

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd September 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear parents/carers and friends of the school,

Week 3 done! I am incredibly impressed with how the children have settled into their new classes. They have established new routines, know the expectations in class and have maintained smiles even when the work has been challenging.

This week we came together in our assembly all about 'democracy'. Mrs Harvey had a quiz with the children in the hall and it is safe to say they know who the Prime Minister is and what his job role is. We spoke about how in a democratic society, the public get to vote for who they want to lead us. Ironically, one individual did point out that our current prime minister was not actually voted for - a politician in the waiting! This beautifully led us on to welcoming our new school council, who were voted for in the classrooms. It was lovely to see the whole school congratulate their peers on their success. We look forward to hearing their ideas for our school.

Year 6 have been to the Royal Armouries and Herd Farm this week. The photos on our Twitter (X) thread look incredible. We cannot wait to hear about your adventures! Thank you to the Year 6 team (Mrs Postlethwaite-Dowd, Mrs Kealey and Miss Wilkinson) for supporting the children.

Have a safe weekend and we look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday morning.

Best regards and God bless,
Mr L Gilhooly

DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>September 2023</u>	<u>October 2023</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>December 2023</u>
28th - Individual Photographs 29th - Y3 LMEP Art Project 29th - Macmillan Coffee Morning 29th - Y4 Assembly 29th - Visit from PCSO Rob	3rd - Y6 Saints Day 3rd - Y6 Class Mass 4th - Y5 Saints Day 5th - National Poetry Day 6th - Y1 Assembly 6th - Harvest Collection 17th - Y4 Yorkshire Water Visit 20th - Show Racism the Red Card 20th - YR Assembly 23rd - Parents Evening 25th - FOSJ Bake Sale 26th - Parents Evening 27th - Training Day	9th - Y3 Class Mass 10th - Y6 Assembly 13 th - Anti-Bullying Week 15 th - KS1 Science Festival 16 th - KS2 Science Festival 16 th - Y5 Class Assembly 17 th - Music Assembly 20 th - Y3 Football Tournament 23 rd - Y4 Class Mass 24 th - Y5 Assembly 24 th - EYFS Training Day - School Closed to Reception Parents on this day!	1 st - Scholastic Book Fair 1 st - Y2 Assembly 1 st - KS2 Author Visit 6 th - YR/Y6 Vision, Height and Weight 7 th - Y6 Confirmation 8 th - FOSJ Wreath Making 8 th - Y3 Assembly 14 th - Christmas Dinner 14 th - Flu Immunisations 15 th - Music Assembly 16 th - FOSJ Christmas Fayre 20 th - YR, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Productions 21 st - Christmas Party Day 22 nd - Whole School Mass

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WELLBEING AT ST JOSEPH'S

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Friday the 29th of September, we will be hosting our own Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We are asking for parents to donate cakes (homemade or shop bought) on this day. The staff and the Mini Vinnie team will be putting together a café for parents and parishioners at 2:30pm in the school hall. Throughout the day, children will be able to enjoy the buns and a drink.

Buns will cost 50p each and cups of tea, coffee and squash will be 50p. You are always so generous and we know you will be again this year. Thank you for your support in helping these good causes.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Friday, we introduced our newly elected School Council. A school council is a formal group of pupils who act as representatives of their classmates in discussing school issues with the headteacher and staff.

Year 1: Daisy & Arthur

Year 2 : Evie & Lenny

Year 3: Joanna & Isaac B

Year 4: Corben & Beau

Year 5: Fin & Millie B

Year 6: Head Boy Joseph & Head Girl Heidi

Deputies: Finn, Daniel, Olivia C & Emme



SPORT

FOOTBALL MATCHES AGAINST SSPP

Well done to the Year 4 boys who played our first match of the season on Wednesday. They were against tough opposition and sadly lost 7-2 but they battled hard and kept going.

On Thursday, our girl football team took part in their first match of the season. Despite being 4-3 up at the end of the first half, we ended losing 8-4. The girls did so well and after only 1 training session, I could already see that they had made progress since the summer.

Well done to all of the players and thank you to the parents for providing support and transport. Please can all kits be returned ASAP. Thank you.

KS2 Cross country League

The first Cross Country Race is taking place next Saturday (30th September) at Middleton Clearance. A form has been sent out via email to all children in KS2. Please complete the form by Friday 29th September if you would like your child to participate.

