

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th March 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Again, another very busy week in school – thank you to the team of parents and grandma who came in to help make toast (definitely have a dream team!). Y6 have had a wonderful time on residential; on the first night, we enjoyed a very wet and muddy night walk. I left just as the children were getting ready for bed - i.e., sneak home to my bed. They have been an absolute credit to the school and their families. Miss Dowd said they have had a great time and there has been lots of laughter. I would like to thank the staff who were with the children on residential.

After Confirmation, the next stage for the children to continue their spiritual journey is through Faith in Action. I was so proud to hear that Esther and Eva in Y6 have volunteered to be readers at mass. Part of Faith in Action is being involved in the life of the parish. This shows a great commitment to their faith.

We celebrated St Joseph's Day as a whole school. Y3 lead the mass beautifully. All the children behaved reverently and joined in well with the responses and singing.

Next week, as a school, we will be focusing on kindness and being mindful that our actions and the words we use can impact how others feel. Please have a chat with your child/ren about how we can show kindness to others, and the need to think carefully before they say or do something that may hurt the feelings of someone else. Such comments can have a long lasting impact on the self-esteem and wellbeing of others.

Parking – I have seen a number of parents dropping children off on the road outside school or parking in the clinic. Both carparks are within a couple of minutes walking distance from school. Use the designated carparks to keep the children safe.

Well done to all the children this week for their hard work, for making us smile and great behaviour. Y6 and the staff – have a good rest!

It's a lovely weather forecast so have a wonderful weekend; have fun and enjoy your time together.

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

A POEM FOR UKRAINE

Russia, don't you dare
Attack Ukraine when they're unaware
We want hope and joy
Everyone wants it every girl and boy
Don't be greedy, just share
You want more land, that's not fair
We want peace and freedom
Treat your country like your kingdom

Don't make everyone's dreams go POP
We want this war to stop!
Everywhere the Ukrainians go
They see the face of their foe
They can hear explosions
Oh Russia, stop your horrible invasion
All they can do is shout and run
Every Russian soldier is holding a gun

How are they going to beat you,
how?
Why does this need to happen now?
Please don't start world war 3
WE WANT THIS TO STOP DESPER-
ATELY!

Written by Clover and Clovis, Year 3

KEY INFORMATION

CLIMATE ACTION TOPIC WEEK

We are having a Climate Action Week in school 21st -25th March 2022. During that week, we will focus our English, Maths, Science, Geography, Crafts and PSHE on the Climate Curriculum.

'Wear Green Day'

Monday 21st March is International Day of Forests and we will be having a special topic day celebrating trees and their benefits for the environment. It will be a Wear Green Day and all the children and staff are invited to wear green (or brown) clothes and/or accessories. You could even make your own tree hat! During the day the children will get chance to learn more about the importance of our beautiful forests and how they help to slow down Climate Change.



Climate Council

On Tuesday 22nd March, the Year 6 Climate Council members will be visiting all the classes showing their home-made PPT's and raising awareness of Climate Problems, Global Warming Solutions and how we can make a difference.

Earth Hour

Later in the week, we will have a St Joseph's 'Earth Hour' where all classes will switch off their lights and electrical devices for one hour. During that time, the children can do alternative activities such as discussions, art & crafts, reading books or board games.

Climate Change Speaker

This week we were lucky to have a visit from STEM Ambassador and Leeds University Climate Scientist Dr Cat Scott. She works at Leeds University and is an expert on trees and Climate Change. On Wednesday morning she gave an assembly to KS1 and KS2 to help them understand how trees are so good for the environment. The children helped to wrap up a globe in bubble wrap to see how the earth's atmosphere is warming up due to green house gases. The children were very enthusiastic and had lots of interesting questions to ask Dr Scott. This visit helps the children to start thinking about the Climate Change Topic week that starts on Monday.



SPORT UPDATE

Year 5 & 6 Football Match - Good luck to our footballers whose next match is on Tuesday 22nd March at Pool School. Letters have been sent home.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 21st March - Climate Action Week
- 21st March - Big walk and wheel week
- 22nd March - Toast Tuesday
- 23rd March - KS1 Mass (Y1 leading)
- 25th March - Mothers' Day Stall
- 25th March - Y2 Assembly
- 25th March - Games afternoon
- 28th March - 1st April - Holy Week
- 28th & 30th March - Parents evening
- 1st April - Whole school mass
- 1st April - Easter egg raffle



Coffee Morning for Ukraine

Our Lady and All Saints, Otley
- Parish Centre

Sunday, 20th March

Come along for coffee, cakes and more!

All Welcome!

10.30am - 1.30pm



All proceeds
go to DEC,
CAFOD

For further enquiries contact Beth Street on
07719 785986

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God Bless the season of Spring.
And change our hearts.
God bless each new green shoot.
And change our hearts.
God Bless each lighter day.
And change our hearts.
God Bless each warmer wind.
And change our hearts.

