

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd June 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

The weeks are flying by – only a few more weeks until the end of term and as always, they are very busy weeks. The children in Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 completed their end of year assessments – staff said they have worked very hard so well done everyone. As we know, Y2 and Y6 completed their SATs in May – who also worked very hard.

It has been another week of sporting events: Y6 played in a rugby tournament with schools across Leeds. They were amazing; great collaboration, mixed with skilful playing resulted in all their games being very close. The boys were a real credit to the school. Thank you to Mr Miles and Mr Beswick for providing transportation, and to Mr Beswick for some great coaching. Y6 spent a morning at crown green bowls. Mrs Dowd said they were brilliant and had a wonderful time. Well done to the Y6 cricketers who have qualified for the finals in July. Well done to Y5 and all the musicians for their lovely assembly this morning. I could hear Y5 rehearsing their hymn and they sounded wonderful. I thought it was the whole of KS2.

Have a lovely weekend; relax and enjoy.

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

OTLEY CARNIVAL

A huge well done to everyone who took part in Otley Carnival last weekend!

Everyone looked absolutely fabulous and we are proud to announce that we won the Mayor's Choice Award!
Thank you to all the parents for their incredibly hard work and the efforts of all the children and staff.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 26th June - Health and Wellbeing Week
- 26th June - Y5 PHGS Experience Day
- 28th June - Otley Cycle Race
- 29th June - St Peters and St Pauls Mass @ 10am
- 29th June - Sports Day @ 1.30pm
- 3rd July - KS2 Fun Run
- 4th July - Y6 PHGS Rounders Festival
- 5th July - Spelling Bee
- 5th July - Y3 Class Mass @ 10am
- 6th July - Y3/Y4 Cricket Match
- 7th July - Y5 Class Mass @ 10am
- 11th July - Y6 Production
- 14th July - Y4 Class Mass @ 10am
- 19th July - Scarborough Trip
- 21st July - End of Year Mass and Picnic

BRASS MUSICIANS

Well done to our Brass Musicians who performed an end-of-year song during Friday's morning assembly. We are so proud of the progress the children have made.

A big thank you to Mr Marchesi, and all the music teachers for their expertise and teaching throughout the year. It is not too late for children to sign up for lessons for next academic year.



LOST PROPERTY

We have a significant amount of lost property in school at the moment.

Please ask your children to look on the lunchtime trolleys over the next few weeks and remove any items that belong to your child.

Remember, please label all clothing as this prevents a build up of lost property.



SPORT

Y6 Rugby

On Tuesday, our Y6 rugby team took part in a rugby tournament against a number of other Leeds school. See Miss Choma's words of the week for more information. We are so proud of the boys - they are a very strong team!

Y6 Cricket Tournament

On Wednesday, our Y6 cricket team played some hard-fought games against representatives of the best schools' teams from around West Yorkshire. The children have made it through to the playoffs of the West Yorkshire County finals, made up of six of the most successful teams represented on the day. Well done!

Sports Day

This will take place on Thursday 29th June (weather dependent) at 1:30pm. Children should come to school in their PE Kit.



READING HELPERS - WE NEED YOU!



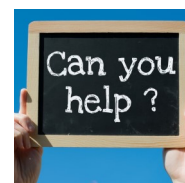
As we look towards the start of our next school year in September, we are looking for a group of volunteers to listen to children read on a 1:1 basis and in small groups.

Who can help?

Parents or relatives of pupils; including mums, dads and grandparents.

What do I do if I want to help in School?

Send an email to Miss Wilkinson in the first instance. Tell us what you can offer the school and the time you are willing to commit. If we can make use of your skills you will be invited to have an enhanced DBS check carried out if appropriate. Please note that these checks cost the school a considerable amount of money and so we must be sure that you will be able to commit time regularly.



St Joseph's Sports Day 2023!

Date: Thursday 29th June

Time: 1:30pm (gates will be closed at 1:45pm)

Location: School field – please enter and exit via the Westgate entrance near the pavilion

ALL WELCOME – BYOB (Bring Your Own Blankets!)

The theme of this year's Sports Day is The Women's World Cup. Children will be put into mixed year group teams to compete in a variety of activities.

Children should wear their summer PE kit and make sure that they have a hat, sun cream and water bottle.

To raise funds for Friends of St Joseph's, we will be selling cold drinks, crisps, sweets and ice lollies for you to enjoy as you watch the events.

There will be the annual 'toddlers', 'mums' and 'dads' races (please note: other family members may volunteer!)



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of all creation, we thank you for your gift of music.
We know that every good and perfect gift comes from you.

We thank you for the different instruments and songs.

