

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th May 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for another great week in and out of school – lots of children have been involved in sporting activities out of school this week! It is lovely to see so many children representing school and enjoying taking part in sport. Well done to all the children who took part in the Triathlon, the Catenian Cup, the activity day at West Leeds Activity Centre and finally cricket! As you can see, a busy week. On Thursday, half the staff were out on either training or attending sporting events. I am all trained out this week!

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. It was a lovely service; the children read beautifully and participated in the service with reverence. All the children looked wonderful in their First Holy Communion outfits. On Sunday, the children joined the parish to receive their certificates and enjoy a breakfast together in the Parish Centre. I would like to thank the catechists, Mrs Russell and Rita, for preparing the children for their First Holy Communion and making the day so special; thank you to Margaret Poole and Cathy Armitage who prepared the breakfast and Parish Centre for the children – as well as making lots and lots of drinks for the adults.

Friday Celebration Assembly – starting from next week, the parents/carers of children receiving a reward and parents/carers of the class leading the assembly will be invited into school to join the assembly. It is lovely to welcome back parents/carers to join our assemblies.

It was lovely to welcome Y4 parents and families to their First Holy Communion Assembly today.

Next week is another busy week – more sporting events and it's the big Jubilee Party.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy spending time with family and friends. From all the staff - be safe; be kind and be happy. God Bless.

SPORTS UPDATE

It has been a very busy week this week with various sports events.

On Monday, 30 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Brownlee Triathlon. All the children completed the course and I think the highlight seemed to be receiving a goodie bag at the end with popcorn in it!!! The children also received T-Shirts to keep.

On Wednesday, a group of children from Year 4 spent the day at West Park Activity Centre taking part in different activities such as: climbing, go karts and an assault course. Thank you to Mrs Walsh who accompanied the children.

On Thursday, a group of children from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the Catenian Cup Football Tournament at St Theresa's School. The children all showed a great attitude and enjoyed the day. Thank you to Mr Voller, Miss Earley and Miss Longstaff for accompanying the children. Also on Thursday, 10 children from Year 5 played in a cricket festival at Old Mods Cricket Club. It was a lovely afternoon to play cricket and our children managed to take lots of wickets and hit lots of boundaries, finishing runners-up in our group and 4th overall. Some of the children were also able to learn some of the symbols used in scoring.

There are more sporting events next week: Netball Festival on Monday at St. Mary's School 4-5:30pm. Letters have been sent out about these. Y4 Cricket Festival on Wednesday at Leeds Mods 12:30 - 3:30pm



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O Holy Spirit of love,
quicken our imaginations
that we may feel more deeply
for the needs of others
as we put ourselves in their place.
Give us hearts of self-forgetting compassion
which will move us to give from that which you have
given us,
and to be good neighbours to those
both near and far,
for the sake of him who taught us
that it is more blessed to give than
receive, even Jesus our Lord.
Amen

Dear God, thank you for taking
care of us. Please help us to
take care of others that need
help. Amen.

By Luna in Reception

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

Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, O most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit
of your womb, Jesus.
O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

On Thursday, children learnt about Christian Aid Week, which is this week, and the work that Christian Aid does. One of the themes of this year's Christian Aid Week is how hope unites people together. We learnt about how Christian Aid is helping families in Zimbabwe adapt farming methods so that they can overcome difficulties such as drought caused by climate change. Christian Aid are also helping people re-train so that they are able to have enough money to buy food for themselves and families.

On Wednesday, Holy Name led the Collective Worship for all the classes via Zoom. Next week, our children will lead the worship for Holy Name and SS Peter and Paul's School.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 26th May - Ascension Mass
- 27th May - School Jubilee Celebrations
- 30th May - HALF TERM
- 6th June - Pentecost day
- 18th June - Otley Carnival
- 1st July - School closed for Jubilee Bank Holiday
- 22nd July - End of term Mass and picnic.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday was a very special day which saw our children in Year 4 receive Holy communion for the first time. All of the children took part in the Mass reverently; singing and reading beautifully. It was a very moving occasion seeing the children take the next step on their faith journey and to see all the people there supporting the children - the Church was filled with love. A massive thank you especially to Mrs Russell and to Rita for leading the preparation classes and for organising the Mass. Thank you to Father Lawrie and to the organist Paul for leading the Mass and the music. Thank you to our Altar Servers: Eva, Esther, Ciara and Brian. Thank you to Mrs Armitage and to Mrs Walsh for helping the children in class and to the staff who were able to attend the Mass. Finally, thank you to all the parents, carers, family members and friends who made the day so special.



