

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th September 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear Parents/Carers and friends of the school,

It's hard to believe that we are already progressing into our third week of this term. Everyone is settling nicely into their new class routines; including our new reception children!

We have had school council elections in the classrooms, and we look forward to welcoming our new school council into their new roles in our assembly on Friday (**22.09.23**). I am sure the children will have plenty of initiatives that they can implement so our school continues to be driven forward.

Today we all gathered together in prayer with Father Nicholas and Father Michael in Church. Our new Reception children also joined us with their Year 6 buddies. Father's Homily was about being a part of a community and each of us being part of the community structure. We truly have a beautiful community where many hearts make the school.

Thank you to the 'Friends of St. Joseph' for inviting me to the meeting last night. The passion you showed in wanting our children to have the best primary school experience was incredible. I look forward to liaising with the group and seeing initiatives for school development being put into place.

Finally, thank you to the children for working so hard this week. The children are busy in class and trying so hard to impress their teachers with their knowledge. Keep it up!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best regards,

Mr L Gilhooly

SPORT

Upcoming Football Fixtures against
St Peter's and St Pauls, Yeadon:

Wednesday 20th September - Y4 boys' friendly match

Thursday 21st September - Y4 girls' friendly match

CALLING ALL FOOTBALL FANS

If you haven't already signed up to our fantasy football league, you can still join!

Simply use the link below and you'll be added automatically after you've entered the game.

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/tnc65l>
League Code: tnc65l

DATES FOR THE DIARY

16th September - Otley Folk Festival
18th September - Y3 LMEP Art Project
20th September - Y6 Residential
28th September - Individual Photographs
29th September - Y3 LMEP Art Project
5th October - National Poetry Day
17th October - Y4 Yorkshire Water Visit
20th October - Show Racism the Red Card
23rd October - Parents Evening
25th October - FOSJ Bake Sale
26th October - Parents Evening
27th October - Training Day

HALF TERM - RETURN TO SCHOOL 6TH NOVEMBER



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 28th September to take the children's individual photographs.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Dear all,

I hope you have had a great start to your new year at school – including those in Y7! I have missed you all – the lovely smiles and our daily little chats. I will call in and you can fill me in with what you did over the summer. I might need a couple of days!

For my first week of retirement, I spent a lovely week in Corrie, Lockerbie. It was a beautiful location and all you could hear were cows – night and day! We had some beautiful walks around Lochmaben, a visit to Moffat and a walk along the river (and a coffee and scone too), a visit to the beach and we walked part of Annandale Way. We also went to visit the Ukrainian POW Chapel in Lockerbie – very moving for me. Busy but peaceful week (almost – with 3 dogs it could be quite hectic at times).

During week two, I visited my niece and her baby with my sister; and yesterday was Louis's birthday so we went to Shibden Mill Inn for lunch then back to my brothers for cake and tea. Obviously, I have enjoyed my daily walks with Molly and Luna.

I am trying out some new gyms – the machines look tricky! Niamh is going to give me some lessons on how to operate them.

On a sad note, you may have heard my Mum died suddenly which was a huge shock. It has been a sad and shaky start to my retirement. Luckily, I have amazing family and friends who have been a great support.

Have a great weekend. Look after each other and spend as much time as you can with each other.

God Bless love Miss Choma x



CURRICULUM EVENINGS



YR	Wednesday 20 th September	5:30pm
Y1	Wednesday 20 th September	6:15pm
Y2	Thursday 21 st September	5:30pm
Y3	Tuesday 19 th September	6:15pm
Y5	Thursday 21 st September	6:15pm



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.

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CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God,
Thank you for giving us a new beginning.
We ask you to give us the strength to succeed during this year.
Help us to forget the mistakes we have made in the past and to focus on what we can achieve in the future.
Help us to walk closer in your way and shine through us so that every person we meet may feel your presence in our souls.
Take our hands and walk with us during this year so that we can be the very best we can be.
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

Our statement for our Collective Worship this week was: I can say one good thing about myself. During the Collective Worship, the children listened to Paul's letter to the Corinthians where he says that we are all different and we all have different gifts because God has given all of us a special job to do but we are all equally important and special. The children were given time to think about and say their special gifts.

We also continued to look at the virtue of respect in our worships this week and learnt about the importance of respecting everyone and treating everyone the same. We listened to a reading from Saint Luke's Gospel when Jesus called Levi, a tax collector, to be one of his followers. Many people were surprised by this, but Jesus told the people that he was here for everyone who needed him even those people who no-one else liked.

