

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Good afternoon parents/carers and friends of the school,

Quote of the week from a visitor into our school, '**Mr Gilhooly, these children love being in this school!**' I could not agree more! The children continue to smile and work hard in sessions; even though we have the longest half term - well done children. I am incredibly proud!

We introduced our 'Little Jo's' morning session this week. It was lovely to welcome existing and new parents/carers into school. There was a real buzz about the place, and we would love to extend the invite to as many people as possible - so please do share it on social media and through word of mouth.

Our school is a hidden gem in Otley, and we would like as many people to experience it as possible. We have an open day and evening on Wednesday **18.10.23** and cannot wait to showcase our school to the community. If you have any friends or family members who are currently looking at primary schools, then please do share this with them.

Next week the school is having a Trust review. Colleagues from different Trust schools will be visiting us and supporting us in our continued school development. So, if your children talk about lots of new people being in the building, this will be the reason. We look forward to sharing our progress with the Trust.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Best regards and God Bless.

Mr L Gilhooly

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>October 2023</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>December 2023</u>
16th - Y2 Football League	9th – Y3 Class Mass	1 <sup>st</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair
17th - Y4 Yorkshire Water Visit	10th – Y6 Assembly	1 <sup>st</sup> – Y2 Assembly
18th - Open Day 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm	13th – Anti-Bullying Week	1 <sup>st</sup> – KS2 Author Visit
18th - Open Evening 6pm	14th - Open Day 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm	6 <sup>th</sup> – YR/Y6 Vision, Height and Weight
19th - Little Jo's Club (for under 4's)	15 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Science Festival	7 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 Confirmation
20th - Show Racism the Red Card	16 <sup>th</sup> – KS2 Science Festival	8 <sup>th</sup> – FOSJ Wreath Making
20th - YR Assembly	16 <sup>th</sup> – Y5 Class Assembly	8 <sup>th</sup> – Y3 Assembly
23rd - Parents Evening	16th - Open Evening 6pm	14 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner
25th - FOSJ Bake Sale	17 <sup>th</sup> – Mission Statement Assembly	14 <sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations
25th - KS1 Mass (Y2 to lead)	20 <sup>th</sup> – Y3 Football Tournament	15 <sup>th</sup> – Music Assembly
26th - Little Jo's Club (for under 4's)	23 <sup>rd</sup> – Y4 Class Mass	16 <sup>th</sup> – FOSJ Christmas Fayre
26th - Parents Evening	24 <sup>th</sup> - Y5 Assembly	20 <sup>th</sup> – YR, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Productions
27th - Training Day	24 <sup>th</sup> – EYFS Training Day – <b>Please note, School Closed to Reception Parents on this day!</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> – Christmas Party Day
		22 <sup>nd</sup> – Whole School Mass

# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder that due to allergies, St Joseph's is a nut free school, including peanut butter. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a nuts, the product will have to be confiscated.

## BREAK TIME SNACKS



Additionally, please note that children should only be bringing fruit as a snack at playtimes. We are currently seeing an assortment of inappropriate snacks on the playground. If your child brings something other than fruit, we will ask them to put it back in their bag to take home.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



## YEAR RECEPTION 2024

### OPEN DAY/EVENING



**Wednesday 18th October &  
Thursday 16th Nov**

Timings: 10am-12pm, 1pm-3pm or a 6pm start for presentation and Headteacher introduction.

We warmly welcome Parents/Carers of children starting school in September 2024 to come and see our school. Mr Gilhooly 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!

## LITTLE JO'S PRE-SCHOOL PLAY SESSIONS



We are delighted to invite you and your child (babies and toddlers welcome) to come along to our **FREE** Pre-School Play sessions.

We really enjoyed our first week - the theme was 'On the Farm'. We played with farmyard animals, read stories and sang 'Old Macdonald had a Farm.'



To book on to a session, please contact our school office on 01943 463840 or email [office@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:office@stjosephsotley.org)

**12th October  
19th October  
26th October**

**9.15am - 10.30am**

## SPORT

### Year 3 Football League

Well done to the children who took part in the first football league event on Monday. The children all tried really hard and showed great teamwork against some good teams. The next fixtures will be played on Monday 20th November. Please can all kit be returned for Monday as Year 2 need it.

