

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd February 2024

A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

We are at the end of our first week back after a half term holiday - we hope you had a fantastic break. It was so good to have the odd glimmer of sunshine - roll on Spring!

This week, the children have been thinking hard about their Lenten promises and thinking about ways which they can 'Give, Act and Pray'. As you will be aware, we have a very busy half term full of Lenten activities . We hope to support some of our charities throughout this special time.

A number of children went to the 'Young Voices' concert at the start of the week. It was a huge success and having spoken to the children, they absolutely loved it! Thank you to parents/guardians who supported the children through this event and a special thank you goes to the St. Jo's team who supported the children on what was a very long day - thank you to Mrs Georghiou, Mrs Harvey and Miss Wilkinson!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best regards and God bless,

Mr G

DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>DATES FOR THE 2024 DIARY</u>		<u>SPORTS - UPCOMING DATES</u>
27th Feb - Toast Tuesdays	2nd March - KS2 Cross Country	29th Feb - U11 Boys Football at Ireland Wood
	5th March - Toast Tuesdays	2nd March - Cross Country at Woodhouse Grove
	7th March - World Book Day	4th March - U11 Girls Football at SSPP
	8th March - FOSJ Mothers Day Stall	7th March - U10 Boys Football at Immaculate Heart of Mary
	8th March - Skipping Festival	11th March - Y2 Girls Football at SSPP
	8th March - Sing and Swing Event	12th March - Y6 Basketball at PHGS
	12th March - Toast Tuesday	14th March - U11 Football at St Joseph's Otley
	15th March - Sponsored Walk—PJ Day	
	19th March - Feast of St Joseph	

SPORT

Well done to the under 11 football team who played Weetwood in a league match. All the boys played really well and showed good teamwork. Unfortunately, we lost 5-2 but I found out afterwards that one of their players played for Leeds United academy so I think the boys can be extremely proud of their performance. The next league match is away at Ireland Wood on Thursday. Forms have been sent via text.

Well done to Alice who qualified for the West Yorkshire Games Cross Country event which took place on Thursday. Alice was representing Leeds against children from Kirklees, Calderdale, Bradford and Wakefield. She ran a very impressive 1.5km in under 7 minutes.

The next Cross Country race takes place on Saturday 2nd March. Forms have been sent via text.

The next U11 Girls Football event takes place on Monday 4th March. Forms have been sent via text.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

YOUNG VOICES

On Monday, our Young Voices choir joined over 1000 children in Sheffield Utilita Arena to sing a selection of songs. We were joined by professional artists including Mc Grammar, Natalie Williams and Nandi Bushell.

The children, staff and parents had an incredible time dancing and singing along to a live band with a very special conductor, David Lawrence.
We can't wait to take part in Young Voices 2025!



SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Thursday, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering: Using the internet to make change for the better and staying safe on the internet.

You can take part in a Safer Internet Quiz for 7-11 year olds - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/quiz-for-7-11-year-olds>

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with Mr Gilhooly, Miss Wilkinson, Miss Earley or Mrs Harvey.



MISS EARLEY'S LUNCHTIME CLUB

Every lunchtime, Miss Earley will be running a lunchtime club for KS2 pupils. Some children have already been invited to attend on a designated day every week and can choose a friend to come with them.

The club offers a flexible, enjoyable alternative to the playground (they also don't have to stay the whole time and can go back onto the playground) with a selection of activities to choose from such as colouring, drawing, Lego and games.

The aim is for children to have fun with the friend of their choosing, building social skills, as well as having a break from the playground if they need it. It also gives them chance to check in with Miss Earley if they would like to. The children who have attended so far have enjoyed it, especially being able to choose their friend and which activity to do.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Earley via the school office.

THINKING DAY—GIRLGUIDING

On Thursday, some of our girls took part in World Thinking Day, one of the highlights of the guiding calendar. This day was chosen because it's the joint birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the scout and guide movement, and his wife Olave, who served as World Chief Guide. It's a day when 10 million girls and young women in 152 countries celebrate and explore how we're all part of a bigger movement - our World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). This year, the theme is Our World, Our Thriving Future.

If your daughter is interested in joining a Girlguiding unit, we have units in Otley for all ages - Rainbows (4-7), Brownies (7-10), Guides (10-14) and Rangers (14-18). Please visit: [Girlguiding | The Leading UK Charity for Girls & Young Women | Girlguiding to register.](#)

All units would also welcome new adult volunteers to help provide more fun and exciting opportunities to the girls and young women in our units. Places for girls in our units can be limited due to low numbers of volunteers in this area. Please visit the website to register as an adult volunteer, or enquire about a trial visit.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord,
Please show me the way during Lent.
Remind me to pray to You.
To thank You.
To love You.
To hear from You
Each and every day in Lent.
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.

<http://www.olasotley.org/bulletin.html>



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Monday, the children noticed that the drapes had turned to purple as are now in the season of Lent. During this week, we have thought about what Lent is and what we can do during this season. Lent is a time that helps us to remember the many ways that Jesus came to help us and it also reminds us how much we are loved by God. During Lent, we can show our love for God and other people by: praying, fasting and giving to charities. Today, Key Stage Two made a great start to Lent by taking part in the Faith Lunch. They ate a simpler, smaller lunch so that the money saved can be donated to our Lent charities. Well done.