On Thursday, our Collective Worship focused on God's beautiful world. The children watched a short video based on the creation story and then looked at some stunning images of our World. Our Go Forth was to make sure that we look after our world so that it stays beautiful.



May the Earth continue to live
May the heavens above continue to live
May the rains continue to dampen the land
May the wet forests continue to grow
Then the flowers shall bloom
and we people shall live again

Hawaiian Prayer

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

Thank you to Year 5 who led our Mass for us this morning. Well done to our Reception children who did brilliantly sitting through their first school Mass and thank you to their Year 6 buddies who looked after them so well. Thank you to Father Hird who led his first ever class Mass for us.

Many hands build a house but many hearts make a school



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes for those children wishing to receive this Sacrament will start on Tuesday 3rd October in school from 3:30pm - 4:15pm. Letters will be sent out as soon as possible with further information, once we have all the details of the Celebration Mass.



CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

What a lovely first week we have had! The children have had a busy and exciting week settling into school! Mrs Dalton and I are so pleased with how well they have come in and we're very excited for this half term adventures.

This week, the children have continued getting to know each other, whilst playing and learning in the different areas of provision and outside area.

This week, we have painted our own self-portraits. We thought carefully about how we are all different. We used mirrors to look at our features and help us think about what colours we needed to use. The children produced some super work and we can't wait to create a display of all their portraits.

We have also enjoyed going to church and meeting our new priest Father Nicholas as well as playing with our Year 6 buddies.

Could we please remind parents to label all uniform and to ensure your child comes to school with a labelled water bottle. Thank you!



YEAR 1 NEWS

In English this week, we have continued to read 'The Colour Monster Goes to School' and have used this to inspire us to write sentences about what school is, make lists of what we need to take to school and write the names of our friends with capital letters.

In Maths, we have been practising our counting skills and writing our numbers 0-10. We have counted shapes, people, vehicles and dinosaurs. We have also listened to a song to help us write our numbers.

On Wednesday, we had our first music lesson with Mr Rickson. The children enjoyed listening to him playing the ukulele and singing songs including one about the autumn.

Our topic focus this week was looking at the continents in the world. I was very impressed with how the children were able to use a map of the world to label their own map. We also enjoyed listening to the Continents Song.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been learning about place value charts. We have been using them to help us see how many tens and ones a number has. We have used base 10 and written numerals on the place value charts to help us find similarities and differences of the representations.

As part of our English work, we have been focussing on different sentence types. We have sorted sentences into statements, questions and exclamations and have written some of our own examples. We have also worked hard to understand how a character is feeling. We discussed how the old lady felt in 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and worked together to think of different synonyms for each feeling.

In Science we continued to develop our understanding of things which are living, dead and never been alive. We went investigating around the school grounds to find things which would fit in each list.

In RE, we discussed how we have been chosen by God. We thought carefully about how we can show that we know how to live as Jesus did. We decided that we can help each other, been kind, and even keep our rooms tidy!



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 had a fantastic start to the week when we went on our experience day to Murton Park. After dressing in Stone Age clothes to get into character, we became part of the Wolf Tribe and were introduced to our leader, Mountain. The children took part in several activities including: making pots in the style of the Beaker people; examining artefacts like archaeologists; and taking part in farming and hunting for food. Mountain said that the listening and behaviour displayed by Year 3 was some of the best he has seen in the 7 years he has worked on the Stone Age Village - well done Year 3!



In RE this week, we reflected on how we know we belong to our families. We thought about what is special about them and what we are grateful for.

In DT, we began our unit looking at moving storybooks. We evaluated different styles of moving parts, thinking about what we methods we could use for our own.

YEAR 4 NEWS

We started our week with a very exciting school trip to Murton Park. We spent the day living life as Romans. We made oil lamps, dressed up as Romans and even practiced marching with shields.

In English, we have looked at the book 'Roman Diary'. We've looked at features of a diary and made notes on the characters' thoughts and feelings. We have researched Roman gladiators and learned more about them in our guided reading too. This week, we have been introduced to our Focus Five spellings of the week; reading, understanding and spelling them correctly.

In Maths, we have been continuing to deepen our understanding of numbers to 1000. We have used physical resources such as Base 10 to investigate how numbers are made up.

In RE, we have been learning about Joseph, a story from the Old Testament. We enjoyed watching some clips from Joseph and his technicolour dream coat to illustrate the story for us. On Friday, we worked in groups and acted out the whole story, showcasing our performances to the class.



