

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th May 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS HARVEY

Well, what a busy week it has been at St. Joseph's: football matches, chicks in Reception, Ascension Mass, photographers, triathlon and most importantly First Holy Communion. As always, the children have been amazing.

Today, we had two photographers in school who were taking photos on behalf of the Trust for the new school website. They were so complimentary about our children and our school.

Here are some of the activities they saw: phonics in Reception, counting in tens in Year 1, ICT and story time in Year 2, investigating rocks in Year 3, skipping and hockey in Year 4, golf in Year 5, drumming and clay work in Year 6. Needless to say they were shattered by the end of the day!!!

Well done to all the people who participated in the Leeds Marathon at the weekend and the people who cheered them on. It looked like it was an amazing event and everyone should be so proud for taking part.

Take care, and God bless.

## SPORT

### Y4 Football Matches

Well done to the children who took part in the girls and boys football matches on Monday. The boys' match was a fiercely contested match which despite having lots of shots, the boys narrowly lost 2-0. In the girls' match, the girls played really well and narrowly lost 2-1. After the match, one of the girls said, "Since the match, I have got into football." This made Mrs Harvey very happy!

### Y1 Football Festival

On Wednesday, Year 1 competed in the PHGS Football Festival and got to try out lots of different activities which included kicking the ball into the net, dribbling and hopscotch for agility and coordination. Thank you to all the parents who helped walk to and from the festival.

### KS2 Girls Football Match

On Thursday, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls took part in a football match at SS Peter & Paul's School. Despite taking an early lead, we eventually lost. The girls tried really hard and showed great enthusiasm. Well done!



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 23rd May - Catenian Cup
- 24th May - KS1 Mass
- 24th May - Good Shepherd Appea
- 25th May - Pentecost Day
- 9th June - Corpus Christi
- 15th June - Y6 Vision, Height and Weight
- 17th June - Otley Carnival

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED  
ON FRIDAY 26TH MAY  
DUE TO A STAFF  
TRAINING DAY**

### WELL DONE DARCEY!

Well done to Darcey (Y2) who was a winner in the recent Bolton Abbey 'Design-a-Bunny' competition. She based her creation on the Julia Donaldson book, 'The Gruffalo' and designed a wonderfully creative bunny using different features of the character. Darcey's creation will be brought to life in the 2024 Easter Trail!

Congratulations to Darcey, who has won an annual membership to the estate. We are incredibly proud of you, Darcey!



### WELL DONE YEAR 2 FOOTBALLERS

A huge congratulations to Ben, Seb, Jack, Oliver, William and Alexander who have battled through the Wharfe Cup 2023 and made it to the final! The final takes place on Sunday at Silsden FC. The boys are coached by the brilliant Andrew Greenwood (St Josephs parent), Patrick (Oliver's Uncle) and Charlie (Jack's brother).

The boys have worked super hard in training and excited to take part in their first ever final. From everyone at St Josephs we want to wish the boys the best of luck!



### WELL DONE EVA

Congratulations to Eva (Y6) who has won the Otley Carnival Poster Competition 2023.

Eva's colourful and creative artwork was chosen by a panel of judges to be the official poster of Otley Carnival.

We can't wait to see the poster all over the town. We are so proud of Eva and all her achievements.



### Y6 ART PROJECT AT WHARFEDALE CARE HOME

Over the last few weeks, groups of Year 6 pupils have had the opportunity to join in an art project at the Wharfedale Care Home. Pupils have helped to build a sheep using paper mâché, with other groups painting it and creating floral designs to decorate it.

It was a great opportunity to meet some of the local residents and hear about how art therapy helps bring joy - no matter how old you are! The finished sheep will have pride of place in the care home entrance.



### OLAS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

OLAS youth club runs on Fridays 6.30 pm to 8 during term time, and all Year 6 pupils and above are invited. We are now using outside space (weather permitting) so our young people can have outdoor games. There is also the ever popular tuck shop.