On Monday, we listened to a Gospel reading from Mark's Gospel which told us about Jesus spending 40 days in the desert which is why Lent is 40 days long. During his time in the desert, Jesus was tempted to make wrong choices, just like we are sometimes tempted. Sometimes it is hard to make the right choices but if we pray to God he will help us.

Our new virtue at the start of this half term is charity. Pope Francis says, "To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us." Over the next few weeks we will be thinking about the importance of:

- treating everyone as we would like to be treated;
- doing simple acts of kindness to show our love;
- showing our love for God by caring for others;
- giving our time to help others and sharing what we have with others.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.



CAFOD

Just one world

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

What an exciting week in Reception. On Monday, we came to school to find a nest had been left on the carpet. We tried to work out which animal it could have come from. We then found a letter that told us the nest had been left by dinosaur! We checked the CCTV to find that a T-Rex had been stomping around our classroom! We wrote some super messages to tell others all about it.

In Maths, we have learnt about the numbers 6,7 and 8. We looked at the composition of each number and different representations. We also learnt about one more than each number.

In RE, we learnt about the importance of kindness and how we need to say sorry if we hurt others. We made a kindness jar to keep on our prayer table. We also thought about times when we have showed kindness to family and friends.

On Thursday, we learnt about the importance of staying safe whilst on the internet. We also enjoyed a science afternoon where we worked with other children in our team houses and investigated jumping and running.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In RE, we have started our new topic which is called, "Following Jesus". This week, we talked about friendship and what makes a good friend. We then found out about Jesus' friends and thought about what qualities they would have. We watched a short video showing when Jesus became friends with Peter.

We have started reading our new book, "Little Red" in English. We made predictions about what it would be about and looked at pictures to describe what we could see.

In Maths, we have started looking at adding numbers within 20 using Numicon, counters and number bonds to help us.

The children enjoyed their first Science lesson about everyday materials on Tuesday afternoon. They had to put post it notes around the classroom labelling fabric, wood, plastic and metal. Unfortunately for Mr Gilhooly and Miss Earley, who came into the classroom during this activity and were soon covered in post-it notes with fabric written on!

In ICT, the children have been using Beebots over the past few weeks. This week, the children had to plan a route for the Beebot to follow and then enter the correct directions.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have been practising making and comparing amounts of money. We used coins and notes to make amounts in different ways. We found that we could make some amounts in lots of different ways! We compared amounts of money by finding totals.

In English, we started a new book - "The Tiger Who Came To Tea", by Judith Kerr. We all enjoyed discussing what it would be like to have a tiger round for tea. We thought about having a tea party of our own. We looked at an invitation before discussing the features and having a go at writing an invitation letter to Tiger.

In RE, we enjoyed finding out about the special book used in Sikhism. We found out that it is called the Guru Granth Sahib. It is covered when it is not in use and is treated like a human. The Guru Granth Sahib is kept on a raised platform and it contains hymns, prayers and poems. We compared this special book with the Christian special book; the Bible.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we made predictions about our new class novel 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. The children used excerpts from the text to create a character description for Lila before writing a letter as her running away to Mount Merapi.

In RE, we thought about the meaning of reconciliation, and why rules are important. We reflected on the Great Commandment and thought about why it is important to forgive, before writing our own prayers of forgiveness.

In Maths, we divided 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. We used concrete apparatus to support us in dividing by partitioning into tens and ones before partitioning numbers flexibly to divide them.

In Geography, we used latitude and longitude coordinates to locate different volcanoes around the world, and saw how many of these were located along the Ring of Fire.

On Thursday, we took part in a whole school science experiment! We mixed with different year groups in our house teams to carry out experiments to answer the questions "Do people with the longest legs jump the furthest?" and "Do people with the longest legs run the fastest?"

YEAR 4 NEWS

In Maths, we have started our new topic on length and perimeter. The children began by partitioning measurements into the number of kilometres and metres and making links with addition. We then looked at equivalent lengths using the fact that 1 km is equal to 1,000 m to derive related facts using numbers up to 10,000.

In English, we have enjoyed reading our new class text 'The Last Bear'. Using the front cover, the children made inferences and predictions about what the book might be about before being introduced to it. The children then began to write the first draft of a poem inspired by the book, highlighting the issue of plastic pollution and its impact on the Arctic regions.

We continued to develop our programming skills in computing. This week, the children worked with count-controlled loops in a range of contexts. First, they will think about a real-life example, then they will move on to using count-controlled loops in regular 2D shapes.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we finished reading 'Freedom Bird' and have begun looking at Harriet Tubman who was an infamous woman during the American Civil War and helped over a thousand enslaved individuals escape from their enslavers. We briefly spent time learning about the underground railroad and how this allowed people to escape and be free. We then read a biography on Harriet Tubman and annotated the key features of a biography. The children will use this to help them write their own biographies next week.