Bless the musicians that bring joy into our lives
through music.

May music lift our hearts and souls .

May the gift of music create the atmosphere to spread your
love throughout the world.

May music transcend the barriers that divide people by race,
class, gender, faith or ethnicity.

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



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

On Wednesday, the Collective Worship was led by Ss Peter & Paul's School, who told us about Saint Aloysius Gonzaga. Aloysius was born in Italy in the 16th century and although he was from a wealthy family, he gave up his wealth to join the Jesuits. When the plague broke out in Rome, he quickly volunteered to look after the sick and dying. Sadly, he too then contracted the plague and died at the young age of 23. He became patron saint of the youth in 1729.

This week, was our final week of looking at the virtue of courage. Over the past few weeks, the children have heard different Bible readings of people who showed courage and have thought about how they can show courage in their lives. We have also looked at these statements:

- I ask for help.
- I make the right choices.
- I stand up for what is right.
- I can reflect on the choices I have made.
- I am not afraid to fail.

Year 5 Music Assembly

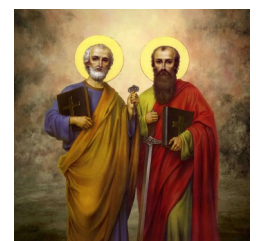
On Wednesday 21st June, it was World Music Day so this morning Year 5 taught us all about the history of World Music Day in assembly and showed their many musical talents. We had pianists, guitarists and flautists play for us as well as the brass players from Year 3, 5 and 6 - they all sounded fantastic. Year 5 also treated us to a joyful rendition of "Thank you for the Music" by Abba.



Ss Peter & Paul's Mass

Next Thursday, the 29th June, it is the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul's Mass. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, and we will be celebrating this by having a whole school Mass in Church at 10am.

This will be led by Year 2. Friends and family are very welcome to join us.



As a family, with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn.

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

We've had another great week in Reception.

In Literacy, we have been reading a non-fiction book called 'By the seashore'. We've been learning some facts about sea creatures. Jonny wrote a sentence that said, "Octopuses have 9 hearts and 3 brains!" Charlie wrote, "Crabs have blue blood."

In Maths, we have been learning about shape, patterns, movement and rotation. We've been making some shape patterns in our classroom using lolly pop sticks and 2d shapes. We have been making patterns and copying patterns. See if you can make repeating patterns at home with your toys or things around the house.

In RE, we've been learning about why Sunday is a special day for our church family. We know that Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday and we go to church to say prayers and sing hymns.

It's been another hot week - please remember sun hats. The children spend lots of time outside exploring all the fun activities in our outdoor area so hats are essential.

YEAR 1 NEWS

This week in RE, we have been learning about the miracle of Blind Bartimaeus. Jesus was leaving Jericho, followed by a large crowd, on his way to Jerusalem when he came across a blind beggar called Bartimaeus who called out, "Jesus, Son of David. Take pity on me!" We reflected on Bartimaeus' words which show his faith in Jesus. This miracle teaches us how to be saved.

In Maths, we have been learning about unitisation which helps children to understand that different coins have different values. We set up a shop in the classroom and took it in turns to buy things using the unitisation tokens, which are represented with dots as values

In Science, we have been learning about the diets of different animal groups. We have learnt that Carnivores like newts and cats eat meat. Herbivores such as horses and elephants eat a plant based diet. Omnivores eat both meat and plants-pigs, bears and most birds fall into this category.

In Art, we have been using lots of different media to make our own self-portraits. This week we have been using clay to make our own self-portraits and some of the Y4 children came in to teach and support in this lesson.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time. We started by recapping O'clock and half past, then quarter past and quarter to. We discussed the difference between the minute hand and the hour hand and why it is important to look at the position of each hand carefully. We then moved on to tell the time past the hour in 5 minute intervals.

In English, we have been learning about how to write a non-chronological report. We looked at an example of a report and found all of the different features such as: headings, sub-heading, captions and fact boxes. We then sorted some information about hedgehogs under different sub-headings. We thought about whether the information told us about where they live, what they look like, what they eat and interesting facts. Then using this information we started to write our own report.

As part of our Science work about 'Animals including Humans', we looked at what the word offspring meant. We then looked at different animals and discussed what the offspring of each animal was called such as horse and foal. We also learnt about how mammals give birth to babies, birds and reptiles lay eggs on land and amphibians and fish lay eggs in water.

In Geography, we started to learn about different cities around the world. We used maps to find different countries and learnt the name of each capital city. We also discovered some of the landmarks in the capital cities we were studying.