Entrance is just 50p once the membership form has been returned (a parent needs to complete it which can be done when you first attend). For any questions please contact Monica on 07909 410857.

We have one more youth club on 19/05 before half term, and will then resume on 9th June. We look forward to seeing everyone. A special outing is being planned for the next half term - you need to be a member to be eligible.



### MULTI-ACTIVITY & LEGO WORKSHOP – MAY HALF TERM COURSES

Inspiration Tree are offering Multi-Activity courses and LEGO workshop this half term at St Josephs and Burley Oaks. 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).



### DATE FOR DIARY – FATHERS DAY STALL

FOSJ will be holding a Father's Day Stall on Friday 16th June.

Children will be able to buy gifts for £1 per item and they will be able to buy more than one gift (max 2). Please could any donations be taken to the office. Many thanks for all your continued support.

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Jesus,  
Let your light from heaven shine down.  
Let it shine into our minds and hearts  
So that we can spread your love to the people we meet  
today.  
Guard us from all that is wrong  
And keep us safe.  
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.



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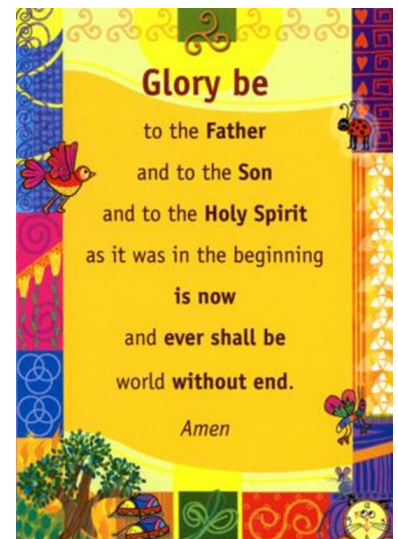
## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Well done to the children who led Collective Worship for children at Ss Peter & Paul's School on Wednesday with the theme of TRUST. The children chose a range of Bible readings including readings from Jeremiah, Proverbs and the Gospel of Luke. Year 6 also write their own acrostic prayer about Trust:

*Dear Lord,  
Thank you for helping us to trust you and others.  
Remember that trusting in you is the most important thing.  
Understanding how to trust your words of wisdom helps us to realise how important you are.  
Sometimes we find it hard to trust others but you give us the strength to get back on the right track.  
Trust in others and yourself.  
Amen.*

Our statement of the week was: I try to accept forgiveness from others. We thought about how Jesus was able to accept and forgive people and talked about how it can be hard for us to say sorry and how it can be hard forgive people when they say sorry.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK



## ASCENSION MASS

Well done to Year 3 for leading the Ascension Mass on Thursday - they led the Mass brilliantly and it was so uplifting to hear the children sing "Here I Am to Worship". Thank you to Father Lawrie for saying the Mass for us and for testing us all on our knowledge of the 12 disciples!!!

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the 18 children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning. We were so proud of all the children who were so reverent and joyful in their worship.

A massive "Thank you" to Mrs Russell and Mrs Banford-White who prepared the children so well and gave up their free time to help the children. Thank you to Father Lawrie for leading us in our worship and Paul for playing the organ.

Finally, thank you to all the children's families for their love and support for the children. It was such a special occasion, and it is always such a privilege to attend this Mass. All the children will be welcomed back to Church on Sunday morning at 9.30am to receive their certificates. Children will be invited to the Parish Centre afterwards for a special communion breakfast.



# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

Another fantastic week in Reception. In Literacy, we have been writing letters to Liz who gave us our eggs and thanking her for them. The children have loved having the chicks in school and watching the process of hatching. They are getting quite big now so they are heading back to the farm next week.

We have also learnt about how plants grow and have learned a lovely song to help us remember what they need to grow; sun, soil and water. In Maths, we have continued to learn about sharing. We have been sharing items equally into two groups. Keep practising this at home.