### Year 2 Football League

Good luck to the Year 2 footballers who are playing their first league matches on Monday after school.

### Cross Country

Good luck to all the children who are taking part in the Cross Country league tomorrow morning at Cardinal Heenan.

### KS2 Cross Country at Wharfe Meadows

On Tuesday, there will be the KS2 cross country race at Wharfe Meadows. A form has been emailed out to parents of children wishing to compete.

### Girls Football League Match

The girls football team have our first football league match next Thursday after school at SS Peter & Paul's School - we will play other teams too!!! This will be instead of football club.



# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception -Year 6. If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school on Thursday 14th December, please follow this link to complete an online consent form; <https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The code for your child's school is: EE139355

The link will close on 10th December. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (option 7 ext 2)



**NAZARETH FAMILY RETREAT DAY**  
with The Mark 10 Mission  
Ss Peter and Paul's RC Church | WF2 7NR

THE MARK 10 MISSION

Saturday 28 October, 9.30am - 3pm  
Prayer | Friendship | Sessions for parents, children & teens | Confessions | Cake!

@nazarethfamilyministries

A banner for Nazareth Family Retreat Day with a blue background and white text. Below the banner is a photograph of three young girls in a garden, one in a floral dress, one in a pink hat, and one in a white polka-dot dress. At the bottom of the banner are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, both with the handle @nazarethfamilyministries.

## LEARN TO RIDE WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, Year 1 were visited by a cycling instructor. The children had great fun practising their skills on balance bikes and pedal bikes. Mrs Mulholland loved watching how much progress the children made and was super proud of their behaviour - well done Year 1!

One of the mums commented, "My child took her stabilisers off her bike when she got home on Thursday and rode like she had been riding for years!"



## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Tuesday, we celebrated World Mental Health Day.

Throughout the day, we wrote messages to stick on our Wellbeing Tree.

YR - Reception – Drew a picture of someone being happy.

Year 1 – Drew a picture about what makes them happy.

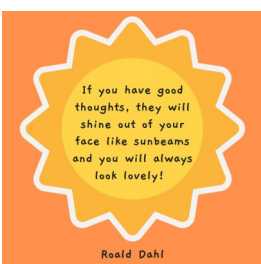
Year 2 – Wrote a sentence about what can make you happy

Year 3 – Random acts of kindness

Year 4 – How to keep healthy

Year 5 – Gratitude statements

Year 6 – Wrote a joke



We also had a special visitor who came to talk about keeping our minds, brains and hearts healthy. Mrs Hatley, who is Mental Health Nurse, led an assembly to discuss different ways to be more resilient, to make our brains happy and to talk about our problems with trusted friends, family and adults. During the assembly, we also shared our ideas on how to stay happy and healthy as a school.





# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all the people who have the courage to take a stand against the inequalities in our World.

Help each of us to be brave when we see things around us that are unfair

So that together we can work for a better world.

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

Today, as part of our Collective Worship, each class shared with the school what they have been learning about as part of Black History Month.

- Reception have learnt about Floella Benjamin, who was given a medal from the Queen. They showed us the medals they have made to give to people in their class.
- Year 1 told us about Rosa Parks and how black and white people were treated differently in America.
- Year 2 showed us their posters of Mary Seacole who was a nurse in the Crimean War.
- Year 3 learnt about the Great Zimbabwe civilization in the iron Age linking it to their History topic.
- Year 4 shared their biographies that they have written about Septimius Severus who was the first African Emperor of Rome.
- Year 5 answered questions about the book "Hidden Figures" which they have been reading in English about four black women who worked at NASA.
- Year 6 informed us about Martin Luther King's speech protesting against segregation in America.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## VIRTUE OF THANKFULNESS

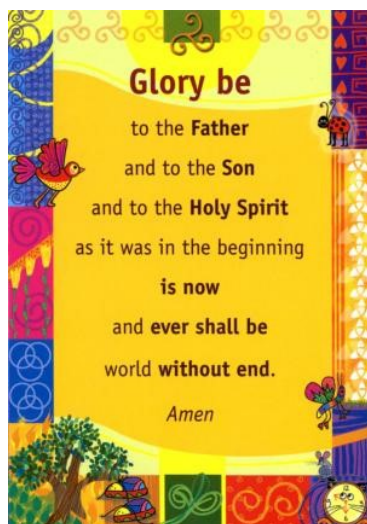
We have continued to think about Thankfulness in our Collective Worships.

