



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th May 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for another super week in school – there has been lots of hard work! Well done to Y6 who were sterling this week during SATs. They enjoyed a breakfast together first which was a lovely start to the day. We are very proud of their sensible approach and can do attitude throughout of the year. Thank you to Miss Dowd and Mrs Kealey for their hard work – the fun starts now!!!

Today, we attended a ceremony at the Cathedral to present our donation to Catholic Care. We raised £700 to support the work of Catholic Care in the community. We also raised £250 for CAFOD and £250 for DEC. Thank you for your generosity.

First Holy Communion – can we remember in our prayers the First Holy Communion candidates who be making their FHC tomorrow. This is a special time as they continue their journey in faith.

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



## SPORTS UPDATE

**TRIATHLON** - On Monday, 30 of our children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Brownlee Triathlon event at John Smeaton Leisure Centre. All the children who have returned the slips will be taking part. Please remember that all the children going to this event will need to come in their PE kits with trainers. They will need to bring with them a swimming costume or trunks, a towel, their normal school uniform to wear afterwards as their PE kit will get wet and a packed lunch. We hope all the children enjoy this event.

**YEAR 5 FOOTBALL MATCH** - Congratulations to the children in Year 5 who played in the football match against Westgate primary School on Monday. All the children played brilliantly and we won the match 5-2. Thank you to everyone who came to support us and for returning the kit.

**YEAR 5 CRICKET FESTIVAL** - Letters have gone home today about a Year 5 cricket festival taking place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**CATENIAN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT** - Letters have gone home today about the Catenian Football Tournament on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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
- 6th June – Pentecost day
- 18th June – Otley Carnival
- 1st July - School closed for Jubilee Bank



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus I love you, Jesus, I welcome you

Jesus, I need you, Jesus, I adore you

Jesus, I thank you

Help me to be like you, help me to be kind like you

Help me to be loving like you, help me to bring your peace

And love into the world, bless me and bless all the people I  
love

Jesus, I love you. 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

Well done to Reception who led a fantastic assembly this morning about the season of spring. They told us all about the work that they had been doing and about the story of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene after his Resurrection. As well as this, they sang songs with actions - well done! Thank you to all the Reception staff for helping prepare the Reception children for their assembly.

This week in our Collective Worship, our virtue has been kindness. The children listened to a reading from Ephesians and discussed this quote from Mother Teresa, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."

Over the next few weeks, we shall encourage the children to do the following things:

- Look for ways to help others by following the example of Jesus.
- Show kindness to any person or animal they see.
- Look for ways to care for God's creation.
- Share what they have with other people.
- Be kind to themselves.

As it is the month of May which is the month of Mary, our children have thought about Mary in their Collective Worship this week and in their RE lessons and have produced some lovely displays for the hall. Our prayer of the week was the Morning Consecration to Mary.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion tomorrow. Please arrive by 9:45am.

Polite reminder - Certificates will be presented in the 9:30am Mass on Sunday. This will be followed by a celebratory breakfast in the Parish Centre.

Mrs Russell and Mrs Branford-White are delighted with the candidates approach to the preparation of this special sacrament. A special thank you to Mrs Russell and Mrs Branford-White for all their hard work - they really appreciated their flowers, gift and card from the children.

Please keep the children in your prayers as they take the next step in their faith journey.

Be kind and compassionate  
to one another, forgiving  
each other, just as in Christ  
God forgave you.  
**Ephesians 4:32**



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### **Morning Prayer** (Morning Consecration to Mary)

My Queen, My Mother, I offer myself entirely to  
thee. And to show my devotion to thee,  
I offer thee this day, my eyes, my ears, my mouth,  
my heart, my whole being without reserve.  
Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own,  
keep me, guard me as thy property and possession.  
Amen.

# CLASS NEWS

## YEAR R NEWS

What an exciting week it has been in Reception! We now have 9 very cute and fluffy little chicks!! The children have done some super writing about holding the chicks. We have also been learning about their life cycle. We are looking forward to Mrs Hart bringing in her hen next week so we can see how the chicks develop to full size.

In Maths, we have been learning about addition. We used the first, then and now story approach to help us identify the total amount. We have also continued to practise our subitising skills. This is where we don't count, we try and recognise the amount.

This week, we focused on the artist Vincent Van Gogh. We enjoyed painting our own interpretations of his famous 'Sunflowers'. The children produced some lovely paintings.

We hope you enjoyed our class assembly this morning. The children did so well remembering their lines and sang beautifully!

## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week, we have been making equal groups in Maths. We looked at making groups of two, three and four which helped us to make arrays. We used counters to help us make arrays and to understand the columns and rows within an array.

This week in Science, we have been learning about the life cycle of a simple flowering plant - germination, growth, flowering, and seed production. The sunflower plants are growing well; the strawberry plants haven't really begun to grow yet...

In PE with Mrs Fenton Green, we have been using balloons to help us understand how badminton is played. We practised hitting balloons to our partner with our dominant and non-dominant hand. We practised hitting overhead and underarm.

In preparation for the Queen's jubilee in Art we have been designing our own crowns. We have used golden mosaic paper, sequins, and gems to give our crowns some bling.

