



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th November 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for a super week in school – the children have been working very hard. It has been lovely to spend time in each classroom during Maths and English lessons. The children were very attentive and answered some tricky questions. In Y5 they had to interpret quite a tricky line graph – it made me think! There was lots of super reading and writing based around the class book. I was treated to a song - Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Reception. They sang beautifully. Well done everyone and thank you to the teaching staff for their hard work. Year 6 had a workshop on the Holocaust. The visitor to school was impressed with their vast knowledge and excellent learning behaviour.

On Monday, each class will have a taster fencing session. I will have to come and have a go! Maybe Miss Wilkinson and I can have a duel! Who do you think will win?

I know many of you enjoyed bonfire night – Molly is relieved it's all over and so am I. She does not like the fireworks and every time she hears a bang – she barks!

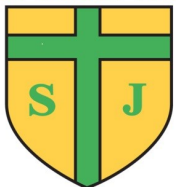
Well done to the Y5 footballers – the boys drew 3-3 (very tense game!) and the girls won both their matches, 2-1 and 2-0.

From Monday, the Westgate entrance will be back in full use. Children attending a school-led extra-curricular club should be collected at Westgate at 4.15pm.

Have a wonderful weekend – the weather on Saturday looks good; have fun and enjoy time together.

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

ST JOSEPH'S



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IMPORTANT: REARRANGED OPEN DAY AND EVENING

St Joseph's Open Day will take place on Wednesday 17th November.

9.30am—11.30am

1.30pm—3.00pm

6.00pm-7.00pm

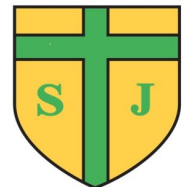
Please share with family and friends!

If you would like to book a slot for the Open Evening, please email office@stjosephsotley.org with your preferred time.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

To apply for a place at this school a standard application form, known as the Common Preference Form must be completed and returned to the Local Authority Leeds City Council by 15 January 2020. If parents/carers feel that they should be in a specific category i.e. Baptised Catholic, then they are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form and provide the required evidence to school as soon as possible. Please note: it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.

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*All for raising
money for our
wonderful school*



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MOVIE

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Friday November 19th

Tickets £2.50 or multiple siblings £5

*Ticket includes Drink. Tuckshop available for
popcorn and sweets*



3.15pm-5.15pm tickets
available at school office

KEY INFORMATION

DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Masses</u>	
15th - Anti-Bullying Week 16th - KS2 Science Festival 17th - KS2 Science Festival 18th - Y2 Science Festival 19th - Anti-Bullying Assembly 20th - LSAA Cross Country League 25th - EYFS Training Day 26th - Y5 Assembly 29th - YR/6 Height and Weight Measurements	9th - Christmas Dinner Day and Jumper Day 10th - Y4 Assembly 11th - LSAA Cross Country League 14th - Nativity (TBC) 16th - KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties 17th - Whole School Mass END OF TERM.	Wednesday 24th Nov at 2pm	KS1



ANTI – BULLYING WEEK—'ODD SOCKS DAY'

Odd Socks Day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, Monday 15th November 2021 to help raise awareness around anti-bullying. It is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

All children have to do to take part is wear odd (and preferably colourful) socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

SPORT

Congratulations to our two football teams who both played brilliantly against All Saints School on Tuesday night. The Year 5 boys' team drew 3-3 and the girls' team won 4-1.

Thank you to everyone who came to cheer us on, we really appreciated the support. Thank you to Miss Choma for supervising the boys team.

Finally, a massive thank you to Nicky Wilce and Inspiration Tree for providing the new kit.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Thursday at 11am, we held a 2 minute silence to show respect and said our own prayers for all the soldiers.

The children have written poems, and created beautiful artwork to commemorate this important piece of history.



REVERSE ADVENT APPEAL

As Advent approaches, we are thinking about people who do not have food to eat and toys to give, so the Mini Vinnies have decided that we would like to participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal.

The idea is that each day one child from each class will donate a tin/packet for a hamper and a new toy suitable for your child, so that by the end of Advent each class has a magnificent hamper and a selection of new toys that can be given to people in need.



A letter has come home today with details of what we would like you to bring.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord,

We pray that all the brave service men and women who risked their lives fighting for our country are kept safe and find the strength to protect us from all harm and hatred.

We pray for those who have lost their lives. May they rest in peace. We thank them for their sacrifice.

We ask you God to help us in the future to resolve matters in a peaceful way that doesn't involve fighting.

Amen

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, Mass times have changed for Our Lady and All Saints Otley.

Please see bulletin for changes to Mass times

[Click here](#)

Please book a place for Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass - [book here](#)

CLASS MASSES

Well done to Year 5 who led their class Mass beautifully today. The theme was creation.

