

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th January 2024

## A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of the school,

We have had another fantastic week. The children are working so hard in sessions.

I received an email from a visitor at the start of the week saying how impressed they were with our school's safeguarding procedures and how, as our visitor entered the carpark, a parent explained that they needed to shut the gate and that all visitors should buzz into the entrance to keep the children safe - well done and thank you to whoever did this! Safeguarding is our top priority and your support and understanding with this is much appreciated!

Today, we have sent home the Autumn Assessment Reports. Please remember, as we are only a third of the way through the year, we would not necessarily be expecting children to have reached the expected level for their year group as only a third of each year group's curriculum has been covered. Please discuss the effort grades with your child as this is vital to achieving high standards of work.

This week, our Year 4 children led Mass and what a beautiful service it was. Thank you to the Year 4 team and Mrs Harvey for organising the service.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best regards and God bless,

Mr G

## ASSEMBLIES - SPRING 1

Y1	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
09.02.24	12.01.24	19.01.24	26.01.24	02.02.24
Mission Statement	Mutual Respect	Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	British Democracy

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### DATES FOR THE 2024 DIARY

23rd January - YR Stay and Play  
 24th January - Reconciliation Welcome  
 30th January - YR Stay and Play  
 2nd February - FOSJ Rainbow Raffle  
 2nd February - FOSJ Disco  
 w/c 5th February - Y6 Bikeability  
 5th February - Y2 Football League  
 5th February - Under 11's Football  
 6th February - YR Stay and Play  
 8th February - Y5 PHGS Festival  
 9th February - FOSJ Cocktail Making  
**w/c 12th February HALF TERM**  
**Return to School 19th February**

## SPORT

### UPCOMING DATES:

29th Jan - Y3 Football league matches @ Five Leeds  
 29th Jan - U11 Re-arranged football league girls football matches @ Priesthorpe School  
 5th Feb - Y2 Football League @ Five Leeds  
 22nd Feb - U11 Boys football match against Weetwood School  
 8th March - KS2 Cross Country Finals on Thursday @ Temple Newsam

## MULTI-ACTIVITY & LEGO WORKSHOPS

Inspiration Tree are offering Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshop in the February Half Term Holidays.

The courses are £18 per day from 9am-3pm. There is an option for an extended day if required.

Please look at the attached flyer for further information. To make a booking please go to [www.inspiration-tree.com](http://www.inspiration-tree.com).

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;  
No hands, no feet but yours;  
Yours are the eyes through which his love looks out to the world.  
Yours are the feet through which he goes about doing good;  
Yours are the hands with which he blesses people now  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours."

## 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 morning, Year 4 led Collective Worship about the British Value of Rule of Law. They taught us that although laws and rules may seem annoying or boring, they are there to keep us all safe and happy. They acted out a role play showing us the importance of treating everyone with fairness and respect. Finally, they told us about the laws that God gave us in the Ten Commandments and sang a jazzy song teaching us these. Well done Year 4!



## WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

To start the new year, we celebrated a whole school Mass on Wednesday led by Year 4. The theme of our Mass was our school Mission Statement. Our Gospel reading told us how Joseph listened to God to keep his family safe - we too need to listen to God to make our communities stronger.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*There will be a meeting for parents of baptised children hoping to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Spring 2024 on **24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm** in Church.*

This is available to children in Y3 and above. The preparation classes will take place on the following Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 in Year 3 classroom.

The children will receive the Sacrament on **19<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> March**. They will be presented with their certificates in assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

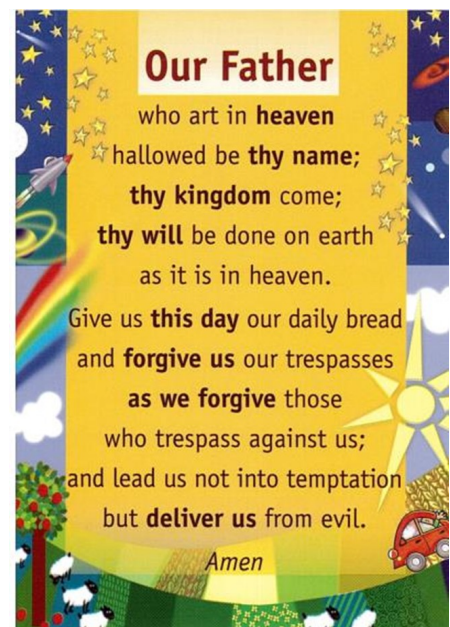
## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*There will be a meeting for parents of children hoping to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** in Church.*

Children in Year 4 upwards are invited to receive First Holy communion for the first time.

