

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th October 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It was lovely to see the children and staff wearing red today to support the campaign, 'Show Racism the Red Card.' We all need to work together to end racist behaviour and be aware of the difficulties; unfair treatment and lack of opportunities others have because of their skin tone, religion, culture or where they come from. We were reminded in Collective Worship to follow the teachings of Jesus to stand up for others and ensure fairness for all – in God's eyes we are all equal. The children shared their work on an inspiring person to celebrate Black History Month in Celebration Assembly today. Well done to Daisy, Jacob, James and Arthur from YR who told us about Nicola Adams, the Leeds gold medallist boxer. They were so confident. Ask your children to tell you about the inspiring person they have studied to celebrate Black History Month.

Parent/Carer Consultations: As this is a chat about your child settling into their new year group, we are trying something a little bit different this time. All the class teachers will be in the hall. We ask that you arrive 5 minutes before your time to allow the timings to run smoothly. A bell will ring to signify the end of the 10 minutes. At this point, the consultation will end. If there is a need for a further discussion, this will be noted by the class teacher who will contact you to meet at a mutually convenient time.

Punctuality: Remember gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. It's important the children arrive on time for the start of the school day. For some children, arriving late is unsettling; to ensure the best start and learning behaviour for your child/ren, be punctual. **Well done** – the number of lates has decreased this week!

PE Uniform: Please note, on PE days the children must come to school in their green PE shorts and, or **green joggers**.

We look forward to seeing the runners at Wharf Meadows on Saturday. We pray for Y6 who have their Confirmation Enrolment Mass on Sunday.

Have a wonderful weekend and the enjoy the special time with your family and friends.

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



YEAR 3 CLASS TEACHER (MATERNITY COVER) FIXED TERM CONTRACT

Required from January 2023, the Governors are looking for an enthusiastic and friendly Class Teacher to join our Catholic primary school for a fixed term maternity cover. *For more information, please see:*



<https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies-posts/2022/10/4/year-3-class-teacher-maternity-cover-fixed-term-contract>

Closing date for applications: Friday 28th October 2022 at 12 noon

Interviews: Friday 4th November 2022

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All post holders are expected to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to enhanced DBS disclosure and satisfactory references.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 17th/20th October - Parents Evening
- 18th October - Y4 PHGS Netball Festival
- 20th October - FOSJ Pumpkin Pickup
- 21st October - Training Day

POLITE REMINDER

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 21ST
OCTOBER FOR STAFF TRAINING DAY**

SCHOOL NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS



A massive thank you from FOSJ to everyone who took part in the Rainbow Raffle. We loved the excitement in assembly from the children as we drew the winning tickets. A massive £558.50 was raised! We had some lovely feedback from the lucky winners including a year 6 parent said, "...it's **FABULOUS** thanks! We never win so was a big surprise. Whoever donated gin gets a direct thanks from me."



We were overwhelmed by the support and your kindness; as were Otley Action for Older People who were thrilled with their hamper too.



We have exciting events coming up such as 'Pick up a Pumpkin' on Thursday 21st October. Pumpkins and sweet treats will be on sale in KS1 and KS2 playgrounds from 3pm onwards.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On Friday 14th October, we asked children and staff to wear red to raise awareness about racism within society.



During Black History Month, we have been looking at 'Inspirational People' - people who stood up for what they believe in, usually during racially oppressive times or areas of the world.



At St Joseph's, we teach the message of acceptance and celebrating diversity. Wear Red Day is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses and individuals to wear red to highlight of the work carried out by the 'Show Racism the Red Card' team. The campaign delivers anti-racism education for young people & adults, and continues to challenge racism in the UK.



INSPIRATION TREE - OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

MULTI-ACTIVITY & LEGO WORKSHOP

Inspiration Tree are offering Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshop this half term at St Joseph's school on Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th and a LEGO workshop at the Whartons on Wednesday 26th October.



InspirationTree

Inspiring & Creative Arts & Sports Courses

The courses are £17 per day from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required.

SPORT

Cross Country – Good luck to all the children taking part in the Cross Country race at Wharfe Meadows on Saturday morning. Races start at 10am, I will meet children at 9:45 by the changing rooms.

Year 4 Netball Festival - On Tuesday afternoon, Y4 will be taking part in a Netball Festival at PHGS. All children will need to wear their PE kits with suitable footwear and bring a coat and water bottle. We will leave school at 12:25 and will be back by about 3pm. If you are able to walk with us on Tuesday afternoon, please let the office know, thank you.



Golf Success for Isla - Well done to Isla for coming 2nd place in Tiger Cubs Under 14's Leeds Golf Centre 2022 Season. Isla has been playing golf for 4 years and plays every weekend. Isla said, "I am very happy and this certificate shows me how much I have improved. Next year, I hope that I will come 1st place!"



