

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th March 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It has been a very, very busy week! I am sure you are all aware that the interviews for the new headteacher took place on Monday. The process was very stringent and the prospective headteacher had to carry out lots of tough tasks - one being a meeting with the School Council! I am pleased to announce that the new headteacher for September is Mr Gilhooly who is currently deputy headteacher at St Stephen's in Skipton. Mr Gilhooly works for the BWCAT, so he already has lots of knowledge about certain policies and procedures. I know he will work hard for school. He is really excited. He will be coming to visit next term to meet the staff and children. We will have handover meetings to make sure everything goes smoothly. I wish Mr Gilhooly all the best in his new role. He is a very lucky headteacher – he will have wonderful children, staff and parents/carers – grandparents and all family members!



I have read some wonderful writing this week – Y2 wrote their own adventure story based around a pebble – some pebbles talked, shone, made people become superheroes, and even turned the person who found it into a pebble! Anna and Halle (YR) wrote their own book based on The Duck and the Truck. Y1 wrote a diary extract about Matilda who went on adventure – she found gems, dinosaurs and caught an infection! Well done to the children who went to the Poetry Slam. Their behaviour and engagement was excellent. They wrote some great poems. The range and quality of writing this week has been fabulous - lots of great work other subjects too.

Reminders:

Parent/Carer consultations next week – if you have not made an appointment yet, contact the office as the online portal has now closed.

Have a lovely weekend; enjoy the light nights (more time to play out or walk your dog) and enjoy the time you spend together.

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

EASTER EGG RAFFLE - FRIDAY 31ST MARCH



On Friday 31st March, we will be holding our annual Easter Egg raffle.

We would like children to bring in up to £2 (£1 per raffle ticket) and also, a small Easter Egg so that we can ensure every child in school is a winner!



We will also have a range of different sized eggs as our **GRAND PRIZES!** We are looking for our staff and local businesses and/or families to donate these eggs so please spread the word and help this fantastic cause!

Eggs can be dropped off at the School Office from Monday 27th March.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- w/c 27th March - Holy Week Assemblies
- 27th and 29th March - Parents Evening
- 30th March - Y3/Y4 Rugby Festival
- 31st March - Whole School Mass
- 31st March - Easter Egg Raffle

NEWS

PARENTPAY

As we approach the end of term, we would appreciate you looking into these arrears and making payment or calling into the Office to discuss with Miss Wilkinson.



ParentPay

Please ensure outstanding monies are paid before 17th April 2022.

UNIFORM



Please ensure that ALL uniform is labelled as otherwise it is very hard to ensure that clothes are returned to the rightful owners. We do not have a central lost property. Please check your child's cloakroom for missing items.

SPORT

Good luck to all the children taking part in the Cross Country on Saturday 25th March at Woodhouse Grove. I (Mrs Harvey) shall meet you there at 1:15pm with races starting at 1:30pm.



POETRY SLAM

A huge well done to the children that went to the poetry slam event at Prince Henry's earlier on this week. They were given the opportunity, to listen to and work with a poetry author and have a go at writing their own poem. They focused on the use of similes and metaphors and had the chance to perform their poem at the end of the session. The children did an amazing job and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done! You can read the poems at the end of the newsletter!



FOSJ FREE SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM!

Ahead of the summer term, FOSJ will be organising Free School Uniform stalls next week on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st at 3:15pm both days. Weather permitting this will take place on the bottom playground. We have a great selection of summer uniform for boys and girls of all ages including PE kits.

FOSJ would like to thank you all for your donations into the green wheelie bin over the last 6 months. The uniform has been organised and Scott at Chevin View Laundrettes has very kindly offered to wash and dry all the uniform free of charge ready for the stalls next week. A huge thank you to him.

If you have any spare summer uniform that you would like to donate, please can you pop this in the green wheelie bin or the school office **BY TUESDAY 28th.**

All uniform will be **CLEAN and FREE** and there will be a restriction of six items per family on Thursday, but no restrictions on whatever is left on Friday. Any donations to FOSJ would be welcomed but not essential.

A similar initiative will be run in July and October for winter uniform so please keep donating into the wheelie bin when you can!



EASTER MENU

On Thursday 30th March, we will be having a special menu to celebrate Easter.

If your child(ren) are normally on packed lunches and would like a school dinner on this day (priced £2.45) then please let the school office know as soon as possible.



SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA



Please ensure that your child is symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school as this greatly reduces the risk of spreading infection. We continue to encourage children to wash their hands frequently especially before eating.

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office in the morning to report the absence. If your child is absent for more than one day, the office need to be contacted on every day that your child is off school.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

St. Joseph,
Watch over me and care for me
just as you cared for the child Jesus;
and by your help, may I come to know your Son,
and so grow in strength and wisdom
and the favour of God.
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

On Monday, we gathered as a school to celebrate our Feast Day of Saint Joseph which was on Sunday 19th March.

In our Collective Worship, we thought about our school mission statement: As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn. We thought about the times when we show the different parts of this statement and why they are important.

We also thought about Saint Joseph and why he is a good role model for us. Afterwards, the children all enjoyed eating an ice treat.

RECONCILIATION

On Thursday, we welcomed Father Lawrie, Father Tom and Father Paul into school so that the children could receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The priests were very impressed by the children's manner whilst they were waiting and after they had received the Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The children in Year 3 have now completed their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you to all the parents for your support helping the children with their workbooks, reflections and prayers at home.

We are now looking forward to celebrating this Sacrament next **Thursday 30th March at 10.45 am in Church** when we will receive God's forgiveness and unconditional love. All are welcome to support their child (if available).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Polite reminder: Enrolment forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible please. Preparation classes are due to start after Easter on Wednesdays. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK ASSEMBLIES

Starting on Monday, we shall be celebrating our Holy Week assemblies at 9:00am next week.

On Friday, Year 6 will lead us in our end of term Mass which will be at 10am in Church. Parents are invited to attend the assemblies and Mass.

KEY STAGE ONE	Palm Sunday assembly on Monday at 9:00am
YEAR THREE	Washing of the Feet assembly on Tuesday at 9:00am
YEAR FOUR	Last Supper assembly on Wednesday at 9:00am
YEAR FIVE	Agony in the Garden on Thursday at 9:00am
YEAR SIX	Whole school Mass on Friday in church at 10am



CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

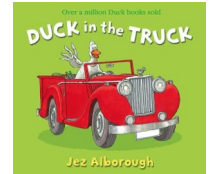
We have been enjoying the warmer weather this week and have been loving playing outside in our mud kitchen and with the water tray.

In Maths, we have been looking at 3D shapes. We did a 3D shape hunt around the classroom and found lots of spheres, cubes and cuboids. Have a look what 3D shapes you can find at home. We've also looked at repeating patterns. We made movement patterns with our bodies e.g. clap, clap, stamp and looked at repeating patterns we could see.

In Literacy, we have read the book 'Duck in the Truck'. We retold the story using stick puppets and wrote some fantastic sentences too.

In RE, we learnt about Good Friday. We know that Good Friday is a sad and happy day and that Jesus died for our sins. We decorated a cross and thought about Jesus' sacrifice.

We have been developing our gross motor skills outside by pushing and pulling heavy tyres to give us an idea of what it would be like to help push the truck stuck in the muck.



YEAR 1 NEWS

On Monday, we celebrated the feast of St Joseph (March 19th). We reflected on his role of being Jesus' foster father and how much he loved and cared for his family. We wrote about these special qualities and made beautiful lily cards.

In Maths, we have been learning about doubles and this week we have been using our understanding of doubling to learn how to add near doubles.

In English, we have been thinking about the features of a diary- writing in first person, chronological order and writing using the simple past tense. We wrote our own diary entries about an exciting adventure that we went in with Matilda and Stanley from our class book, Emily Brown and the Elephant Emergency.

Our Art lesson this week, was inspired by the work of Wassily Kandinsky the Russian painter and art theorist. Kandinsky is generally credited as one of the pioneers of abstraction in Western art and we enjoyed looking at some of his work. His painting known as Colour Study Squares and Circles was our inspiration for our own concentric circle art.



In RE, we have been reflecting on the Easter story and what happened to Jesus on Good Friday. We thought about how the sadness of Good Friday is followed by joy on Easter Sunday when Jesus was resurrected. We also thought about (and enjoyed eating) one of the symbols of Good Friday- Hot Cross Buns which are symbolic of this significant day in the Christian faith when Jesus was crucified.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have been planning and writing our own adventure stories. Everybody was given a pebble to hold and to imagine that it has magical powers. We had to decide what would happen when our characters picked up the pebble. We had lots of wonderful ideas which included people turning into animals or being transported to a different country. Everybody worked very hard and Mrs Holmes and Mrs Walsh are feeling extremely proud!

