

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th May 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Well done for another fantastic week in school – there has been some super writing and artwork throughout school. YR – Evie and Frances wrote thoughtful prayers thanking God for our lovely world and friends; Year 1 - Harry and Caitlin wrote about how we can help save the world by looking after our environment. Y1 and Y4 did some spectacular artwork linked to saving the environment, and their work has been used to inspire others throughout school. Y6 have been dissecting hearts to learn about the different parts of the heart and how it functions. Y3 are continuing to work hard to learn their times tables, reading lots and are well on their way to earning their pen licence. Y5 launched their fruit tuck shop for KS2 – thank you to Agnes, Esther, Joseph and Mia for their hard work behind the scenes setting everything up. KS2 have enjoyed the fruit/veg on sale. We will try to offer a wide range of fruits with some exotic fruits for the children to try. Y2 were planning and writing their own story based on Jim and the Giant Beanstalk.



Water bottles – thank you for ensuring water only in water bottles. From September, can you please make sure the bottles have a closable spout/sports top. We would recommend that bottles brought into school are not made from the hard plastic – we have had a quite a few cracked or broken bottles (incl Mrs Deyes) after being dropped on the floor. The rubbery/flexible plastic seems to be more robust. The orange bottle is from [Decathlon](#) - £3.99 with a sports top and a cover to keep the bottle clean.



Have a lovely weekend – the weather is slightly better but still some is rain forecast – so get out when you can to dodge the showers.

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

THE BIG ASK

After the struggles of the past year with the pandemic the government feels that it is time young people got a chance to talk about how they are feeling.

Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England has commissioned the largest ever survey of children and young people in England called **The Big Ask**. All children took part in the survey to tell the government what we think, and what children need to live happier lives.

For more information, please visit <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>



'YEAR 5 A DAY' FRUIT SHOP FOR KS2

A group of Year 5 pupils (Esther, Agnes, Mia and Joseph) have created a fruit and veg tuck shop for all KS2 children.



Fruit and vegetables will be available Tuesday - Friday and will cost 30p per piece.

The fruit and vegetables will be from a local source (Simon and Becky's Fruit Stall in Otley).

The children have enjoyed buying fruit and vegetables this week!



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

To god fancy you for makin
my world and makin
me Evie and my friends
I will luck for my
world by putting rubbish
in the bin amen.



LOVE FROM
EVIE



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](#)

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our new virtue that we shall be focusing on until half term is: Kindness.

This week, we thought about the words that Mother Teresa said:

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better or happier.

Be the living expression of God's kindness;

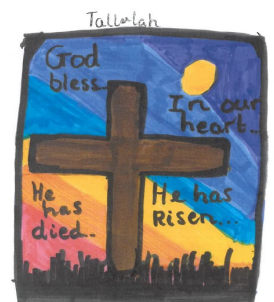
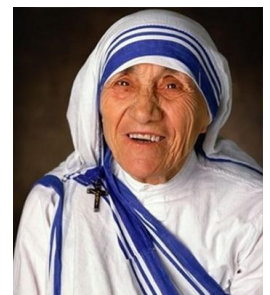
kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes,

kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting"

Our Statement this week was: I try to forgive people when they hurt me.

The children listened to Matthew's Gospel where Jesus told us we shouldn't forgive someone just seven times but seventy-seven times!

We talked about how it is not easy to forgive people and we prayed for the Holy Spirit to help us, as Alexander Pope said, "To err is human, to forgive, divine."



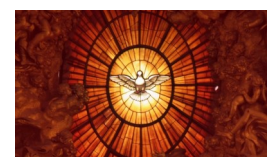
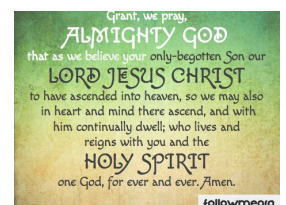
ASCENSION

On Thursday, the Church celebrated the Ascension. This is when Jesus ascended into heaven after the Resurrection.

PENTECOST

We shall celebrate Pentecost and on Friday 21st May all the children are invited to come to school wearing Pentecost colours (red, yellow and orange) rather than their school uniform.

If your child has PE on that day, please make sure that the clothes are suitable for PE. Thank you.





CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week in Reception, we have been learning about minibeasts! We have been on a minibeast hunt in the school grounds and made a tally chart based on the different minibeasts found. Our results showed that ants were the most common mini beast but sadly no butterflies. The children then did some writing about which minibeasts they like the most and the least.

This week we have also been thinking about ways that we can look after our planet. The children shared some great ideas of ways that we can help such as “putting rubbish in the bin”, “reusing and recycling” and then made their own posters. Evie then wrote a lovely prayer to thank God for creating our wonderful world.

In Maths this week, we have been working on our addition skills. We have been counting groups of people, minibeasts, dinosaurs etc and adding them together. The children have written number sentences to show their findings. It would be great if you could continue working on this at home.



YEAR 1 NEWS

On Thursday the 13th, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension and this week in RE we have been learning about the **Ascension**.