In RE, we have learned about Mary our Mother. We painted beautiful pictures of her and thought about our own mums and what they do to help us.

We have loved playing in our outside area this week especially with the water, we've been exploring capacity and working together co-operatively.

Next week, we have our KS1 mass on Wednesday. Please join us in church if you are able.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths, we have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We used our understanding of counting in multiples to help us begin to understand multiplication. We used lots of practical resources to help us see multiplication as lots of and groups of.

In RE, we listened to the story of Doubting Thomas. We reflected that sometimes it can be difficult to understand and explain how we know that God's word is true. We cannot always know things beyond a shadow of a doubt, but through faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we trust the reality of the Bible.

In English, we have been thinking about verbs, nouns and adjectives and we have started reading a new book called Harry the Happy Mouse, which is a traditional story about teaching children to be kind to one another. In preparation for a longer piece of writing, we used the text to make our own vocabulary list.

In Y1, we have been observing the life cycle of a caterpillar over the past few weeks and have had several hungry little caterpillars munching away. About 8 days ago, they formed chrysalises and on Thursday we were excited to see that one of our butterflies had hatched from its chrysalis and we hope to release it on Friday.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

Well done to all of Year 2 for working so hard this week on your SATs booklets - we are so proud of you! Everybody has shown our virtues of resilience and perseverance and approached each booklet carefully.

In English this week, we have continued our work using our class text 'Flotsam' We have been developing and editing our writing to build on our descriptions of the wonderful pictures in the book. Everyone is enjoying thinking of exciting vocabulary to build up an image in the reader's mind.

In Maths, we have been practising finding three quarters of numbers. We have used bar models to help us. We split the bar models into 4 equal parts and divided the number between the four parts. We then looked to see how many were in 1 quarter and then three quarters.

In History, we discussed how the people were helped during the Great Fire of London. We found out that King Charles II set up fire posts where people could get beer and bread! We also learnt that the navy sent biscuits, but they were so hard and salty that they were sent back! Luckily, the navy also sent canvas to make tents so that people were protected from the weather.

## YEAR 3 NEWS

In English this week, Year 3 have published their non chronological reports. After carefully editing their work, the children organised their writing using subheadings and added illustrations for each of the different topics they wrote about.

In PHSE, we talked about the importance of healthy habits and making healthy choices. The children discussed their definitions of the words 'healthy' and 'habit', and examples of what they thought healthy habits were.

In Maths this week, the children started their second unit of work on fractions. Using their previous learning, they built on this to learn how to add and subtract fractions, as well as partition the whole. The children took great pride in their written maths work and presented their learning beautifully.

Inspired by the work of Seurat and the Pointillist movement, the children created their own pieces in this style in art this week. Experimenting with dots of paint at different distances from one another, the children were able to produce different shades and some wonderful art.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in English, the children continued reading "The Great Kapok Tree". The children used speech marks to say what they thought the animals in the rainforest might say to the man who wanted to chop down their tree and they also wrote playscripts about what the man might say to the animals once he woke up.

In Maths, we have started to look at money and have practised converting pounds into pennies as well as ordering amounts of money.

In DT, we started making our Mayan Temples. The children thought about what materials they wanted to use to fix their temples together and what they wanted their temples to look like. They then started to cut out their cuboid nets ready to complete next week.

Well done to Year 4 for leading Collective Worship this morning and thank you to all the grown-ups who provided and helped the children with their First Holy Communion clothes.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, Year 5 started reading a new class text, Beowulf. The children made predictions using some artefacts based on the book along with modal verbs. They are looking forward to reading what happens next.

In Maths, we looked at angles around a point and on a straight line. We demonstrated our calculating skills and used our knowledge of different angles. We learnt how to draw and measure angles accurately using a protractor.

In Geography, as part of our Extreme Earth topic, we looked at earthquakes, how they occur and the impact that they have on a society. We looked at how earthquakes are measured using a Richter scale and used an atlas to identify countries that have experienced an earthquake.