Year 3 also did a fantastic job of leading their class Mass with the theme of Remembrance and Peace on Thursday.

A special thank you to Father Lawrie for leading our Masses, and thank you to family and friends who have joined us. It is truly wonderful to be able to come together to celebrate Mass with the children.

Polite reminder - Key Stage One will have their Mass led by Year Two on Wednesday 24th November

Y6 SHARED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Well done to Agnes and Esther in Year 6 who led a Collective Worship with a theme of remembrance for their class and Year 6 at SS Peter & Paul's School.

Miss Dowd was very impressed with the maturity the children showed in preparing and delivering the collective worship. Miss Dowd said, "They were thoughtful in guiding us in our worship; they asked us to write a prayer on a poppy as our reflective time." Thank you Agnes and Esther.

Y3/4 SHARED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Tuesday morning, Year 3/4 enjoyed sharing their morning Collective Worship on Zoom with the Year 3 classes from St Joseph's, Pudsey and Ss Peter and Paul, Yeadon.

They listened to bible readings and sang songs together. It was a lovely opportunity for our Y3 children to gather together and share their prayers and thoughts with all the other children.

Y5 SHARED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Unfortunately, Holy Name School were unable to lead the Collective Worship for Year 5 this week. We are hoping that it will take place next week.

Y6 FRIDAY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Friday, Year 6 led a thoughtful collective worship with the theme of remembrance.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

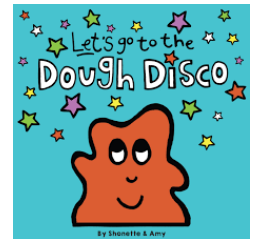
In English, we have continued with our focus on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We sequenced the story and used our phonic knowledge to write labels for each part of the story.

To help with our fine motor skills in preparation for writing, we have now started doing 'Dough Disco'. The children have their own pot of playdoh and are encouraged to move the dough following the different instructions.

In Maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes. We learnt about the properties of a circle, triangle, rectangle and square. Jemimah said, "a circle has one curved side that goes all the way around." We made our own shape rockets using a selection of different shapes.

In RE, we have continued our learning on God's Family. This week, we thought about how we show our love for others by helping them. Amelia said, "I show my love for Mummy and Daddy by helping them to tidy the house."

On Thursday, we learnt about Remembrance Day and why we wear a Poppy. At 11 am we had a two minute silence with the rest of the school. In the afternoon, we made our own poppy paintings.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been learning about Number Bonds, that let us split numbers in useful ways. They show how numbers join together, and how they break down into component parts.

In English, we have been reading the story of 'The Truly Magic Porridge Pot'. We used actions to help us recall the story so we could retell it. We used exciting adjectives to make our sentences more interesting.

In RE, we listened to the story of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as recorded in the Gospel of Luke (Lk 1:39-56). We learned about the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. The meeting of these two women was a joyful and unique event. Both found themselves pregnant in miraculous circumstances— we reflected on the importance of this special meeting.

In Science, we have been learning about materials and where they can be found. We went on a materials hunt and labelled the outdoor area according to whether it was comprised of glass, wood, plastic or metal. We thought about the suitability of these materials.

On Friday in Art, we learnt about the colour spectrum and primary colours. We know that we can mix the primary colours (red, yellow & blue) together to make new colours.



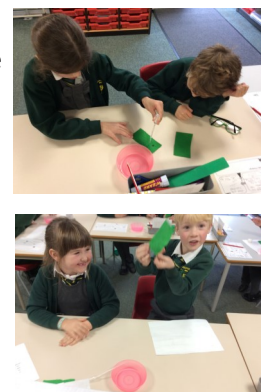
YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths we have been developing our skills in adding two 2-digit numbers. We have used Base ten to support us in understanding why we need to exchange 10 ones for 1 ten. This will help us when we begin to use the formal column addition method.

In English, we have continued to enjoy the story 'Winter's Child'. We are using some exciting and interesting vocabulary to describe the beautiful setting. We were all excited when Ernie Arbuckle came to visit us. He left us a piece of writing for us to help him with. We worked hard to edit and improve Ernie's writing and we are sure he will be very pleased with it.

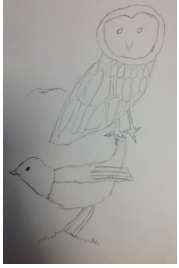
As part of our RE work this week, we have been learning about the Holy Trinity. We discussed how one person can be a sister, a daughter and a niece, just as God can be three in one: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We also enjoyed learning the Glory Be prayer.