On Friday, we had ICT and have been learning how to log on to the laptops. We used a paint program and have been learning how to make shapes and use different colours and techniques to draw pictures and how to undo and redo an action.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths in this week, we have been learning about vertical lines of symmetry. We learnt about how we can look at both sides of the shape to see if they are equal in size and shape. We discussed that if a shape is symmetrical and you fold it in half, both sides will meet up together. We then had a go at drawing shapes using the line of symmetry. We found that using squared paper was helpful because we could count the number of square on one side and copy it on the other.

In English, we started to write about what London was like in 1666. We needed to use the past tense to show that it was a long time ago. We watched an animation of a birds eye view of London at that time We saw lots of interesting things such as how close the houses were, washing hung up high between houses, lots of market stalls selling food and narrow cobbled streets. We were fascinated, but also a little disgusted, by the fact that there were no sewers to carry people's waste away so it was very smelly! Everybody used the past tense very well to explain what London was like.

As part of our Art work, we enjoyed learning how to draw different expressions on faces. We learnt about how to change the position of the eyebrows to show if they are angry or happy, and how the position of the mouth and eyelids can help to show different emotions too.

In RE, we discussed the events of Holy week and about how the disciples might have felt when Jesus died on the cross and then after Holy week when they discovered that Jesus had risen. We came up with some very thoughtful and careful responses, thinking carefully about the different emotions.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English we finished reading the Piped Piper. The children wrote their own endings finishing with a question or an ellipsis to add mystery. We then began our unit on 'Cautionary Tales' and created posters to warn children of the consequences of misbehaving. We looked at the rhyming couplets in the story, guessing the second rhymes.

In Maths, we have looked at using different Fractions to make a whole number and used both Unit and Non-Unit Fractions. We learnt about tenths, both as fractions and decimals. We then looked at placing fractions on a number line; this required us to do lots of equal partitioning.

In Science, the children have started to investigate the strength of different types of Magnets and tested this out using paper clips.

On Thursday afternoon, we put our handball skills to use in a handball festival at PHGS. We had a fantastic afternoon playing different schools, and to top it off we came home victorious after winning/drawing every game we played! Well done Year 3.



## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, the children were introduced to some strange words that they had never heard before. They tried to predict the meaning and class of the words by looking at the prefixes and suffixes, saying the word aloud, and thinking about other words that had a similar sound. Finally, we read the words in context in our new class text, 'The Jabberwocky'.

In Maths, we came to the end of our topic on Decimals. The children can now convert fractions into decimals, solve word problems involving decimals, and partition decimals into tenths and hundredths. We are now looking at money - you could support children at home by asking them to add and subtract amounts of coins and notes.

In RE, we created stained glass windows to represent Mary in her role as Queen of Apostles. We reflected on how Mary stayed with the Apostles after Jesus' Ascension and was with them during Pentecost. The children were each given a Fruit of the Holy Spirit, and used flowers and fruit that represented that virtue in their art.

In Science, the children sorted different animals into warm-blooded and cold-blooded, and thought about what they needed in order to survive. They then designed habitats for a warm-blooded animal and a cold-blooded animal, showing the contrast in their needs.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, Year 5 have started reading our new book, "Beowulf". We carried out an archaeological dig and used modal verbs to answer questions about the different artefacts we found. This morning, we practised using the correct punctuation for writing dialogue as we wrote a conversation between Beowulf and Hrothgar.

Our focus this week in Maths has been adding and subtracting with decimals. We have looked at adding and subtracting numbers less than one as well as making complements to one.

In Science, we have started our new topic about life cycles. This week, we revised the different parts of a flower and found out which parts were female and male.

In RE, we have been learning about prayer. On Wednesday, we looked at Jesus' teaching on prayer and wrote our top tips for praying based on Jesus' teaching.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

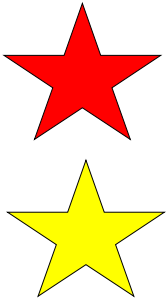
Well done to all of Year 6 for surviving SATs week - we could not be prouder of them! Every morning, they have come into school with smiles on their faces and eager to get going showing great resilience, perseverance and determination.

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 rounders and cricket; creating some wonderful pieces of artwork; and playing with their buddies.

On Friday, we created videos about our amazing time on residential; we reminisced about the great time we had! In the afternoon, we had a treat of watching a film and having a few treats (buns and drinks).



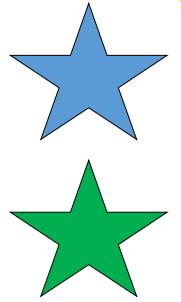
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

## ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### SUNSHINE AWARD

DYLAN (YR), SEB (Y1), BENTLEY (Y2),  
CLOVIS (Y3), IYLA (Y4), ZAC (Y5), ALL (Y6)

### RE AWARD

AMELIA (YR), RONNIE (Y1), KADEN (Y2),  
AMELIE (Y3), DANIEL (Y4), KIRSTY (Y5), VUYO (Y6)

### VIRTUE AWARD

ORLA (YR), ADALINE (Y1), ISAAC (Y2),  
HENRY (Y3), ISAAC (Y4), ASA (Y5), ALEXA (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