

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st April 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter holiday and that you all had a chance to rest. The children certainly enjoyed telling us all about their wonderful adventures during Monday morning's assembly. All the children have settled back well into the school routines.

**Uniform:** This term, children can wear their summer uniform

**Kindness:** It is important that we are all mindful that our actions and the words we use can impact on 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 we 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.

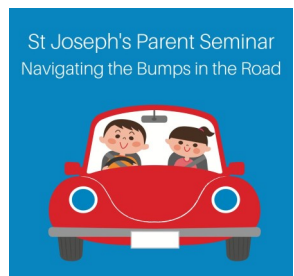
**"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees." Amelia Earhart**

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

## NAVIGATING BUMPS IN THE ROAD

On Wednesday evening, about 30 parents and members of staff were able to join Sue O'Leary-Hall talking about 'Navigating Bumps in the Road'.

The talk was about how our brain works and develops; how to recognise the difference and deal with meltdowns and tantrums; methods to use for helping our children deal with their emotions and an opportunity to talk about different scenarios. The feedback from the evening was very positive. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us.



## SPORT

Good luck to all the children playing their first matches of the cricket season unfortunately I think the rain is due to return so there may be some disappointed cricketers! We hope all the children have fun over the weekend in whatever activities they take part in.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

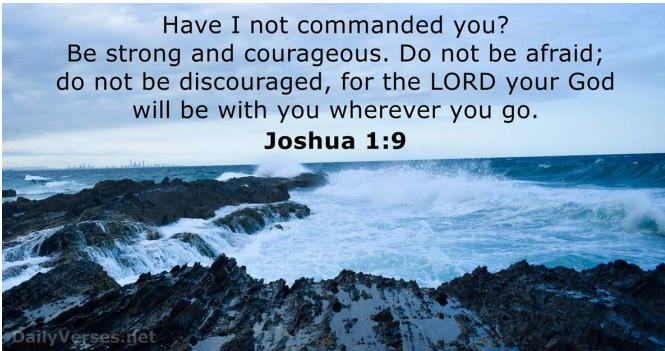
- 27th April - Y3, Y5 and Y6 Road Safety
- 27th April - Y5 Library Visit
- 3rd May - Y4 Skipping Festival
- 1st May - Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 8th May - Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 9th May - SATS Week
- 10th May - Y5 Residential
- 13th May - First Holy Communion
- 17th May - Y1 PHGS Football Festival
- 18th May - Ascension Mass
- 19th May - Brownlee Triathlon
- 25th May - Pentecost Day

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid;  
do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God  
will be with you wherever you go.

**Joshua 1:9**



## 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](http://www.olasotley.org/bulletin.html)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Well done to the children who started their First Holy Communion programme on Wednesday. **On Saturday evening at 6:30pm in Church**, there will be an enrolment Mass for the First Holy Communion candidates which the children will lead. Children will need to arrive by 6:15pm. They have all been given special parts to do during the Mass and have the booklets to practise. We look forward to seeing you all there.

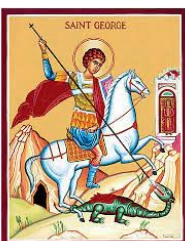
## LOURDES

We are delighted that some of our children in Key Stage Two were able to join the Otley HCPT group on a pilgrimage to Lourdes over the Easter holidays. The children had a wonderful time and we have received a lovely email complimenting the children on their behaviour. We hope that over the next few weeks, the children will be able to tell the rest of the school about their trip. A massive "Thank you" to all the people in HCPT who gave up their time to help organise and run this trip.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we have started to look at a new virtue which is **confidence**. We talked about what confidence is and looked at ways in which we can show confidence, we show confidence when we:

- think positively	- are willing to try new things	-believe in ourselves
-know we are worthwhile whether we succeed or fail	- trust that God will support us	-keep going even when we find things difficult



## PRAYER FOR ST GEORGES FEAST DAY

Heavenly Father,

Give us the bravery of St George  
to stand up for what we believe.

Give us the strength to overcome  
the dragons in our lives and in  
the world.

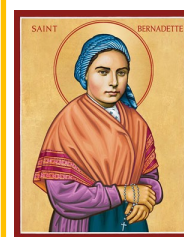
And where we see people in dis-  
tress, give us the compassion to  
help them.