SCHOOL NEWS

NEW DOG WASTE BIN!



Thank you to everyone who contacted Leeds City Council about the dog waste.

They have installed a new bin along the path to try and combat the problem.

We hope this will provide a solution to the 'messy' problem!

Pictured is Miss Choma and Opie with the new bin.



SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA



Please ensure that your child is symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school as this greatly reduces the risk of spreading infection. We will continue to encourage children to wash their hands frequently especially before eating. Thank you for your co-operation.

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office in the morning to report the absence. If your child is absent for more than one day, the office need to be contacted on every day that your child is off school.



Y7 SECONDARY ADMISSIONS



If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2023, you should apply for a place as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is 31st October 2022.

If parents are applying to St Mary's Menston and feel that they should be in a specific category ie Baptised Catholic, then they are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form and provide the required evidence. Please visit <https://www.stmarysmenston.org/admissions> for more information. Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.

Please see our dedicated page on the school website for more information.



CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY



Please find some dates for the 'Christmas diary' listed below.

Who would believe that it is **just 8 weeks** until Christmas Dinner day! We will be donning our Christmas jumpers and hats once more as we celebrate together. If you are normally on packed lunches and would like a Christmas Dinner on this day (priced £2.45) then please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Please note that these events are subject to change and we will keep you updated as the weeks go on.

Friday 28th November	Christmas Craft Week
Sunday 4th December	Victorian Fayre
Wednesday 7th December	Y3 & Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 8th December	YR & Y6 Christmas Tree Festival
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 8th December	School Disco
Friday 9th December	Y1, Y2 & Y4 Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 10th December	Winter Wonderland
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 16th December	Christmas Carol Service

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God our Father,

Help us to see the beauty and humanity in every person we encounter.

Help us to understand and accept the responsibility of your commandment to "love thy neighbour;"

and to put our trust not in our privileges and blessings, but in you.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

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

On Tuesday morning, children from each class led the Collective Worship for SS Peter and Paul's and Holy Name.

In the Collective Worship, the children thought about our current virtue of Citizenship and how we can be good citizens. In Key Stage Two, they listened to stories about Jesus and how he showed care for the people around him and how we need to do the same. In Key Stage One, they reflected on Paul's words in Corinthians about what love is.



CONFIRMATION

On Sunday morning, we will be holding our enrolment Mass for our Confirmation candidates at 9:30am in Church. There will be no Confirmation class on Monday due to Parent's Evening.



ROSARY

On Thursday morning, Father Lawrie and children from Year 6 visited each class to lead them in saying the Rosary. They thought about the first joyful mystery - the Annunciation whilst saying the Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory Be. Thank you to Father Lawrie and Year 6 for leading our special worship.



Hail Mary
full of **grace**
the **Lord is with thee.**
Blessed art thou among women
and **blessed** is the fruit
of thy womb **Jesus.**
Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour
of our death.
Amen

Our Father
who art in **heaven**
hallowed be **thy name;**
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us **this day** our daily bread
and **forgive us** our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but **deliver us** from evil.
Amen

Glory be
to the **Father**
and to the **Son**
and to the **Holy Spirit**
as it was in the beginning
is now
and **ever shall be**
world **without end.**
Amen

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy we have all enjoyed reading the story 'Funnybones'. We enjoyed learning about the different bones in our body and then had a go at labelling a skeleton using our phonics. Arthur said he liked the book because, "The skeletons were trying to find someone to scare."

In Maths we used the building blocks to try and make tall skeletons. Willow said, "I'm trying to make a really big skeleton." We then compared which tower was the taller/ shorter tower.

In RE we continued looking at the Creation Story. We drew pictures and explained how we will look after God's wonderful world. Jonny said, "I will look after all the animals."

We have also enjoyed music and PE this week. we listened to the Funky Monkey song and explored different ways of moving.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been ordering objects and looking at the mathematical vocabulary greatest, smallest etc. We have also been introduced to the number line.

We have started a new unit in English of traditional tales. We have thought about some well known traditional tales and have begun to recognise some of the themes and conventions. We listened to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and story mapped the main events of the story.

In RE this week, we wrote Harvest prayers thanking God for all that he gives us. We thought about those who don't have enough to eat and all those responsible for gathering the food we eat.

In Topic, we shared our mums and dads' favourite toys and television programmes from their childhood. We watched a selection of programmes including: Bagpuss, Rainbow, Playschool, Blue Peter, Andy Pandy and the Magic Roundabout. It was a lot of fun even if it did make Mrs Cook and Mrs Mulholland feel rather old!

We collected lots of lovely Autumn leaves, conkers and pine cones on our walk this week and in Science we were able to use our autumn identification chart to tick off what we had managed to find, this included: sycamore, oak, horse chestnut, silver birch, beech and ash just within the grounds of our school.