This will take place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June** at 10am in our Church. The children will be presented with their certificates in Mass on the following day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. After this, they will be invited to their Communion Breakfast.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK



## HCPT CURRY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The Otley 198 branch of HCPT, who send disadvantaged and disabled youngsters for a week in Lourdes at Easter, are holding another of their infamous curry nights. It takes place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January starting at 6.30pm with a raffle and 50 board then food will be served at 7pm.

It costs £20 for 2 courses and takes place at Westbourne Spice, Leeds Road, Otley, LS21 3LS. Please bring cash to pay on the night. Email [beckievoller@gmail.com](mailto:beckievoller@gmail.com) to reserve your place.



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# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

In Literacy, we have continued with our book and have been designing our own planets and writing a postcard home from them. We have also made our own rockets in our construction area!

In Maths, we have been focusing on one more and one less. We are continuing to subitise (know the value of a group of objects without counting). Practice with your children at home asking them to check the amount by counting one to one.

In RE, we have heard the story about Jesus and the fishermen, 'The Miraculous Catch of Fish'. We have thought about why the fishermen listened to Jesus and that they had faith to follow him and become his disciples.

In Phonics, we have learned some tricky new digraphs (ar, ur, oo (food), or). Please practice these at home along with reading and writing them. A tricky words sheet will be coming home in the sound book – please support your child in reading them.

In our provision areas, we have loved exploring our space ship and being astronauts! 1,2,3,4 BLAST OFF and exploring the moon!

Don't forget to sign up to a 'Stay and Play' if you are able to.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

In English, we have started reading our new book, "Naughty Bus". We have found out that the bus is a toy which has been given to a child who drives it through the breakfast on the table making lots of mess! The children used a picture of this to write sentences describing what they could see.

We have continued to look at numbers to 20 in Maths. This week, we have been focusing on numbers 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. We have practised writing these in words and numbers as well as looking at how they would be represented in Numicon, ten frames and Base ten.

In Science, we talked about which months were in which season. We went outside to see if we could use our detective skills to spot what signs there were that it was winter. We spotted the trees had no leaves, the leaves were on the floor, it was cold and even trying to snow. Back in class, I showed the class that the bulbs we planted in the pots had started to grow and that a big block of ice had formed due to the cold weather which the children enjoyed feeling.

Our focus in RE has been the story of when Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the Temple where they met Simeon and Anna. The children labelled a picture of the story and thought about the feelings of the characters.

In Art, the children used different materials to create some transient art which is art that can be moved. They used pebbles, cotton wool, leaves, sticks, shells and bottle top lids to make symbols to represent the weather.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have been thinking about improving adjectives. First of all, we took 4 words which were synonyms for the word scared. We discussed how we can order them by thinking about their intensity. After that, we took a word wheel and placed 4 different adjectives in the middle. We used a thesaurus to help improve each of the words.

In Maths, we have been continuing our work about shapes. We have been focusing on 2D shapes in particular. We have learnt how to count vertices and found that the number of vertices is the same as the number of sides. We also learnt that a polygon is a 2D shape which has straight edges with no gaps.

As part of our Geography work, we have been using maps to locate coastal towns and cities. We also used Google Earth to add more coastal towns to our maps. We then discussed compass points and used these to say which direction we would need to travel to get from one seaside location to another.

In RE, we learnt about how Jesus chose his first disciples. We listened to the story of the miraculous catch of fish by Simon Peter and Andrew and how Jesus asked them to leave their fishing boats and follow him. Knowing how special Jesus must be, they decided to do as he had asked. We reflected on how they showed great faith in God and Jesus.

## YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we looked at all the spelling rules we have learned for turning singular nouns into plurals. The children sorted nouns into plural and possessive, and we learned about where to put the apostrophe on a plural possessive noun! We also looked at our new class text, *Escape from Pompeii*, and created sensory noun phrases based on the illustrations.

In Maths, we looked at the three times-table in detail, thinking about how we could use known facts to find more difficult ones (for example, if you know  $2 \times 3$  and  $10 \times 3$ , then you know  $12 \times 3$ ). The children used these facts to solve reasoning problems involving the 3 times-table. We were then introduced to the 4 times tables. We practiced multiplying and dividing by 4. Through discussion, we realised that if we know our 2 times tables, we can work out our 4 times table by doubling it!