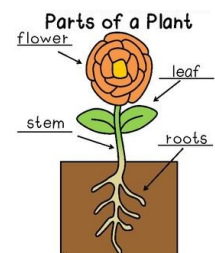
According to the story told in the Bible, Jesus ascended to heaven. This was seen by his apostles. The holiday is celebrated forty days after his resurrection. We reflected on how Jesus' apostles must have felt when he left them. We know that he told them he would send the Holy Spirit which would always be with them.

This week in Maths, we have used lots of practical resources to help us understand the concept of doubling. We have looked at different strategies to help us double a two-digit number by splitting (partitioning) the number into tens and ones.

In English, we have continued to read the story *Dinosaurs and all That Rubbish*. We thought about how the lovely, green landscape changed in the story to a smoky, polluted, industrial landscape. We used interesting adjectives in our writing. We tried to remember to put a comma in between our adjectives.

In PSHE, we've been thinking about charities this week in Y1 as we would like to choose a class charity. We mind mapped some interesting fundraising ideas.

In Science, we have been learning about the parts of a plant and understanding how each of these parts help it to grow.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, Year 2 have started to plan their sequels to the story 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. They have come up with their own character and given them a name and then decided upon 3 things that the character has collected for the Giant to help him out. They have all produced some fantastic story maps for their sequels.

Year 2 have been counting in fractions this week, we got the hang of counting in halves, but then found counting in thirds and quarters a little more challenging.

In RE this week, we have been discussing the importance of why we celebrate Ascension Day. The children came up with some fantastic answers and it led us to have a think about what we think Heaven looks like, from this we drew some amazing pictures of Heaven – which have been put on display in the classroom.

In Geography, we have continued with our topic on Zambia and been looking at what it is like to go to school in Zambia. We have compared their school day to ours and discovered that they have assembly outside and start school at age 7!



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we have been planning and writing alternative endings to Jim. The children enjoyed thinking about other horrible ways Jim might have met his end, and found relevant rhyming words to create their couplets.



In Maths we have been working on finding fractions of a number. We discussed how to use the denominator and numerator of a fraction in order to find the answer, and repeated the method to aid recall. We also used bar models to help picture the fractions, then moved on to finding equivalent fractions.

In RE we looked in depth at the story of Thomas and how he must have felt realising he had doubted Jesus. We spoke about Jesus' teaching on faith, and how it is sometimes hard to have faith. We thought about why faith in God is so important in our lives. We then looked at the Ascension and the gifts of the Holy Spirit Jesus promised the disciples.

In Geography we looked at features of Brazil and the UK and compared the two countries. We were interested to find out about the languages and religions of Brazil!

YEAR 4 NEWS

It has been another busy week in Year 4. In English, we have continued to enjoy reading 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We have been forming opinions about the character Bottom and using evidence from the text to back up our opinions. We found that he is a little bit foolish, but a friendly fellow!



In our Maths work, we have been looking at making one whole, using tenths and hundredths as both decimals and fractions. We found that our number facts to 10 and 100 helped us with this.

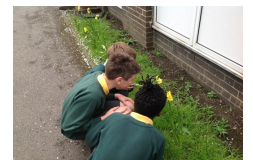
As part of our Geography topic about the Amazon, we had a great discussion about why the rainforest and Amazon Basin are so important to people. We were all amazed to find out that the Amazon Rainforest produces 20% of the world's oxygen!

In RE, we thought carefully about how the disciples might have felt when Jesus told them about the Holy Spirit and the questions they may have asked Him. We also thought about how the Holy Spirit gave the apostles new skills and strength.

In Music we have now been introduced to our third note G. We are all doing really well and have been demonstrating super listening skills. We also enjoyed continuing to learn a traditional dance as part of our music lesson.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In RE this week, we have started looking at prayer and what Jesus taught us about prayer. The children used different Bible stories to create "Jesus' Top Tips for Praying". The children also studied the "Our Father", the prayer that Jesus gave us, to find out what all the words mean.



We have continued to read Beowulf in English and have used Thesauruses to find synonyms for different words as well as practising our knowledge of different verb tenses.

In Maths, we have used our knowledge of decimals and fractions to start to use percentages. The children have worked really hard and are starting to be able to covert fractions into decimals and then into percentages and vice versa.

We have continued to practise our sewing skills in DT - trying out different stitches including the back stitch.

In Science, we have been investigating the parts of a flower and finding out more about how some plants reproduce.

YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we wrote a narrative from the perspective of Michael about his time on the island. Firstly, we planned our narrative using plot point making sure we included complex sentences and amazing vocabulary.



In Maths, we continued to learn about how to calculate the area of a triangle and volume of a cuboid. We have worked so incredibly hard in arithmetic too.

Science was rather interesting this week - we dissected a cow's heart! In groups, we learnt about the specific parts of the heart and the function of them. Leila wanted to take the cow's heart home to dissect it further. Joshua wasn't too keen on the rancid smell that lingered all afternoon.

During Friday's assembly, we educated the rest of the school about Ramadan - the 9th month of the Islamic calendar. Miss Sarfraz taught us about the five pillars of Islam, focusing on the 'Fasting' pillar. She explained what Muslims did during the month of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid. We loved hearing about the different food they eat.