YEAR 5 NEWS

This week in Maths, Year 5 have been working hard at identifying numbers up to 1,000, 10,000, and 100,000. They have built on their prior place value knowledge and used play value charts to help them. They have also gained a new understanding of how to use a Gattegno Chart to show different numbers up to 100,00 and find 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, and 100,000 less or more than a given number.

In Geography this week, the children have been focusing on the different climates of North America. The children were able to identify different climates in relation to how close the country is to Earth's equator. They also analysed graphs showing the level of precipitation, sunlight, and temperature of different countries within the North American continent.

In English this week, we have been focusing on instruction texts. The children spent time analysing the structure of instruction texts along with identifying the key linguistic features. As a class, we generated our own examples of these key language devices.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued to develop our place value skills to numbers within 10 million. We began the week by multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and moved on to placing numbers on number lines. Throughout our lessons, we were able to use place value charts to help us with our learning.

During our English lessons, we have been studying Shaun Tan's wordless picture book - The Arrival. We watched all of chapter one and wrote about it in a short setting description. Before we started writing, we collaboratively came up with some great phrases to describe the setting which we could then use in our own writing.

In RE, we created some wonderful poetry linking part of our mission statement - 'St Joseph guides us and inspires us' - to our topic, Called to Serve. We thought about how St Joseph helps us to serve others by sharing our gifts and talents and made links to this in our poem.



Y3/Y4 TRIP TO MURTON PARK



"I loved dressing up as a person from the Stone Age. I wore a long blue tunic and a straw belt. We pretended to hunt animals like pigs and bears"
- Harriet, Y3

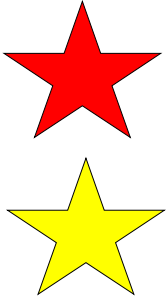


"As part of the Roman Army, we visited the barrack - which is Latin for house. We received a replica coin as payment for being a soldier. It was great!"
- Frankie, Y4

"Our Stone Age guide told us a gruesome but interesting story about a man who was shot with an arrow and frozen in an ice cube! The poor man!"
- Noah, Y3

"My favourite part of the day was making an oil lamp using clay. I also enjoyed writing a certificate in Latin using Roman Numerals. What a fun trip!"
- Evie, Y4

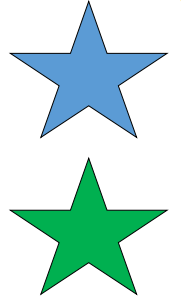
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



NO AWARDS DUE TO WHOLE SCHOOL MASS



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

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OTLEY FOLK FESTIVAL

On Saturday 16 September. The Otley Folk Festival will be running a Family Folk Day' at St Josephs School.

This will include a few concert spots by some of the festival artists, a childrens concert, Morris displays by some of our visiting sides and a French dance workshop and ceilidh. St Josephs was one of the festival venues 34 years ago at the first Otley Folk Festival so this is a nice addition to the festival weekend.

The Black Horse Hotel will be putting a bar on (for adults and children), and the festivities will start at 12.00noon and go on to 6.30pm.

Entry is free but we will have a few collecting tins for donations to the folk festival, any contributions will be gratefully received.

This is a family event not a creche, children will have to be accompanied by their parents.



This is a good way to get our children interested in live music and we hope you can come and help make it an enjoyable day out.

Otley Folk Festival



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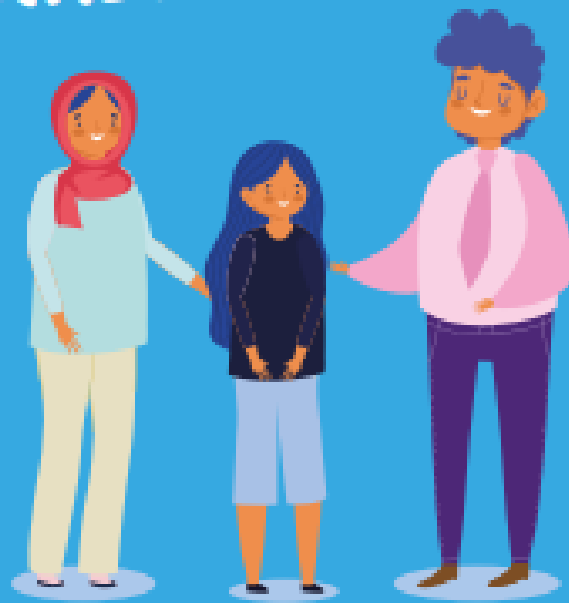
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ★ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - PARENT MEET AND GREET & AGM
- ★ WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER - CAKE SALE
- ★ FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER- WREATH MAKING
- ★ 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