As winter changes to spring help us to change and become like Jesus. 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

This week, we have started to look at our virtue of forgiveness. Children in KS2 led a Collective Worship about forgiveness for children at Holy Name and SS Peter & Paul's on Tuesday. Over the next few weeks the children will be encouraged to do the following:

accept God's forgiveness	change after I have made a poor choice	have the courage to give myself and others a new start
forgive others and accept forgiveness from others	know that with God's love I can change	understand that saying sorry is one way of making amends

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Monday, Year 6 led a Stations of the Cross reflection for each class around the school field. The children were invited to carry crosses and to think about what happened to Jesus.

LENT FUNDRAISING

Thank you for to KS1 for providing buns for our bun sale today which contributes towards our Lenten fundraising activities. The money that is raised from our Lent fundraising activities will be going to three different charities: The Good Shepherd Appeal; CAFOD and the Mini Vinnies have decided that they would like our third charity to be the DEC's Ukraine Appeal.

RECONCILIATION

Well done to the children in Year 3 who received their first sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday. Amelie said, "I was a bit worried before but it was a lot easier than it sounded. I was really proud to make my reconciliation." All of the children behaved beautifully and were reverent throughout our church visit. Rita and Mrs Russell would like to thank you all for being such a wonderful and reflective group to teach and for the lovely cards flowers and gifts you gave to us.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION GOING FORTH

"Confirmation is not the end....it is just the beginning."

Two of our children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in Year 6 have put their faith into action by deciding to read at weekend masses. Well done Eva and Esther who read last Sunday. If anyone else would like to join the readers list please see Father Lawrie or Mrs Russell.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Well done to the members of Year 4 who attended the preparation class this week. Please talk to those at home about what you have learnt. We are all looking forward to the Enrolment Mass this Sunday at 9.30am. Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards. All donations will be given to the Ukraine Appeal. Everybody is most welcome. Please continue to keep all the children in your prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to parents evening there will be no preparation class after school on Wednesday 30th March.

CLASS NEWS

YEAR R NEWS

We have had a very busy week in Reception. In English, we have been learning about postmen and have written a postcard to say thankyou to all the post people for delivering our letters.

In Maths, we have learnt about ten frames and combination of numbers to make 10. Ask your children if they can tell you.

As part of our topic, Orla's mummy came into school with her dog Moo-moo to talk about the role of a vet. We learnt lots of interesting facts about looking after animals and what a vet does. We looked at ticks, fleas and worms and some children we able to listen to Moo-moo's heart beating. A big thankyou to Orla's mummy and Moo-moo for coming in to see us.

On Friday we learnt all about St Joseph and went to mass where the children sang and behaved beautifully.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths, we have been practising counting in tens and ones. We have used practical resources (base 10) to help us with this. We have been splitting two-digit numbers such as: 34 and recognising that it has 3 tens and 4 ones.

In English this week, we have been writing short stories (of only a 100 words). We planned our stories thinking about characters, exciting events and interesting endings. We edited our writing to improve our spelling and sentence structure. Ms Choma was amazed at our work!

In RE, we have been thinking about the fourteen stations of the cross, each of which represents an event during Christ's Passion. We listened and prayed with Y6 as they led a very moving 14 step devotion which began with Jesus Christ's condemnation through to his body being placed in the tomb.

On Thursday, we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's Day. We learnt about St Patrick's life. We made shamrock cards. We tried some traditional Irish dancing (tricky but fun). We continued with the green theme in the afternoon with our art lesson where we practised making different shades of green by mixing blue and yellow.

On Friday, we celebrated our second feast day of the week St Joseph's Day. We learned about the significance of St Joseph. We reflected on his role of being Jesus' foster father and how much he loved and cared for his family. We wrote about these special qualities, made 3D cards and ended our week with a beautiful mass.

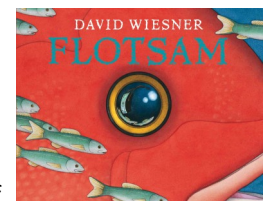


YEAR 2 NEWS

In English this week, we have started our new book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. We made some fantastic predictions about what the book will be about. We then started to look at the book. We couldn't read it because there are no words! Some of the illustrations are very interesting and unexpected. We were amazed to find a family of octopi sat in armchairs reading a book! We cannot wait to find out what other interesting things we will find in the pictures.

In Maths, we have started to develop our understanding of what a half is. We started by finding half of objects and moved on to find half of numbers. We found that we could use our division facts to help us.

As part of our RE work, we learnt about why people go to mass and why it is important to Catholics. We discussed how Jesus calls us to mass, that he is truly present and that he is listening to our prayers.