Dates for the other races this season are provisionally as follows:

Race 2- 14th Oct Cardinal Heenan 10am first race

Race 3- 11th Nov Prince Henry's 10am first race

Race 4- 9th Dec GSAL (Trials) pm

Race 5- 2nd March Woodhouse Grove pm

VIRTUAL WORRY BOX

How are you feeling today? Are you feeling OK? We have introduced a virtual worry box for parents and children to fill in when you want to let staff know if something is making you sad, worried or angry.

If you are not feeling so good today, tell us how you are feeling so we can help you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7e05aAZSrn>



INFORMATION

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS

Coming up on Wednesday 25th October: the FOSJ bake sale! Save your pennies and pounds and come and buy some delicious home cooked brownies, cakes and cookies - yummy!

We held a meet and greet and our yearly AGM on Thursday 14th September. Many thanks to those who attended. During the meeting the following committee members were elected to serve this year.

Chair: Helen Costello

Vice Chairs: Emily Hatley and Sophie White

Junior Vice Chair: Emma Purvis

Secretary: Kelly Brown

Co-Secretary: Nick Brown



Many thanks to Chevin View Laundry who have kindly washed all the second hand school uniform that has been collected in the green bin so it is lovely and clean and ready to be used again.

CHEVIN VIEW LAUNDRY

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday 4th October at 6:30pm in the Horse and Farrier, everyone welcome! Come down and join in or just come and have a drink and a chat!

Check out the Events Calendar on Page 9 of the Newsletter!

Y7 SECONDARY ADMISSIONS

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2022, you should apply for a place as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is 31st October 2023.

If parents are applying to St Mary's Menston and feel that they should be in a specific category (ie Baptised Catholic,) then they are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form and provide the required evidence. Please click here for more information. Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to complete all forms and supply evidence – reminders will not be sent.



Please see our dedicated page on the school website for more information.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT PHGS FOR OLDER CHILDREN & ADULTS

<https://www.princehenrys.co.uk/page/?title=Community+Education+%2D+2021%2F2022&pid=110>

There are selection of hobbies and wellbeing activities for people to choose from. Most of the courses are accessible to adults and young people over the age of eleven (Year 7 and above) and they welcome an increasing number of family groups.

For more details of Prince Henry's Grammar School 2023 Community Education programme, please click on the link above.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the Son of peace to you.

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>

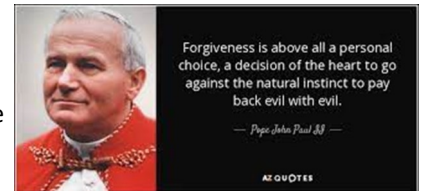


COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Monday morning, we gathered together as a school to present the School Councilors with their badges. This was part of an assembly about the British Value of Democracy. We discussed what democracy is and the children impressed us with their knowledge in a democracy quiz! This was followed by our Collective Worship where we prayed for leaders everywhere to make our world a safer, fairer and more peaceful place to live.

This week, our statement was: I can say how our feel. We talked about our Zones of Regulation, how we might be feeling and what we can do to help us feel better. We then read a story in the Bible of when Jesus felt sad because his friend, Lazarus, had died and we reflected on other stories when Jesus experienced other feelings.

This morning, we reflected on Sunday's Gospel reading which was about forgiveness and was brilliantly acted out by three Year 5 volunteers. We talked about what it means to forgive people and how it can be hard. We also looked at these quotes - see pictures.



HARVEST CELEBRATION

On Friday 6th October, we will be having our Harvest Celebration in school.

On this day, we are asking children to bring in non-perishable food items so that they can be donated to the Otley Food Bank.

We are always overwhelmed with your generosity.

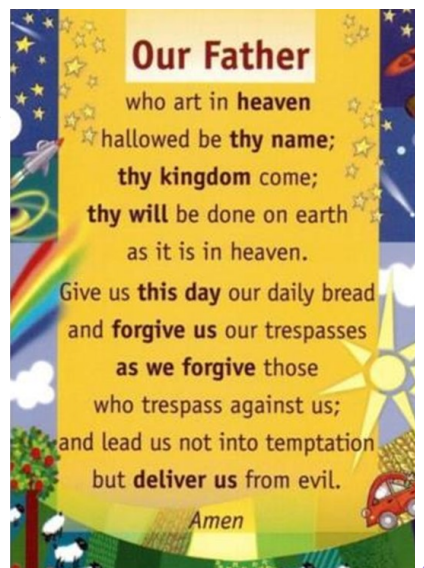
CONFIRMATION

A form has been emailed to all children in Year 6 about Confirmation. If you want your child to receive this Sacrament, then please make sure it is returned **THIS WEEK**.