Thank you

A big thank you for all the donations at the First Holy Communion breakfast on Sunday. An incredible £50 was raised. The money raised will go to Ukrainian children who have recently joined the local area.



CLASS NEWS

YEAR R NEWS

This week, we have been learning about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have written our own letters to congratulate the Queen. We hope to get a response from Buckingham Palace! We have learnt some very exciting facts about the Queen. Ask your child if they can tell something they have learnt.

In Maths, we have been continuing our learning about subtraction. We have used the story approach, for example, first we had 10 bears, then 3 went for a walk and now we have 7. We have also been practising the formation of numbers.

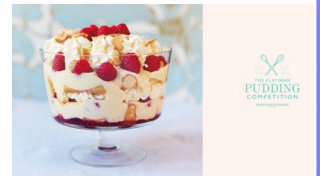
In RE, we heard the story of Jesus going back to his Father in heaven. We reflected on what the disciples would have been thinking when they saw Jesus go. The children wrote some super thought bubbles and made their own ascension cups, helping them to understand that Jesus went to heaven.

We have had lots of excitement with the chicks this week. One is particularly naughty and decided to try and run away! We are looking forward to meeting Liz the farmer next week. She is going to come and tell us all about her chickens and how they are looked after. They will then go to their lovely new home.



YEAR 1 NEWS

In Topic this week, we watched the five competitors from the Platinum Pudding Competition to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II (which has linked in with our Geography topic on the UK). We designed our own puddings for Her Majesty. We listed the ingredients and wrote the recipe and explained why our pudding was fit for the Queen!



In preparation for the Platinum Jubilee in English, we have been learning all about the Queen. We learnt lots of facts about her royal life and some interesting trivia too: including her 9 foot wedding cake and the fact that she owns an elephant! We used this information to write a non-chronological report.

In Maths, we have been learning how to tell the time when it is o'clock and half-past the hour. On the clock we know that the big hand (minute hand) is pointing to 12 and the smaller hand (hour hand) is pointing to the hour. We also learnt that the opposite applies for half-past. The minute hand has travelled to the 6 and the hour hand is now halfway between.

We enjoyed the sunshine on Wednesday and went out to identify plants and record observations in Science. We found lots of different flowers within the school grounds and were able to make sketches and label the different parts of the flower.

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.

We have enjoyed continuing our topic work about the Great Fire of London in our English work this week. We have written some super explanations about how the fire was put out. We worked hard to explain how different tools such as a fire hook and a water squirt worked.

In R.E., we had a thoughtful session, discussing how Peter might have felt when he denied knowing Jesus and compared this with how he might have felt when he saw Jesus standing on the shore after he had risen. We discussed how relieved Peter must have felt that Jesus had forgiven him. Everyone shared a time when we needed to forgive somebody and agreed that although it is a difficult thing to do, we felt better for it.

We have really enjoyed looking at superheroes as part of our Artwork this week. We used our sketchbooks to try out different positions the superheroes might be in. We then chose our favourite design, drew a large-scale version and wrote down the special powers our superheroes have. We came up with some very inventive ideas!



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we have been learning about Cautionary Tale Poems. The children were reading and acting out 'Jim - A Cautionary Tale' by Hilaire Belloc, where Jim comes to a 'sticky end'. The children really enjoyed working in groups to perform verses from the poem using vocal expression, actions and percussion instruments to highlight the syllables.



In Maths, we have explored fractions on a number line and looked at improper fractions that are greater than one whole.

In Science, we enjoyed exploring different plants and trees outside in the lovely weather. In the classroom, we planted our own broad beans and a selection of other vegetable seeds. We're hoping to see them grow over the next few weeks.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have been creating our own fantastical creatures inspired by the Jabberwocky. We began by thinking about the creation of nonsense words - what do the initial sounds and vowel sounds make us think about the word? The children wrote character descriptions of their creatures that made the most of their nonsense words.