This week, we listened to the story of the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19) and how only one of them remembered to say "Thank you" to Jesus.

We thought about all the things that we are thankful and the importance of saying "Thank you."



## PRAYER OF THE WEEK



## SAYING THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary, so on Thursday each class was visited by Father Nicholas and Year 6 children who led us in saying the Rosary. As we said the Rosary, we prayed for peace. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our prayers and we also pray for all the people in the Middle East who have are affected by the events this week.



# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

This week, in Phonics we have learnt four new sounds: g, o, c and k as well as our tricky words 'put' 'the' 'of' 'is'. Tricky words are words that children cannot decode and therefore need to learn to recognise from sight. Please encourage your child to read the words in their sound book.

In Maths this week, we have been exploring the topic of weight. The children were keen to predict which items weigh more or less, which are lighter and heavier and then test their predictions using the weighing scales.

In R.E this week, we have been discussing how God made each one of us different and special. The children confidently shared with each other things that make them special.

We also learnt about a special lady, Floella Benjamin, as part of Black History month. We learnt that she helped lots of people and was caring and kind. The children then made a medal and gave reasons for who should get it and why.

On Thursday, the children were each given some rosary beads, we discussed what the Rosary signifies and with our Year 6 buddies we said the Hail Mary and Our Father together.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

This week, we have continued to learn about Rosa Parks' life. We have ordered the key events in her life & wrote what we could remember about her. In History, we looked at photos taken in America during the 1950s to see how black people were treated. The children said these photos made them feel sad, angry and cross.

In Science, we started our new topic about our bodies. This week, we went out into the playground to draw the outline of our bodies we then used labels to identify some of the main parts.

In Maths, the children have been using the symbols  $<$   $>$  and  $=$  to compare numbers. They have also looked at ordering numbers.

The children enjoyed our Art work this week which was making our Christmas cards for the Friends of St Joseph. This year, they have made robin pictures- we hope you like them.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 were very excited to receive a letter this week from Mrs Holmes' friend Ernie Arbuckle. Ernie finds writing difficult and gets very embarrassed about it. Year 2 have agreed to help Ernie with his writing. We wrote some lovely letters to thank Ernie and to introduce ourselves. We had to think very carefully about our punctuation so that Ernie can see how it is done.

In Maths, we have been ordering numbers. We found out that we can look at the number of tens to help us. If the two numbers have the same number of tens, we can then compare the number of ones. One then started our new Maths topic this week for Addition and Subtraction. We have started revisiting and refreshing our knowledge of our number bonds to 10 as this will help us with lots of our addition work.

In RE, we learnt about the story of Daniel and the Lions. We learnt that Daniel must have had great trust in God and because of that God was there to help him. We wrote about the events in the story and reflected on how Daniel must have felt.

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## YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, the children compared themselves to the main character in *The First Drawing*, using subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to make multiclausal sentences. They also used a Venn diagram to make the comparisons - we are using them a lot in Year 3 at the moment! We then began thinking about sequencing the text. We had a go at telling the story in 15 words or less, it was hard!

In Maths, we began Addition and Subtraction by adding and subtracting 10s and 1s. We used our number bonds within 10 to spot patterns and began to add and subtract 3-digit numbers.

In History, we studied the African settlement of Great Zimbabwe, analysing different historical sources to find out as much as possible about it. The children worked in groups to create information posters.

In Science, we conducted a rock survey in Otley. We looked at different buildings and thought about how different rocks are used for different purposes.

