

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th May 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

A slightly different week for some of the children this week – SATs Week for Y6 and residential for Y5. I would like to say a MASSIVE well done to Y6 for their commitment and sensible approach to their assessments. They have given 100% and we are so proud of them. We had a monitoring visit from the authority who said our SATs administration was exemplary. I would like to thank parents and staff for their support this week, and the run up to the SATs. I could say, 'Now you can relax Y6.' However, it's a no because your production rehearsals start now!

Y5 have enjoyed a very active, and sometimes, wet time at Nell Bank. It is a beautiful location. When I visited, they were enjoying free time on the adventure park followed by a Dominos pizza – not a scrap was left, maybe the odd crust. Thank you to Miss Grant, Miss Earley and Miss Walker for taking the children. I know they are very tired – both staff and children! The children were commended by the staff at Clip and Climb for their excellent behaviour – thank you Year 5 for been great ambassadors for St Joseph's.

Tomorrow is a very special day for Y4 – as some of the children are making their First Holy Communion. This is an important time in their personal faith journey. The children have been preparing for their special day with the catechists for a number of weeks. I know the children will enjoy (even though they may be a bit nervous) this day. It's a day they will always remember even when they're all grown up. Thank you to Mrs Russell, Rita and Mrs Harvey for preparing the children for their special day.

Have a lovely weekend - enjoy your friend and family time.

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

SPORT

Y4 Skipping Festival

A massive **WELL DONE** to the Year 4 class who took part in the Leeds Catholic Schools Skipping Final last week and finished 2nd overall. This was an incredible achievement with about 25 schools taking part across the city. We were extremely proud of all the children for their determination, perseverance and sporting attitude. A huge **THANK YOU** to Alice's Mum who came with on the trip. The children will be presented with their certificates on next Friday's assembly (19th May) when our class will be leading it.

Year 5 Boys' Football Match

Well done to the boys who took part in a friendly football match on Tuesday against Ss Peter & Paul's School. It was an extremely close game with us narrowly losing 2-1. Thank you to all the grown ups for providing transport and support. Please could all kit be returned ASAP. Thank you.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 13th May - First Holy Communion
- 15th May - Y4 Football Match
- 17th May - Y1 PHGS Football Festival
- 18th May - Ascension Mass
- 18th May - Y5 Girls Football
- 19th May - Brownlee Triathlon
- 24th May - KS1 Mass
- 25th May - Pentecost Day

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
ON FRIDAY 26TH MAY
DUE TO A STAFF
TRAINING DAY**

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God,

We thank you for giving us hope when we are having a hard time, when we don't know what's ahead of us and when we are sad.

Thank you that even the smallest seed of hope may bring us comfort.

Please help us when we find it hard to be hopeful, so we can offer hope to others.

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>

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we have started to look at our new virtue which is trust. Over the following weeks, the children will be thinking about:

- trusting God and knowing that there is good in the world.
- knowing that they are not alone.
- trying not to worry about things before they happen.
- telling the truth.
- being worthy of the trust others place in them.
- being reliable and determined.
- completing all the tasks they promised to do.

On Thursday, the children learnt about Christian Aid Week which is taking place next week. The theme of this year is hope. Hope means believing that something is possible even when the obstacles seem enormous. The children listened to a passage from Paul's Letter to the Romans which says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

PRAYER OF THE WEEK



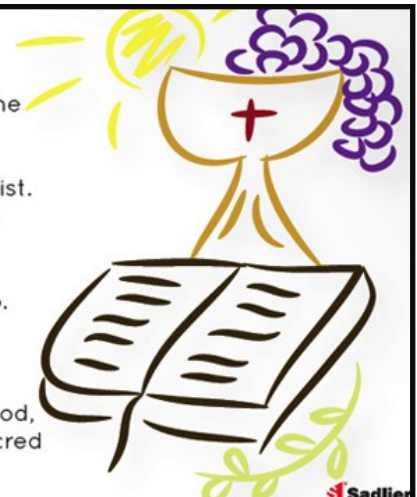
God,
grant me the
Serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change,
Courage
to change the things
I can and
Wisdom
to know the difference.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday, 18 of our children will be making their First Holy Communion in Church at 10am. Please keep them in your prayers this weekend. All children who are receiving Communion need to be at Church for 9:45am please.

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.
May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.
Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.
Thank you for their innocence and goodness.
May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.



CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

We have had a very exciting week in Reception. Our chicks have hatched! After 3 weeks in the incubator, it was finally time for the chicks to peck their way out of the shells. We have loved watching them playing, eating and even pooing in their run. It has been so exciting to see more and more chicks hatching each day. We have 12 chicks altogether. We have had the opportunity to hold the chicks and we even got chance to show our buddies on Thursday.

Throughout the week, we have been doing lots of lovely writing about our chicks. In literacy, we have been reading a non-fiction book called 'Egg to Chick' and looking at the features of a non-fiction text. We have done some shared writing and completing our own life cycles too.