There will be the Enrolment Mass on Saturday 30th September at 6:30pm in Church.

Children will be given their parts this week, when all the forms are returned.

Thank you.



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CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

Another fantastic week here in Reception. The children are all settling into school brilliantly. We have been very busy exploring all the different activities and games in our classroom and outside too.

We had our first PE lesson on Monday and we listened to the Funky Monkey song and thought about different ways we can move our bodies to the music.

On Wednesday, Mr Rickson came in to teach us music. He brought some instruments which we really enjoyed trying.

In class, we have focused on writing our names. Please support your child with this at home.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In English, we finished reading 'The Colour Monster' this week and had a go at writing our own sentence using the word "I" and a day of the week with capital letters.

In Maths, we have been busy matching words to ten with the numbers and continuing number sequences from different numbers less than ten. The children have also been looking at different 3D shapes.

On Tuesday afternoon, we went out for a walk in the field as part of our science work finding out about Autumn. We noticed that most of the leaves were still on the trees and a few were just starting to turn yellow and brown. The weather was grey and windy.

In RE, the children have listened to the Christian story of Creation and have thought of some questions about it. They have also discovered that the story is in the beginning of the Bible in the Book of Genesis.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been working very hard to understand that numbers can be partitioned in lots of different ways. For example, 52 can be partitioned as $50 + 2$ but also $40 + 12$, $30 + 22$, $20 + 32$ and $10 + 42$. We have used base ten to support us with this. It would be really helpful if we could practise this at home.

In English, following on from our work about nouns, we have been practising using adjectives to describe the nouns. We looked at the characters in 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and described what they looked like.

This week, we have also been focusing on developing our reading fluency comprehension skills. We enjoyed reading a short extract from 'The Green Monster' and then answers questions about it using our retrieval and inference skills.

In Science, we started to learn about the different kinds of habitats of animals, minibeasts and plants may be found in the UK. We sorted animal into four different habitats: pond, woodland, urban and coastal.

As part of our RE work about chosen people, we enjoyed learning about Abraham and how God asked him to move to a new land and God promised him that he would be the leader of this land and that he would have many descendants. We discussed how Abraham must have felt to leave his home to go to a new place but also how he must have felt to be chosen by God.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, the children planned and wrote their own diary entries in the character of a Stone Age child. They thought hard about how to structure their writing and worked on their editing and drafting skills ahead of publishing next week.

In Maths, we worked on representing and partitioning numbers to 1000. We had a special visit from Mr Gilhooly who remarked on the way children supported their partners and worked together so well.

In Science, we looked at how igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks are formed, and started to experiment on how to classify rocks.

In History, we looked at the scale of the Stone Age to Iron Age and found out that if every year were a millimetre long, we would have to walk to Otley Asda to get to the beginning of the Palaeolithic Age!

YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in English, we have been planning and writing a diary entry from the point of view of Iliona, the main character from our class text 'A Roman Diary', after she had attended a gladiator fight for the first time. We started by researching gladiators and what it would have been like to attend the Colosseum and used our findings to think about how our character would feel about what she had witnessed. We then put this into a plan before we started our write.

In Maths, we have continued to explore place value and used our knowledge to find 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more or less than a given number. We discussed when finding more or less than a given number that more than one place value column can change and examples of when this happens.

In Science, we investigated gases and the children conducted an experiment with fizzy drinks to prove their hypothesis as to whether gasses have mass or not. We started by weighing our fizzy drink and then tried to remove the carbon dioxide through stirring or shaking the liquid. The children then re-weighed the liquid to see if they had proved their hypothesis.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In RE, the children have been identifying and interpreting the different views of the Creation Story. We spent time comparing theological truths and scientific truths as to how the universe came to be and then began to discuss the beliefs behind Literal Creationism and Neo Creationism. We debated which stance they have with regards to the creation of the world, as well as offering up an explanation as to why they believe this.

In English, we are coming to the end of our instructions topic. At the beginning of the week, we evaluated a set of picture instructions on how to build a bridge out of lollipop sticks. We identified the equipment needed and what was happening in each step. We later used this evaluation to draw up a plan to help us with our big write.

In Maths, Year 5 have been working hard at comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000. They used place value charts in order to see the difference between the numbers, starting with the ten thousand column.