In RE, we learnt about the types of promises Godparents and parents make at a Baptism. We discussed what the role of a Godparent is, writing a job advert for the perfect Godparent.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English and our History, we have been learning about the first African Roman emperor Septimius Severus. We have made notes, planned and started writing a biography about him. He was responsible for strengthening Hadrian's Wall. Frankie said, "He was the Governor of Upper Panamonia now Hungary and Austria."

In maths, we have started looking at column addition. We are revising what we know from Year 3 and deepen our understanding and skills.

In RE, we have thought about how we show faith in our everyday lives. We have thought about the faith that Joseph, Abraham, Sarah and Moses had in God and the challenges they faced. On Friday, we made social media pages for one of these people. We enjoyed making up hashtags to show their thoughts and feelings on their story.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, the children have been focusing on using the inverse operation to check the answers to addition and subtraction calculations. They were able to identify a fact family for a given calculation and determine the different possible inverse operations you could have for one calculation. The children have also furthered their understanding of the column method for addition and subtraction in order to find the sum of multi-step problem-solving calculations.

In Science, we have been identifying the way in which the planets move within our solar system. The children could identify that the planets orbit around the sun and were able to order the planets from the fastest orbit around the sun to the longest orbit around the sun. They even had a chance to act as the sun, earth, and moon, to physically show the orbit process.

In RE, the children have been concentrating on, in more depth, the ideals behind co-creators and de-creators, explaining the difference and providing examples of each one. The children then went on to write a set of simple instructions, in order to advise someone on how they can live as a co-creator, promoting good stewardship.

## YEAR 6 NEWS

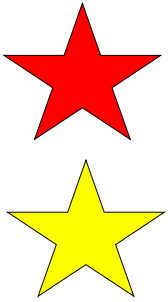
In Maths, we have recapped long multiplication and short division. We really need to make sure that we are practising our times tables at home on TTRS - they are essential to maths.

In English, we have been writing setting descriptions and character descriptions. We really enjoyed making our writing picturable using great descriptive vocabulary, relative clauses, figurative language and fronted adverbials. Once we had written our descriptions, we identified these features in our writing.

During RE, we learned about the Sacrament of Confirmation, which some of the children will be making in December. We discussed the different parts of the Mass and thought about the importance and significance of each part.

On Tuesday, we talked about the importance of our mental health and how we shouldn't bottle everything in. Instead, we should be proactive in keeping our mental health healthy by talking to someone, eating healthy, getting enough sleep and many more ways which we were able to identify. With this, we created posters in our PSHE books.

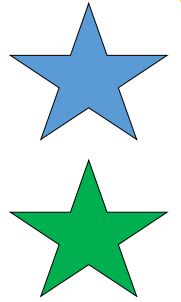
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

# EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



## SUNSHINE AWARD

ELIZA (YR), JACK (Y1), GEORGE (Y2),  
BENJAMIN (Y3), GABRIEL (Y4), HENRY C (Y5), SKYLA (Y6)



## RE AWARD

IVY (YR), BELLA AND SOPHIE (Y1), SAMMY (Y2)  
ELSIE (Y3), OLIVER (Y4), EDWARD (Y5), HARRY (Y6)



## HEADTEACHER AWARD

EVIE (Y2)



## 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



## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- ★ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - PARENT MEET AND GREET & AGM
  
- ★ WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER - CAKE SALE
  
- ★ FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER- FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
  
- ★ DATE TO BE CONFIRMED - DISCO
  
- ★ SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
  
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - RAINBOW RAFFLE
  
- ★ FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY- COCKTAIL MAKING EVENING
  
- ★ FRIDAY 8 MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY
  
- ★ FRIDAY 26 APRIL - QUIZ NIGHT
  
- ★ FRIDAY 17 MAY- GOLDEN TICKET EVENT
  
- ★ FRIDAY 14 JUNE- FATHER'S DAY
  
- ★ FRIDAY 28 JUNE - CAMPING TRIP



# OTLEY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

**JOIN US FOR FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL  
SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

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**EVERY TUESDAY (TERM-TIME)**

9.30-11.00 am

The Core, Orchard Street,  
Otley, [LS21 3NX](https://www.princehenrys.co.uk)

Tea and coffee available  
Parents and carers of school aged children very welcome

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