday so we will need to know who will be attending. We do expect all children to attend unless there are special circumstances. Thank you.



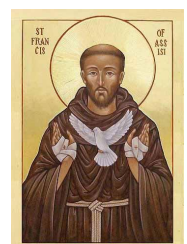
Y5 FEAST DAY

On Wednesday, Y5 celebrated Saint Francis of Assisi who is our class saint and the patron saint of animals and nature. The children all came dressed up as an animal and looked absolutely amazing.

The children had the opportunity to learn interesting facts about Saint Francis' life and create their own Power Points on him as well as, having the chance to decorate biscuits as their favourite animals.



*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*



CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

Reception have had a fantastic week. We have been thinking about what makes us "super duper" in literacy and drawing pictures of things that make us, us.

We have drawn some lovely family pictures and have talked about the people we love.

In maths, we have been matching and sorting buttons and other natural resources. We have been looking for similarities and differences and grouping them. Edith noticed, "These buttons have 4 holes and these ones only have 2."

We have learnt two new sounds in phonics; i and n and the harder to read and spell word 'the'.

We loved playing on the bikes on Friday. We thought about how to keep our bodies safe and did some fantastic sharing too, waiting our turn to try out the different vehicles.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Music this week, we have been learning about tempo. We practised banging a drum whilst we sang a song together. Mrs James was very impressed with our timing. We listened to the Radetzky March by Johann Strauss and used claves to tap the beat of the song.

In English this week, we have been learning about the fascinating life of Ole Christiansen the founder of Lego. We have written about some of the important aspects of his life and how the idea of Lego was born.

In Maths, we have started to learn about simple 2D shapes. We arranged sticks into 2D shapes which allowed us to investigate their properties by finding out how many sides a shape has and how many corners.

In ICT, inspired by the abstract paintings of Piet Mondrian, we have been using the paint program to experiment with the arrangement of different sized and coloured squares.

In RE, we have been reflecting on the importance of looking after God's world. We thought of lots of ways that we can do this, such as caring for one another, not littering and planting trees. We drew posters to remind others of how important this is.

Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have filled in the 'Toys from your past' sheet. It would be great to get as many of these back as possible for us to discuss in our topic lesson next week.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have been imagining what the old lady in 'A Squash a Squeeze' would write in her diary. We used lots of adjectives to describe the characters and events and had some wonderful ideas.

In Maths, we have been practising comparing objects and numbers. We have been working hard to remember the < less than and > more than symbols to help us compare different numbers. We have also worked hard to put numbers on number-lines and estimate the position of numbers on a number-line.

As part of our Science work about habitats, we enjoyed looking around the school grounds to find microhabitats. We found lots of different habitats such as under rocks and stones, rotten logs and on trees. We found lots of different minibeasts like woodlice, and we even found a small toad!

In RE, we listened to the story of Moses and enjoyed acting it out in our groups. We discussed how Moses was chosen by God. We also thought carefully about whether it was a happy or sad story.



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English, Year Three planned their persuasive advert for employing a rat catcher to help the townsfolk of Hamelin! There were some super persuasive sentences written.

In Maths, at the start of the week we finished our place value unit looking at ordering numbers to 1000. We played a card game to practise. We began our unit on addition and subtraction, starting off by looking at how we can apply number bonds to 10 to multiples of 10 and 100.

In Computing, we looked at digital devices and their purposes, and thought about the term 'identity' in online safety,

In Science, we composed fact files of each rock type and discussed the use of different rocks for different purposes.

In Geography, after completing questionnaires about where people travel to for work, we plotted the results on a map and discussed the chosen modes of transport.

In RE, we looked at the links with the Sacrament of Baptism and how we should live our lives - we should be welcoming to everyone and we should keep promises.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we finished reading the Iron Man and discovered how the Iron Man became a hero. We also used the end of the book to inspire us to write letters to people in power explaining to them why peace is better than wars. The children had lots of thoughtful ideas.

Our new focus in Maths is addition and subtraction. This week, we looked at adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s to 4-digit numbers. We also looked at adding two 4-digit numbers.

In PSHE this week, we thought about what makes a positive relationship and what qualities we need to be able to make friends. In Geography, we used Atlases to find and label some of the different capital cities of Europe - see how many the children can remember over the weekend.

In Art, we looked at mixing colours to make different shades and tones to try to recreate the different colours of a flower.



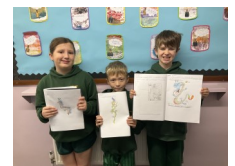
YEAR 5 NEWS

In English this week, we have just begun our new topic of informal and formal letter writing based off of the non-fiction book focused around four female African American mathematicians working for Nasa. The children have been identifying the key structure and linguistic features of an informal letter.

In Maths, we have moved on to looking at addition and subtraction, focusing on the different mental strategies that can be used to help solve addition and subtraction number problems.

In Art, we have been continuing to look at our topic of Chinese art and particularly the link between dragons and the Chinese culture. The children have spent time drawing their own Chinese dragons and they look amazing!

In PSHE, we continued looking at the zones of regulation, thinking about what zone we would be in certain situations and what behaviours we expect from the different zones.



YEAR 6 NEWS

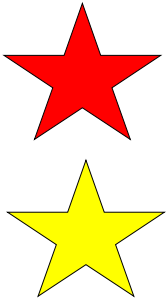
In Maths, we have recapped formal methods of addition and subtraction and took part in some reasoning and problem solving. Later in the week, we looked at common factors and multiples.

In English, we analysed the language of a setting description about arriving in France in WW1. We thought of a variety of emotive verbs and adverbs which we used in our writing. We also revised different types of sentences - simple, compound and complex - which we used in our writing.

During RE, we discussed the importance of using our gifts to shape our lives and how it can shape others. We listened to a song about building up and reflected on how we can positively affect our neighbour.



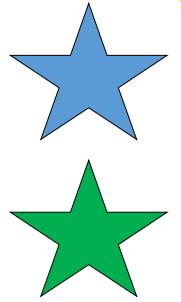
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

HALLE (YR), LUCAS (Y1), BRODIE (Y2),
JOSEPH H (Y3), ANNA (Y4), SKYLA (Y5), MIKEY (Y6)



ENGLISH AWARD

GEORGIA (YR), LUNA (Y1), LILLIE-ROSE (Y2),
FRANKIE (Y3), EDWARD (Y4), ARCHIE (Y5), PIPPA (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