In RE, we retold the story of the child Jesus teaching in the Temple. The children thought about the differences and similarities between Judaism and Christianity, then reflected on artwork created to depict the story.

In PE, we began to learn our 'tutting' dance to *Rather Be* by Clean Bandit. We practised moving to a beat of 8 and learned the first phase of our routine. In Badminton on Friday, we began developing our coordination and movement skills within games.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

In Geography, the children learnt about the journey of a river. We looked at the 3 stages of a river and the different characteristics of each of these. The children created their own diagrams of a river, from source to mouth.

In English, we turned the playscripts we wrote last week into dialogue for a story. We made sure that we had punctuated this correctly using inverted commas. The children then used one of the pictures from our class text *The Matchbox Diary* to help us generate vocabulary for a setting description.

In Maths, we continued our unit on multiplication and used our knowledge of multiplying by 10 and 100 to divide by 10 and 100. We have also continued to focus on our times tables, completing TTRS challenges in class - keep practising at home!

We loved our PE lesson as we were able to use and develop our confidence on the gymnastics apparatus.

Year 4 have led us in two beautiful collective worships this week; in Mass on Wednesday and in assembly on Friday which was about 'Rule of Law'. We demonstrated our fantastic reading and beautiful singing voices. Well done to all the children!

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have spent time editing our newspaper articles. The children were able to self-assess their work, identifying where they think they have included specific language devices and making sure they had included all the correct structural features. We used editing stations around the classroom to help us check our work.

In PE, we are lucky to have Miss Fenton-Green from Prince Henry's who is teaching the children all about inclusive sports from around the world. This week, the children were learning all about sit down volleyball, realising certain skills that are needed and the rules that they need to follow. The children really enjoyed playing their own matches.

In Science, we carried out an experiment to test the water resistance of different shapes. The children identified what variables we need to change and keep the same to have a fair and accurate test. The children identified that objects with a larger surface area have more water resistance.

## YEAR 6 NEWS

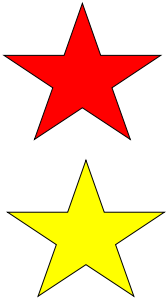
In Maths, we continued to develop our knowledge of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions in different problem solving questions. Next, we moved on to finding fractions of amounts using bar model representations. We realised the importance of knowing our times tables—we must continue to revisit these on TTRS.

In Guided Reading, we are nearing the end of *Over the Line* and it has become very tense in the trenches and on the football pitch for the Footballer battalion. In groups, we discussed the impression of the trenches by finding evidence from the text to support our answers.

In RE, we analysed our artwork which depicted The Passover, The Last Supper and the Eucharist and thought about ways that the signs are symbols of each show lots of similarities. In our explanation, we included what signs and symbols we used and linked it to a Bible reading.

During our Science lesson, we looked at the positives and negatives of renewable and non-renewable energy sources. With the information we collected, we created posters in our books to showcase what we had learned.

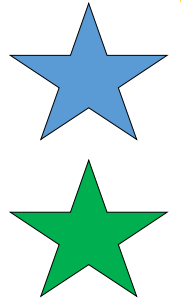
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

# EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



## SUNSHINE AWARD

REUBEN (YR), ELIZA (Y1), AMELIA (Y2),  
RONNIE (Y3), TAWANA (Y4), LOUIS (Y5), SAM (Y6)



## RE AWARD

NAOMI (YR), EDITH (Y1), ZARA (Y2),  
JACK (Y3), ALBERT (Y4), MILLIE S (Y5), HEIDI (Y6)



## HEADTEACHER AWARD

LOUIE (YR)



## 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
- ★ SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - SILENT DISCO
- ★ 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

## COMMUNITY LARDER

Otley Social Club, Hollin Gate,  
Otley LS21 2DP

# NOW OPEN!

Come and find us:

**TUESDAY 2.15pm – 3.15pm**

**THURSDAY 6.15pm – 7.15pm**

**SATURDAY coming soon**

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No appointment or referral needed.

**Our food is available to all.**



[www.otley2030.com/larder](http://www.otley2030.com/larder)



# 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

**NEW VENUE FROM JANUARY 2024:  
Cross Green Community Centre, LS21 1HD**

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Parents and carers of school aged children very welcome

**For more information contact Lisa on:**

07510079959/[mnl@princehenrys.co.uk](mailto:mnl@princehenrys.co.uk)





8 Week  
Course

# SWIM LESSONS

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Prince Henry's Grammar School, LS21

EVERY FRIDAY

Lessons start January 2024

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