In Maths, we have been looking at sharing. We have been sharing out sweets and biscuits and using the concept of 'one for you, one for me' to share equally. We have thought about what to do when there is an odd number and know to split the last object in half. This would be great to continue working on at home with all sorts of household objects.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths, we have been thinking about the 12 months of the year. Most of us can say (or sing) the months in the correct order. We found it trickier remembering that there aren't the same amount of days in each month.

In English, we finished writing our fact files about King Charles and his coronation. We found out lots of interesting facts, did you know King Charles runs his Aston Martin on surplus English white wine and whey from the cheese process?! We organised our information into the relevant sub headings.

In Science, we have been learning all about the life cycle of a simple flowering plant. We have been observing our pea and sunflower plants and thinking about what our plants needed to thrive and grow. We were very pleased that our plants have grown well in the conditions of the Y1 classroom. With life cycles in mind, we also got the chance to see the chicks that have hatched in Reception just this week. The eggs have been incubating for the past 21 days and the children have waited patiently for the first chicks to hatch. We enjoyed holding them.

We were lucky enough to have a visit during RE from Denise and Andrew Bergman, a Jewish couple from Otley, who brought in lots of Jewish artefacts and taught us lots of things about Jewish culture and practices. We especially enjoyed learning about **Shabbat** - the name of the day of rest in Judaism. Shabbat happens on the seventh day (Saturday) of every week. We thought about some of the features that you would find on a Shabbat table: The Havdalah Candle, kiddish cup, Challah bread and Shabbat Candles.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have been continuing our work about fractions. We have learnt that two quarters are equivalent to one half. We have also learnt to recognise three quarters of shapes and amounts.

In English, we were introduced to our new book. The cover was in an envelope with small holes cut out and we had to look for clues and decide what the book might be about. We also thought of some great questions we wanted to find out about the book too. We were then allowed to open the envelope to reveal the cover. Our new book is called 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. We are all looking forward to reading it.

As part of our Science work about plants, we planned an investigation. We wanted to find out the best conditions plants need to grow healthily. We planted broad bean seeds and changed one thing each time. One had no water, one had no light, one was kept in a cold place, and one has no soil. Only one pot had everything it needs to grow well. We are looking forward to finding out our results.

YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, the children undertook their own research to source information for writing a non chronological report on Ancient Egypt. They used a variety of different sources to find information and then made notes on their findings to help their writing.

In RE, we took on the role of a journalist for the 'Jerusalem Times' and interviewed Thomas about the Resurrection appearances of Jesus.

In Science, we discussed the importance of a healthy diet and thought about what makes up a balanced meal. We looked at which food groups help to keep our bones and muscles healthy and which food groups our bodies don't really need.

In Music, the children are continuing to enjoy learning to play the ukulele. Over the last couple of weeks, they have been learning to play a Beatles song called Octopus's Garden. Singing along enthusiastically as they play, it is sounds fantastic!

YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in Year 4, the children finished writing their own versions of the Jabberwocky Poem and they have done a brilliant job of using nonsense words whilst still maintaining a storyline. We have now started reading our new book in English which is called "The Great Kapok Tree" which is set in a rainforest and will link to our Geography topic after half term which is the rainforests.

On Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed making Mayan Mask collages as part of our History topic. We learnt that when wealthy Mayan people died, masks were put on them as it was believed it would help them become a god in the afterlife.

This year, as part of our RE work, Year 4 have been learning about Judaism. To help develop the children's understanding we were joined by Denise and Andrew Bergman who live in Otley and who are practising Jews. They brought in lots of different artefacts for the children to look at and shared lots of information with the children about their faith. They also brought in some honey and apples for the children to eat which is traditionally eaten at the Jewish New Year Festival and the children were also able to try some unleavened bread which is eaten by Jewish people at Passover.

YEAR 5 NEWS

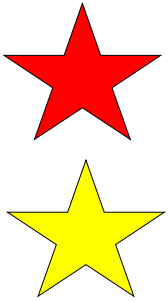
**YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL UPDATE NEXT WEEK.
WE HAD THE BEST TIME!**

YEAR 6 NEWS

Well done to all of Year 6 for surviving SATs week - we could not be prouder of them! Every morning, they have come into school with smiles on their faces and eager to get going showing great resilience, perseverance and determination.

We had a lovely start to the morning being served breakfast in the hall - toast, fruit and juice. After the tests, the children enjoyed playing netball, visiting the chicks in Reception and a film afternoon at the Otley Courthouse. Thank you to Friends of St Joseph's for the delicious popcorn!

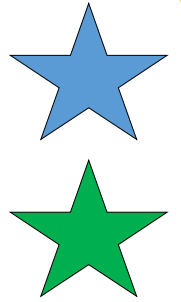
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



NO AWARDS THIS 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