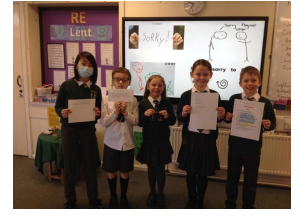
YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English, the children explored collective nouns and thought about some imaginative suggestions for a large group of rats e.g. a plague or a scamper. Thinking about all our senses, we then wrote a diary entry as if we had just seen the rat using descriptive language. We then carried out some research as the mayor of Hamelin's advisors, focussing on grouping information into topic paragraphs.

In Maths, we were subtracting money using number lines and part-whole models to help us complete the calculations. Then the children were using their skills to solve money problems. We then worked on giving change from a given amount.

In RE, we have had a very busy week. We heard the story of The Presentation of Jesus in the temple and talked about the feelings of Simeon and Anna. We also led a shared Collective Worship with Holy Name and SS Peter and Paul. Our theme was 'Forgiveness' and we thought about the forgiveness of God and The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In Computing, Year 3 used Adobe Spark to create flyers, we explored editing layouts, texts and inserting images.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have been developing our understanding of the characters and themes in 'The Matchbox Diary'. We discussed antonyms for the upper-deck and lower-deck characters on the boat to New York, and created freeze frames based on their emotions and actions. We used this to write diaries from the perspective of a passenger on the boat.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. We found that using bar models and other pictures helped us visualise the calculations. We also worked on finding fractions of a quantity, which we were quite confident with already from our arithmetic lessons. We learned the phrase, "Divide by the denominator, times by the numerator!"

In Science, we performed experiments using a simple circuit. We first put together a circuit in our groups, and then used different materials to complete the circuit in order to find out if they were conductors or insulators. We acted out the movement of particles during the transfer of electricity.

In RE, we retold the story of Palm Sunday in comic strip form. We thought about the main events and important quotations we needed to include, then designed our comic strips. We also began preparation for our First Holy Communion, including our Mass on Sunday 20th March - this Sunday!

YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have been continuing our work on explanation texts. We have planned and are starting to write our own explanation texts about earthquakes using subordinating clauses, expanded noun phrases and relative clauses.

Our focus in Maths this week has been subtracting fractions including when we need to break up the whole. Today, we started looking at multiplying fractions.

On Tuesday, the children enjoyed carrying out an experiment to see what happened when they dropped a scrunched up piece of paper and a flat piece of paper. The children then had to label a diagram showing the different forces and explain what happened.

In DT this half term, we are looking at food. This week, we tasted two different bolognese sauces to see which we preferred and which we thought was the healthiest. We then looked at the ingredient and nutrient information for both sauces to see which was the actual healthiest. We also talked about why spaghetti bolognese can be a healthy food option.

The children are continuing to enjoy our golf lessons in PE. This week, we practised our driving and I was really impressed with how far some of the children were able to hit the ball.

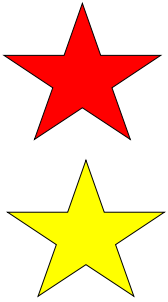


YEAR 6 NEWS

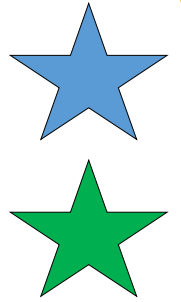
Year 6 had a fantastic residential at Herd Farm. The children were extremely well behaved and enjoyed trying out some new activities. Photographs to follow in next weeks newsletter.



HOUSE OF THE WEEK



**HOUSE POINT ROLLOVER UNTIL
NEXT WEEK**



St Joseph's Day

On Friday 18th March, we celebrated St Joseph's day.

We would like to wish you all a very happy St Joseph's
Feast Day which is tomorrow.

Thank you to Year 3 who today led a celebration Mass for
us about Saint Joseph.

The children read beautifully and they sang their hearts
out. We especially enjoyed singing our favourite school
song 'St Joseph was a Carpenter'.



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

We're delighted to announce that the your local carnival is returning on Saturday 18 June 2022. And we want you to be involved.

.The Otley Carnival Poster Competition is a long standing tradition within the carnival where we call upon local children to submit a poster design that can be used on the carnival programme.

This year is no exception, in fact it's a really important year as we celebrate our 40th anniversary.

Otley Carnival Poster Competition

There are 3 age categories this year:

6 years & under

7-9 years

10 years +

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category

It is important that all entries:

- Are submitted on A4 paper (portrait style)
- Are brightly coloured and Carnival themed and any lettering is clear and spelt correctly
- Contain the NAME, SCHOOL / COMMUNITY GROUP and AGE of entrant on the back of the entry

All entries must be submitted by 11 March to qualify.

To submit your entries contact info@otleycarnival.co.uk and we'll arrange collection of your entries via your school teacher / community group leader / other OR for more information follow Otley Carnival on Facebook



THE OVERALL WINNERS ENTRY WILL
APPEAR ON THE FRONT COVER OF
THE SPECIAL 40TH EDITION OF THE
2022 PROGRAMME