In Science, we continued to investigate the properties of materials. We wanted to find out if we could change the properties of a piece of fabric. We carried out an investigation by putting drops of water on a piece of fabric and found out that it was absorbent. We then covered a piece of the same fabric with wax and carefully heated it with a hairdryer. We then added water to this. We were delighted to find that the fabric was now waterproof!



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English we have been reading and talking about diaries. We have read lots of extracts from diaries set in the Stone Age and we had the chance to write our own Stone Age Diaries in the role of a Stone Age child. The diaries contained lots of exciting adventures!



In Maths, we learnt how to set out column addition using an exchange row. We used and drew place value counters to support us when exchanging.

During this week, we have been very busy preparing songs, readings and prayers for our Year 3 Class Mass on Thursday morning. The children led a beautiful Mass - thank you to all those who joined us.

In Art, we began our unit on prehistoric art. We looked at cave drawings, noticing the different animals we could see. We then drew our own wild animals native to Britain.



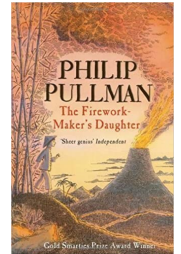
YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have discussed the difference between formal and informal tones. The children analysed examples of formal and informal letters, wrote their own informal letter, and then edited it to create a formal letter. We also looked at the use of alliteration and made predictions based on the genre of Philip Pullman's 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'.

In Maths, we have concluded Addition and Subtraction. Our new topic is Length and Perimeter, and it would really help children to practise measuring lengths at home and discussing different units of measurement.

In RE, we recalled the story of Zechariah, and his lack of faith in God's plan for him and Elizabeth. The children created newspaper reports to retell the events of his life, and how he learned to trust in God.

In Science, we went on a sound walk around the school, and discussed the different sounds we could hear. The children then predicted what materials or objects were vibrating to cause the sounds. They were amazed at feeling their own vocal chords vibrating whilst speaking!



YEAR 5 NEWS

In English this week, we have continued to look at Greek myths and have started reading about Odysseus' journey home after the Trojan War. We used noun phrases to write about Odysseus and Polyphemus. Following on from reading, 'Pandora's Box' last week, the children have also written poems about "Hope" for our hall display.

In Maths, we have continued to look at a range of line graphs and have been using the data to answer questions. We also practised months of the year and tried to recall which months had 31 days. Mrs Russell taught the children a rhyme to help them remember it and Mrs Harvey showed them how she uses her fingers and knuckles to help her!

In ICT, the children learnt about different filming techniques used to make videos such as low angle, high angle and close up. They then practised using these on the iPads.

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 were really lucky and were able to go to PHGS for a dodgeball tournament which all the children thoroughly enjoyed. Even though we were playing Year 6 children, all our Year 5s did really well and one team finished first.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have looked at factors of a number and moved on to find common factors of multiple numbers. With this, we were able to apply these skills in simplifying fractions and answering other reasoning questions.

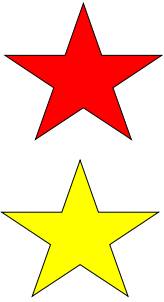
In English, we have continued to read Anne Frank's diary. We have read up to the part where she has now moved into the 'Secret Annex'. After we read this part, we had a go at writing a diary to retell the move. We included: a range of vocabulary specific to Nazi Germany; expanding noun phrases to add detail; descriptive language to imply feelings; and adverbs to vary our sentence openers.

On Wednesday, we had a visitor from the National Holocaust Museum. She taught us about the life of a young Jewish boy named Leo who lived in Nazi Germany. We learnt about how he was treated from 1938-1942 before he moved to England on the Kinder transport. Listening to how Jewish children were belittled in class and how other children were told not to play them, due to the Nazi propaganda, really shocked us.



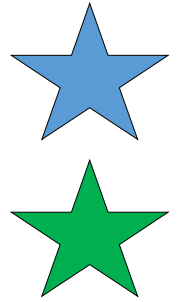


HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

FOUNTAINS



FOR EARNING THE MOST HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK

SUNSHINE AWARD

LENNY AND AMELIA (YR), PIPER (Y1), ANTHONY (Y2),
BONNIE (Y3), ISAAC (Y4), EVIE (Y5), CIARA (Y6)



ENGLISH AWARD

FRED (YR), BENJAMIN (Y1), SOFIA (Y2),
ALICE (Y3), HEIDI (Y4), GEORGE (Y5), AGNES (Y6)



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Week Commencing
01.11.21 - 05.11.21

No of Lates	
Rec	2
Y1	4
Y2	2
Y3	7
Y4	3
Y5	1
Y6	2

% Attendance	
Rec	96.43
Y1	97.97
Y2	93.33
Y3	97.69
Y4	93.33
Y5	96.00
Y6	97.50



Attendance Matters



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