Amen

## SAINT DAYS

This week, Year 2 and Year 3 celebrated their class saint days. On Wednesday, Year 3 learnt about Saint Bernadette whose Feast Day was on the Sunday just before we came back to school and today, Year 2 learnt about their class saint - Saint George whose Feast Day is on 23<sup>rd</sup> April (this Sunday) and who is patron saint of England. On Thursday, each class found out the following things about Saint George in their Collective Worships:

- Saint George was a Roman soldier.
- He was a Christian.
- He was known for his bravery.
- He protested against Rome's persecution of Christians.
- He was imprisoned and tortured, but stayed true to his faith.
- King Edward III made him the Patron Saint of England in the 1300s.



## PRAYER FOR ST BERNADETTES FEAST DAY

Pray Saint Bernadette,

that like you,

we may always follow the will of  
Our Heavenly Father,

and that through our prayers we  
may become closer to Jesus and  
Mary.

Holy Saint Bernadette of Lourdes,  
Pray for us.

Amen.



**10 Drowning Facts**

- 47%** OF ACCIDENTAL DROWNINGS occur between May and August.
- Only 30%** of parents surveyed said they were 'very confident' that their child knows how to stay safe in and around water.
- 83%** of those who drown accidentally in the UK are male.
- Only 51%** of Black children in the UK can swim, compared to 73% for White British children.
- 59%** of UK accidental drownings occur at inland water sites.
- Around two thirds** of UK adults surveyed have never had any formal training or education in water safety.
- 47%** of those who lost their life to accidental drowning in the UK **never intended to be in the water.**
- An average of **312 UK and Irish Citizens** lose their life to accidental drowning each year.
- In our analysis, **73%** of accidental UK drownings occurred in the absence of professional supervision, such as a RLSS UK qualified lifeguard.
- Alcohol and/or drugs** are a factor in **32%** of all UK accidental drownings.

**Drowning is preventable. Even one drowning is one too many.**

**MAKE THE RIGHT CALL, CALL 999**

<p><b>CALL</b> and ask for Fire and Rescue</p>	<p><b>TELL</b> them to float on their back</p>	<p><b>THROW</b> them something that floats</p>
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# Cold Water Kills

- Causes you to gasp for breath
- Stay calm, lean back extend arms and legs
- Float to live

**If you see someone in difficulty in the water call 999 ask for FIRE**

**#BeWaterAware**  
westyorksfire.gov.uk



# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

On Tuesday we had a very exciting delivery of eggs. We have now put them into the incubator. We are all very excited to hopefully have lots of little chick in a few weeks time!!!

Our new topic is all about New Life. This week, our shared text has been Jack and the Beanstalk. We enjoyed imagining we had some magic beans and thought carefully about what they would need to grow. On Wednesday afternoon, we learnt about how plants grow and what they need. We then planted our broad beans and can't wait to see them grow!

In Maths, we have been learning about addition using the 'First, then and now' story approach. Eg First there were 5 animals in the boat, then 2 more animals got in and now there are 7 animals. The children enjoyed thinking of their own examples. Ask your child if they can draw you an addition story!

In RE, we learnt more about Easter and Jesus' resurrection. We heard the story of Mary Magdalene going to the tomb to find the stone had been rolled away, and Jesus had risen.

The children are excited to perform their class assembly next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Parents are invited to attend this event. Please support your child to learn their lines.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

In Topic, we have been learning about the palaeontologist Mary Anning who discovered what turned out to be the first complete Ichthyosaur fossil to be found. This was an important discovery because it challenged the way scientists had thought the natural world had developed. We made our own salt-dough fossils.

In Maths this week, we have been ordering numbers from smallest to greatest and vice versa. We had beanbag races outside and asked the class to award us with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place etc... We learned about the ordinal numbers from 1-10.

In English, we have started a new topic and been learning about dinosaurs. We wrote fact files describing the features of a T-Rex. We also completed some descriptive writing describing the setting. We used adverbials and noun phrases to make our writing more interesting.

In PE, we have started a new unit on football skills, we practised dribbling and how to pass and control the ball.

In Science, we have been investigating the different parts of a flower. We enjoyed planting our own sunflower and bean seeds which we will be observing over the coming weeks. We thought about the different conditions that our seeds would need to grow well.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have been looking at the features of instructions. We learnt about imperative verbs and found out that these are sometimes called bossy verbs! This is because they tell us what to do, like a command. We then looked at different sets of instructions and recipes and found lots of different features such as: heading and sub-headings, numbered points and sequential adverbs.

In Maths, we have continued our work about fractions. We have learnt how to recognise halves and quarters within shapes and to find halves and quarters of numbers. We have realised that it is useful to know our multiplication facts to help us with finding the fractions of numbers.