In Maths, we have come to the end of our Multiplication & Division B unit. The children have spent time this week, working out division calculations using the short division methods. We recapped our times table knowledge and basic division facts and applied this to the formal methods. The children were able to recognise how to divide a 4-digit number by a 1-digit number as well as dividing with remainders.

In RE, we ended our inspirational people topic by focusing on Ghandi and writing about how he was an inspirational man. The children identified key parts of his life which meant he would be an inspiration to others as well and describing how he was an inspiration to them. They made links between his way of living to that of the Beatitudes and explained how he lived by some of our Catholic ways of life.

YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have looked at recipes and used our ratio skills to alter them to make more or less. We did this by multiplying or dividing the amounts given. On Thursday, we started our algebra topic by looking at 1-step and 2-step function machines. We thought algebra would be really difficult but it's actually quite easy so far.

In English, we began writing our plans for our newspaper report about the Three Little Pigs boiling the Big Bad Wolf alive. We have planned each section ready to write next week.

In RE, we looked at the Communion and the Eucharist and the importance of the Consecration. We analysed a stain glass window which depicted the Eucharist and discussed what we could see, the importance of it for Christians and what we would change. After this, we thought about which Pope Francis quote linked best to the stain glass window.

In History, we looked at Britain's involvement in the slave trade. We found out that John Hawkins asked Elizabeth I to be involved in the slave trade to grow the wealth and power of the British Empire. Britain had a significant impact on the transatlantic slave trade because we transported over 3 million slaves from the 1500s to the 1800s.

WELLBEING AND SAFEGUARDING

WELLBEING / SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Contact Telephone Number for Parents - The school office will be open during normal school hours: 01943 463840.

If you are outside of school hours or it is a holiday and you have a concern you can ring the local authority social worker team directly.

- Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403 Further information can be found [here](#).
- Bradford Children's Social Work Services 01274 433999 further information from Bradford local authority can be found [here](#).

NSPCC Helpline

The Department for Education has commissioned the [NSPCC](#) to establish a dedicated independent helpline for people who have experienced sexual abuse in educational setting.

The Helpline went live on 1 April, and will provide both children and adults who have experienced sexual abuse in schools with support and advice, including onward action such as contacting the Police if they wish to. The Helpline will also provide support to parents and professionals. Anyone who gets in touch through this dedicated helpline will also be signposted to other relevant support services available, including Childline, which provides ongoing support and counselling to children and young people. The dedicated and confidential NSPCC helpline – Report Abuse in Education can be reached on 0800 136 663 or by email at help@nspcc.org.uk.

NHS ChatHealth (chathealth.nhs.uk)

[ChatHealth](#) enables young people to access support and advice regarding various emotional health and wellbeing concerns. To find out more information about ChatHealth and how to access the support please use the above link. ChatHealth also offer a Text Service 07520 619750 (8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday) 11-19 year olds. Mental Health/General Health enquiries.

MindMate: Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health.

Online (<https://www.mindmate.org.uk/>) and via telephone 0300 555 0324.

Safeguarding Resources/Information

The following resources, highlighted by the Leeds Safeguarding Team, are also available for parents:

[NSPCC Keeping Children Safe Online](#) provides a useful guide to social networks, apps and guide.

[National Online Safety](#) have produced a series of top tips guides to support remote learning for Parents, Children and Teachers

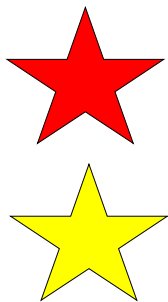
[Thinkuknow](#) is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline for different age groups and parents.

[Childnet](#) has produced a Parent and Carer Toolkit which is a collection of three resources designed to help you talk to your child about their online life, manage boundaries around family internet use and point you in the direction of where to get further help and support.

[Safer Leeds](#) - Domestic violence and abuse (leeds.gov.uk)



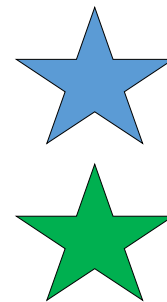
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



**NO AWARDS THIS WEEK DUE TO AFTERNOON
MUSIC ASSEMBLY**



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

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TUESDAY 2.15pm – 3.15pm

THURSDAY 6.15pm – 7.15pm

SATURDAY coming soon

We distribute fresh foods which are close to, or just beyond their 'Best Before' date - reducing waste and providing nutritious foods to Otley people on a 'pay as you feel' basis.

No appointment or referral needed.

Our food is available to all.



www.otley2030.com/larder



OTLEY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

EVERY TUESDAY (TERM-TIME)

9.30-11.00 am

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

Parents and carers of school aged children very welcome

For more information contact Lisa on:

07510079959/mnl@princehenrys.co.uk

Otliensians Girls Rugby

OTLEY ZEBRAS



GIRLS IN YEAR 5 & 6 COME AND GIVE RUGBY A TRY

Starting

WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY
& every Wednesday for 6 weeks

5.45pm - 6.45pm

Pool Road Pitches, Otley

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participate

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participate

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