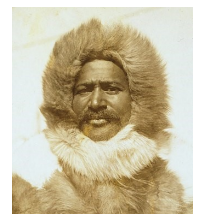
YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 were very excited to receive a letter this week from Mrs Holme's 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.

As part of our Maths work, we have been practising using the symbols used to compare numbers and we have also 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.

As part of Black History month and our work about explorers, we have enjoyed finding out about the life of Matthew Henson. Matthew was a black American who, in 1909, was the first person to reach the North Pole. He was part of a team along with Robert Peary and a group of Intuits. We learnt that Robert Peary was recognised and made famous for his achievements when they returned from the North Pole, but Matthew Henson had to wait over 30 years before his achievements were recognised. We discussed why this might be and were saddened to learn that it was simply because of the colour of his skin.

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.



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week, Year 3 learnt about Floella Benjamin as an inspirational person. In Guided Reading, we read her story 'Coming to England', thinking about the differences between Floella's upbringing and ours. We looked at the 'Windrush Generation' learning all about why people came over from the Caribbean to Britain after the Second World War. We created persuasive adverts to persuade those people to come over on The HMT Empire Windrush with the promise of a better life. We also discussed how this 'better life' wasn't always the case and discussed the difficulties they faced.

In Maths, we looked at adding 10s and 100s to a 3-digit number. We thought about how the number changes when we just add to the ten's or the hundred's column.

In English, we used debate to help us to solve the dilemma as to whether the Mayor of Hamelin should pay the Pied Piper for ridding the town of rats. We then used the text to gather facts about the Pied Piper and also used inference skills to form our own opinions.

In RE, we looked at what it means to be a Christian. We should love each other and be ready to forgive others again and again like Christ.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we learnt about Harriet Tubman who was born in 1820 in Maryland. In around 1849, she managed to escape slavery using the underground railroad. Having escaped slavery, Harriet made it her mission to rescue as many people as possible from slavery and she helped 300 people gain their freedom. We learnt about some of the songs that the slaves used to help them escape which had secret codes in them. The children then had a go at writing their own slave songs and enjoyed using the laptops to present their work.



Due to Harriet helping so many people escape slavery, she earned the nickname Moses who we have learnt about in RE. At the start of the week, we read the story of Moses and the Burning Bush and created pictures depicting the story. Then this morning we found out about the 10 plagues and pretended to interview God about the events.

Our focus in Geography this week was learning about the physical features of Europe. The children used atlases to find out which oceans are in Europe, identify Mountain ranges in Europe and to find out which is the longest river in Europe.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, the children have been using the column method for solving addition and subtraction calculations of numbers with four or more digits including exchanges. We have then used our rounding skills to make an estimate and check the answers to the addition and subtraction column method.



In English, we have continued our work on informal letter writing and the book 'Hidden Figures' and have focused our attention on Katherine Johnson, who was one of the first African American Women to work at NASA as a data processor. We spent time looking at her home life and the difficulties she faced and based our letter off of her giving advice to her daughters about how to overcome discrimination. The children have produced some lovely, heart-warming letters and have begun to include key language features such as subordinate clauses and contractions to set an informal tone.

In Science, the children have been looking at how we get day and night. Looking at how the way the earth orbits around the sun on an axis can effect the amount of daylight we see. They have produced some amazing diagrams of this along with explanations to show what is happening.

YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have explored square and cube numbers and prime numbers. We also recapped our knowledge of multiplying a 4-digit number by a 2-digit number and answered various reasoning questions. Times tables needs to be known to help with all Year 6 maths, make sure you know them off by heart!

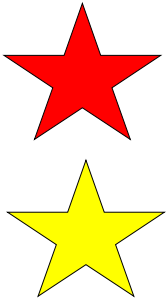
In English, we looked at the work that Doreen Lawrence (Stephen Lawrence's mum) when she campaigned for justice. We discussed some of the work she did and wrote a letter to the Prime Minister to ask her for help to make the Stephen Lawrence Day compulsory.

During Science, we looked at the work Carl Linnaeus did with classification. We classified different animals using the classification system.

In Geography, we researched different mountains and hills across the UK. We displayed the data using bar charts.



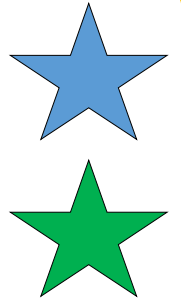
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

JACOB (YR), FREDDIE (Y1), CLEO (Y2),
DOUGLAS (Y3), WILLIAM (Y4), SAM H (Y5), ZAC (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

CONNOR (YR), OTTILIE (Y1), BENJAMIN (Y2),
ALBERT (Y3), RUBY (Y4), NEAVE (Y5), NIAMH (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