We have started our Great Fire of London topic this week. We started by looking at picture of the Great Fire and thinking about what we could see. We wrote down any facts which we might already know about the fire. Finally, we thought about questions we would like to ask to find out about the Great Fire. We are all very excited about this topic!

We all had a wonderful day celebrating our class saint; Saint George. We did lots of fun activities such as poetry, learning and writing lots of facts about St George and we even made our shields for him!

## YEAR 3 NEWS

In Maths, we finished our unit on fractions by learning about equivalent fractions through both number line and bar model representations of these.

In English, we began reading our new class text 'The Cloud Tea Monkeys'. Inspired by the book, the children took part in a tea tasting afternoon at the beginning of the week which formed the basis of their instructional writing. Using imperative verbs, they wrote 'How to' guides on mastering the art of tea tasting.

In PE, we are focusing on athletics this half term and the children have begun their learning by evaluating different running styles, and working on their coordination and stamina.

We also celebrated our class Saint Day this week and the children learnt all about Saint Bernadette. They produced some wonderful drawings and writing about the patron of the poor and the sick influenced by the beautiful booklets shared by Joseph C from when he visited the relic tour. We finished the day by decorating some biscuits with 10 chocolate chips to represent the 10 Hail Marys of the Rosary.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have enjoyed their swimming lessons again this week and have made good progress perfecting their strokes and becoming more confident as well as having fun. We are hoping to arrange more lessons for them later this term.

In English this week, we have been reading the Jabberwocky poem by Lewis Carroll. The children enjoyed reading all the nonsense words and although the poem appeared to make no sense at the beginning, the children have used their detective skills to work out its meaning. They particularly enjoyed gurgling their water to hear what the word 'burbled' might mean!

We have continued to focus on decimals in Maths and this week have been looking at tenths as decimals and tenths on place value charts and tenths on number lines. We have also looked at dividing 1- and 2-digit numbers by 10.

For our display in the hall this term, we have been thinking about the British Value: Individual liberty. We looked at the book, "We Are All Born Free" which explains and illustrates in child-friendly language the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which were proclaimed by the United Nations in 1948. The children thought about the freedoms that they treasure the most.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, the children have come to the end of their decimals and percentages topic. This week in particular, they have been concentrating on finding the equivalent percentages and decimals to fractions in order to compare them. The children were able to recognise and use the fact that  $1 \text{ tenth} = 10 \text{ hundredths} = 10\% = 0.1$  to help solve other problems and calculations.

In English, the children have been looking at different types of parenthesis that can be used within their writing and what the purpose of parenthesis is. They edited a variety of sentences identify and adding in parenthesis as well as having the opportunity to write their own. The children have also enjoyed being researchers and formulating different prompts and questions for them to research to help them gain knowledge on the process of how a volcano erupts.

In Science, we have started our topic of forces. The children were investigating how gravity works. They carried out a test where they dropped 6 different objects a metre from the floor and timed how long each object would take to hit the floor. They formulated some interesting predictions and evaluated their results against them.

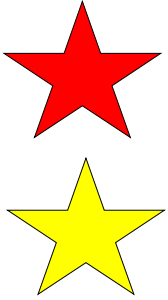
## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we started our new topic of shape. We started by measuring angles, then moved on to calculating angles on a straight line to angles in a triangle. We really enjoyed learning how to calculate angles.

In English, we discussed the use of palm oil and the devastating impact it can have on animals, people and biodiversity when it is not sustainably sourced in the world. We collected information about this and began creating a poster to display those facts about it. Next week, we are going to begin thinking and writing a discussion text about the effect that palm oil has on orangutans.

In Science, we continued to find the adaptations that some animals and plants have. We created a PowerPoint to show our understanding of four different plants or animals and how they have adapted to suit their environment.

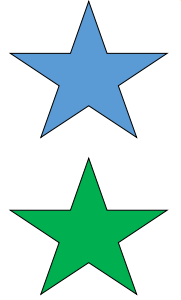
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



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## WHITBY

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### SUNSHINE AWARD

BEN (YR), STAS (Y1), BENJAMIN (Y2),  
KRISTIAN (Y3), MAX (Y4), REUBEN (Y5), NIAMH (Y6)



### MATHS AWARD

ESME (YR), DAISY (Y1), NOAH (Y2),  
CONNIE (Y3), JAKEY (Y4), SAMUEL (Y5), ASA (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