YEAR 6 NEWS

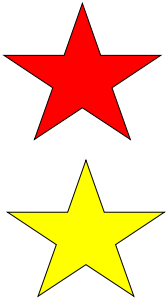
What a week! In English, we continued with our story of 'The Arrival' where we used our VIPER skills to summarise chapter two. We really thought about how we can include symbolism within our sentences.

In Maths, we used number lines to find the start and end point when rounding any integer. This shows clearly whether we would round the number up or down, depending where the number is closest to. We also spent time looking at negative numbers.

We have also had an amazing few days on our residential. We started by visiting The Royal Armouries museum in Leeds City Centre. We looked at an array of armour and arms and listened to different talks about the weapons and the day in the life of a WW1 soldier in the trenches. At one point, the actor really made us all jump!

Next, we travelled to Herd Farm where we took part in a variety of activities including: archery, bushcraft, orienteering, high ropes and crate stack. In the evenings, we went on a very dark night walk, completed a Miss Wilkinson quiz and played games in a dance party for Amelia's birthday! Everyone had a blast and we can't wait to tell you all about it! Pictures to follow!

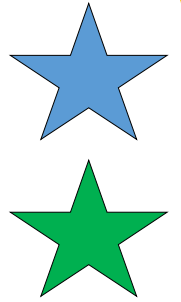
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

AVA (YR), CONNOR (Y1), OLIVE (Y2),
BRODIE (Y3), ERIC (Y4), SCARLETT (Y5)



ENGLISH AWARD

KATIE (YR), ELIZA (Y1), POPPY (Y2)
WILLIAM R (Y3), SOFIA (Y4), JACK (Y5)



HEADTEACHER AWARD

LUCAS (Y2)



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

OTLEY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

**JOIN US FOR FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL
SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

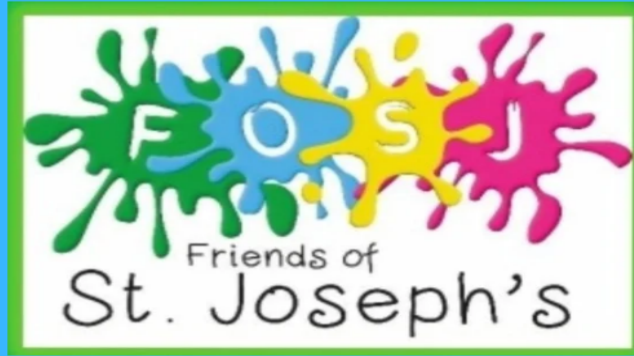
EVERY TUESDAY (TERM-TIME)

9.30-11.00 am

The Core, Orchard Street,
Otley, [LS21 3NX](https://www.princehenrys.co.uk)

Tea and coffee available
Parents and carers of school aged children very welcome

**For more information contact Lisa on:
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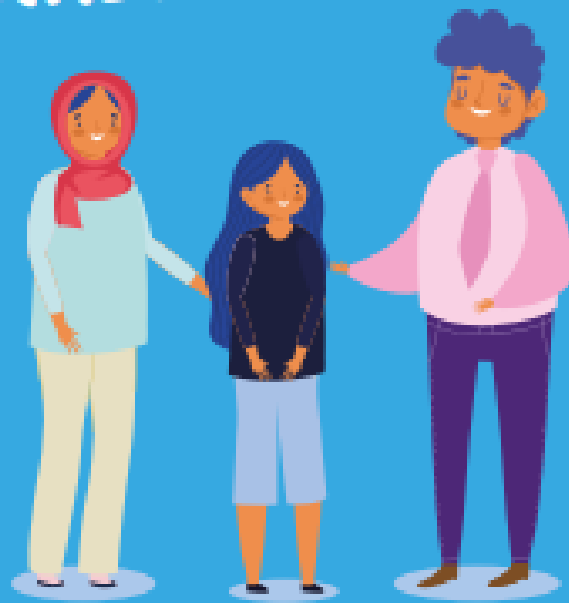


SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ★ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - PARENT MEET AND GREET & AGM
- ★ WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER - CAKE SALE
- ★ FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER- WREATH MAKING
- ★ DATE TO BE CONFIRMED - DISCO
- ★ SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
- ★ 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

Is your child starting Year 6?

It's time to
think about
secondary
school!



You can apply online until
31 October 2023 for a Year 7 place
in **September 2024**

Before you apply, find out more at
www.leeds.gov.uk/apply 

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- Research schools so you can list your 5 preferences
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admissions