In Maths, we have looked at both money and time. We used our rounding and estimating skills to work out whether there was enough money to buy certain items. We also recapped telling time to the minute. It would really help children to refer to analogue clocks at home as much as possible to build their confidence in reading clocks.



In RE, we reflected on the lives of St Stephen and St Paul, and how God can bring good out of evil. The children wrote newspaper reports from the perspectives of Christian and Jewish reporters at Stephen's trial, as well as creating snakes and ladders games about Paul's spiritual journey. In PSHE, we had an afternoon full of First Aid skills, including caring for people with asthma, allergies and head injuries. On top of this, we went pond dipping to observe different animals in a new habitat and joined in a Guinness World Record for times tables!

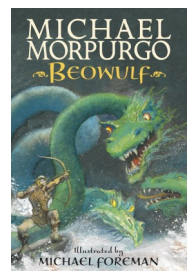
YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have continued to read Beowulf and the children have written their own versions of the monster, Grendel, coming out of his lair. The children have tried to include different types of figurative language in their writing such as similes, metaphors and personification.

In our Maths work, the children have continued to look at decimals and have tried to apply their knowledge to different word problems.

The children have continued to enjoy using the new laptops in ICT. This week, the children used the different drawing tools to change a picture of a penguin to a picture of a parrot!

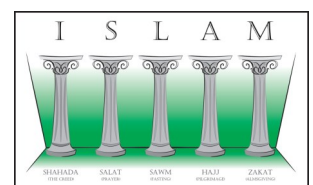
We have focused on the Hail Mary and the Our Father in RE this week. We have looked at the meaning of the words in these prayers and what they teach us about people's beliefs.



YEAR 6 NEWS

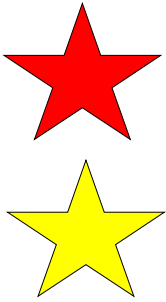
In English, we reflected on last week's SATs – from this we thought about creating set of instructions for future Year 6 students. In pairs, we came up with ideas in order to survive SATs week. We included lots of good tips and tricks. In our writing, we used a variety of Year 6 vocabulary, grammar and punctuations.

In RE, we discussed the faith: Islam. We learned about the Islam has five pillars, which are the five duties, that a Muslim must carry out during their life. We looked, in detail, at the pillar Sawm – the pillar of Ramadan.



In Computing, we developed our knowledge about 3D modelling on Tinkercad. We used the programme to modify 3D objects. With this, we designed houses and used the features on the programme to modify the shapes.

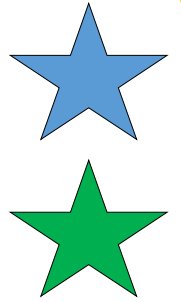
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

BOLTON

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

**LENNY (YR), NOAH (Y1), ALL (Y2),
JAMES (Y3), STEFAN (Y4), CONNOR (Y5), AGNES
(Y6)**



ENGLISH AWARD

**LUNA (YR), PIPER (Y1), ERIC (Y2),
MILLIE B (Y3), JOSEPH J (Y4), CONNOR (Y5), CORA
(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

SPORT CHEVIN JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF SPORT

FREE ENTRY!

**Come and
have a go!**

**Mon 6th June
6pm to 8.30pm**

**Prince Henry's
Grammar School
Farnley Lane
Otley**





SPORT CHEVIN JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF SPORT

Monday 6 June 6pm - 8.30pm at Prince Henry's Grammar School

Join Sport Chevin, Prince Henry's and the local sports clubs and try out a whole range of sports.



A hands on evening of celebration of sport - whether you know what you are doing or you want to try something new, have fun having a go at all sorts! From rugby, football and netball to cycling and athletics and everything in between, we've got a host of sport for you to try.

Follow our orienteering trail and discover new sports to love!

Parents and Carers are responsible for their children during the event.

In order to have as many fun activities as possible, parking will be VERY limited on the evening. Please walk, scoot or catch the Otley Dash bus, which stops just outside school.



FREE ENTRY!