Please see the next page for a recount of our amazing residential trip.

## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been looking at salaries and take home wages. We discussed personal income tax and learnt how to work it out.

In English, we reflected on last weeks SATs and created some instructions for 'Surviving SATs week'. In our planning and writing, we thought of engaging ways to hook the reader in, such as: rhetorical questions, power of three, imperative verbs, fronted adverbials and informal (jokey) tone.

During Science, we took part in a seed investigation linked to Darwin's finches. We had three different apparatus - tweezers, chopsticks and pegs - used as three different finch birds. Individually, we predicted which one would pick up the most seeds in 30 seconds and most of us thought the pegs and we were correct!

On Friday, we enjoyed using the clay in Art to create our vases that we had designed. We had to be so careful when making our vases and even more careful with the intricate patterns.



## YEAR 5—NELL BANK RESIDENTIAL

Year 5 had an amazing time on residential. We started off our trip with a visit to Clip n Climb where the children had the chance to climb up a variety of climbing walls for a whole hour, challenging themselves with different difficulty levelled climbs each time. From here, we then arrived at Nell Bank and the children were thrown straight into some exciting and enthralling team building, problem-solving activities. Their favourite one was the Nellbanian Mountains, which involved great teamwork and leadership from the children. They all worked fantastically, ensuring each member of their team was okay and encouraging them to do their best and keep going.

Later that evening, the children enjoyed playing on the adventure playground, Domino's pizza, biscuits, campfire songs (thank you Mrs Harvey) and quizzes.

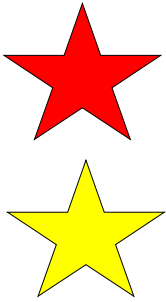
On our second day, we completed a 7 mile walk through Ilkely, up Mill Ghyll and stopped for lunch at White Wells. This is where the children ate their soggy packed lunches as we spent most of our walk in the rain. However, the children kept their spirits high and encouraged each other too. After lunch, we headed back down towards the Cow and Calf before heading all the way back to Nell Bank for our fish and chips (which were very well deserved and extremely delicious - thank you Miss Wilkinson!). In the evening, myself, Miss Earley and Miss Walker had the pleasure of watching the Year 5's St. Joseph's Got Talent. The children all had a go, and it was incredibly entertaining, to point where all of our cheeks hurt from smiling and our stomachs hurt from laughing so much. To end our final night, we had hot chocolate with squirty cream and marshmallows.

To begin our final morning of residential, the children took part in an orienteering challenge in pairs/groups. They learned how to orient a map correctly and read it to find the check points that were scattered around the site. After this, we went down to the woodland area to build dens using large sticks, trees and other natural materials. The children had been really excited for this activity and showed great teamwork and creativity (including comfortable campfires and kitchens). When we arrived back to school, the children ended their trip with sweets and popcorn at The Otley Courthouse where we watched a movie.

Myself, Miss Earley and Miss Walker would like to say a huge well done to all the children for their positivity, teamwork, perseverance and overall great humour (they kept three very tired staff members smiling and laughing the for the whole duration). We are immensely proud of each and every one of them for tackling challenges and supporting each other. Both the staff at Clip n Climb and Nell Bank were very complimentary of the children, commenting on how polite and well behaved they all were, so they should all be very proud!



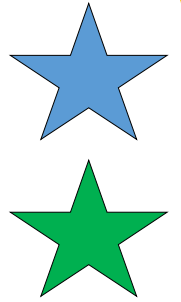
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

# EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



## SUNSHINE AWARD

GEORGIA (YR), GEORGE (Y1), ELSIE (Y2),  
LUCILLE (Y3), LOUIS (Y4), JOSEPH J & INDIA (Y5), BEN (Y6)



## MATHS AWARD

ARTHUR (YR), ELLIS (Y1), ISAAC B (Y2),  
OLIVER (Y3), HENRY C (Y4), OLIVE (Y5), ELLIE (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