This week we learnt about the story of Peter and John healing the lame man. We were able to think of questions we could ask the lame man which helped us retell the story. The story taught us that nothing is impossible with God's help.

YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, the children have started to write their adventure narratives having completed all of their planning. We have written some brilliant openings where we wrote some very vivid setting descriptions, detailed the thoughts and actions of our main character, and our character's purpose.

In French, we learnt the words for different animals. We then listened to 'The Carnival of Animals' by the conductor Saint Saëns and the children called out the name of the animal they thought each piece of music was attributed to.

In DT, the children have started their designs for their illuminated signs. They discussed the materials they could use and how they would illuminate the letters on their signs. Following this, they then created their labelled designs, using their design criteria to guide this.

In Science, year 3 explored the effect of friction on a moving object. The children were given a hypothesis for which they had to design their own experiment to investigate whether they could prove or disprove it. They thought carefully about making sure they were carrying out a fair test and about what their results showed.

YEAR 4 NEWS

Well done to all the children this week for completing their Maths and English assessments with determination and perseverance. Last week, the children also completed their statutory multiplication assessment.

In English this week, the children have continued to read Christophe's Story and have written their character description for Christophe trying to think of different ways of starting and joining their sentences.

In RE, the children looked at different pieces of artwork that depicted the story of Pentecost and thought about the colours and symbols that were used as well as thinking about the disciples' emotions.

To link in with our work previous work on the Mayans, in DT, the children have been making replica Mayan Temples from card using different methods of sticking it altogether.

On Friday afternoon, the children enjoyed their class reward of getting to teach children in Reception and Year 1 some of their netball, football and art skills.

YEAR 5 NEWS

Well done to all the children for working incredibly hard during our assessment week. We are very proud of their achievements.

In Maths, we have looked at using specific methods for adding and subtracting decimals that have a different number of decimal places whilst ensuring that each digit was in the correct place value column. We thought about currency to help understand this concept. Finally, we looked at decimal sequences which were very interesting.

In History, we built on prior knowledge from last week's learning, on events that occurred during the end of the 4th century and began learning about how the Roman Empire failed and ended. The children were able to explain how Emperor Honorius failed at protecting Britannia and ultimately allowed it to be pillaged and taken over by the Scots, Picts, and Germania.

In PE, the children have been playing tennis. They have concentrated on different racket techniques including forehand swing. They realised that two hands gave them more strength and speed for longer passes.

YEAR 6 NEWS

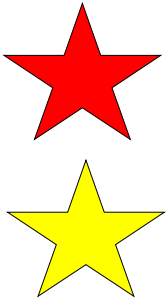
In Maths, we've continued to consolidate our Maths knowledge in our next topic called the 'Bakery'. In this topic, we have looked at different measures in a recipe and how to increase the ingredients to make more cupcakes.

In Computing, we used Tinkercad to create a desk tidy. We had to use specific measurements and hollow out 3D shapes to hold pencils, crayons and rulers.

On Thursday morning, we were invited to spend the morning with people who play at Otley Bowls. We really enjoyed spending time with the volunteers learning the sport and being super competitive.

On Friday, we started thinking about our transition to high school. We completed transition booklets and thought about the things we are excited about. We are mostly looking forward to making new friends and trying new subjects.

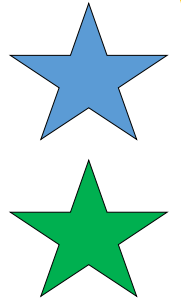
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

JACK (YR), HEIDI (Y1), JOSHUA (Y2), HARRY (Y3),
AMELIE (Y4), BELLA AND ARCHIE (Y5), AMELIA (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

ELIZA (YR), AMELIA (Y1), RONNIE (Y2)
JOSEPH C (Y3), CLOVIS (Y4), HARRY (Y5), VERONIKA (Y6)



VIRTUE AWARD

BELLA (YR), WALTER (Y1), WILLIAM H (Y2)
BENTLEY (Y3), RUBY (Y4), NOAH (Y5), ARRON (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



Otley Cycling Family Fun Day

Garnetts Field LS21 1AS

Police bike marking

between

10.30am and 12pm



10am -3pm



Sunday 25Th June 2023



Children aged 3-12 can improve their skills on our specially designed grass circuit.

Climbing Tower run by Herd Farm Activity Centre.

Adults can try out E bikes & E-cargo bikes, including child carrier on a flat field.

New: selection of adapted trikes to try out.

Activity tent 'Festival Sticker Art' for all ages.

Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream Van

Feel free to bring a packed lunch, plenty of space for a picnic!

Toilets and handwashing facilities on site.

Free Entry!

Helmets are Compulsory.