In Maths, we have been investigating using metre rulers. We measured lots of objects around the classroom to see if they are longer or shorter than a metre. We also looked at comparing and ordering measurements, making sure that we looked at whether they were in metres or centimetres.

We all had a fabulous time at our Handball Festival even getting caught in the rain! We played lots of fun activities and lots of games. Mrs Holmes and Mrs Choma were both delighted with the children's behaviour and attitude at the festival. Well done Year 2!

In RE, the children enjoyed learning about St Joseph. They learnt about his life and that he must have been a very special man to be chosen by God to be the father of Jesus. We did lots of research and recorded lots of facts. We even found time to make St Joseph's Day cards too!



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week, the children gave a concert to the children in KS1 to show off all they have learnt in their ukulele lessons. They not only played a fantastic selection of songs, but also accompanied these with some amazing singing and percussion! It was great to see how confidently all of the children performed, and all of the KS1 children enjoying the music they were playing.

In Maths, the children have made a super start with their fraction work. They have developed their understanding of the denominators of unit fractions and used this to help them compare and order them.

In English, we have started planning our adverts for fairy-tale footwear. The children worked really hard to include ambitious vocabulary and plenty of persuasive language and features to help sell their products to their audience.

In RE, we have continued to explore the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Following a visit from a Catechist from our Church, we discussed how different Christian denominations celebrate reconciliation. We found out that one Church writes their sins on a piece of a paper and burns them (please do not try this at home!).



YEAR 4 NEWS

This week in Maths, we have finished our work on fractions by looking at equivalent fractions as well as adding and taking away fractions. We have used Cuisenaire rods to help us do this.

In English, we have finished reading *The Rain Player* which the children have enjoyed although they have all decided that they would like to go on a school trip to Central America to see a cenote! The children have written descriptions of a quetzal and its environment and today they wrote about the end of the book in their own words.

Our DT topic this half term is food and this week the children were learning about the importance of vegetables in a balanced diet and had fun writing their own menu for a day which had to include at least 5 different types of vegetable.



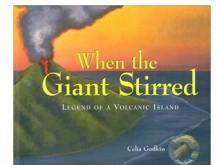
REMINDER - YEAR 4 WILL BE GOING SWIMMING ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY NEXT WEEK.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In English this week, the children have been writing their own setting descriptions based off of the book 'When the Giant Stirred'. The children paid close attention to including key language features to add description such as expanded noun phrases with prepositional phrases and relative clauses. The children have done a super job, well done!

In Science, the children have had a great time investigating whether different materials can dissolve or not. We spent time defining what is meant by soluble and insoluble and categorising different materials in to each category. Before the children tested which materials were soluble, they made predictions based off of what they thought would happen and recorder their results on a table. The children were surprised with their findings.

This week in RE, as part of our multi-faith topic of Hinduism, the children have been looking at the Hindu caste system and reincarnation. They were able to identify which order different jobs and life-styles would have been placed within the caste system as well as the duties each caste member would have. Following on from this, we looked at why Hindu's believe in reincarnation and why its so important to live a life with 'good' karma.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been working on finding the volume of 3D shapes and finding the area of a triangle. We have continued to develop our arithmetic.

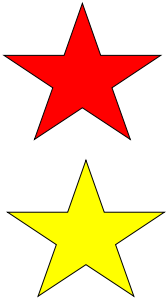
In English, we began reading, analysing and answering reading comprehension questions about a discussion text. Next week, we will be taking part in a debate about the deforestation and the use of palm oil plantations.

During our science lessons, we created PowerPoints about adaptation of animals and plants. We labelled them and wrote a description about how they had adapted to their environment.

In Music, we have worked on our percussion and rhythm skills on djembe drums linked to African songs. We are going to perform it next week.



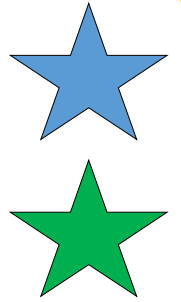
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

EDITH (YR), EVIE (Y1), JACK G (Y2)
ZACHARY (Y3), IAN (Y4), ISAAC (Y5), GEORGE (Y6)



ENGLISH AWARD

WILLIAM R (YR), FRED (Y1), OLIVER (Y2)
ALBERT (Y3), JAKY (Y4), EMME (Y5), EVA (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

Y3 Poem

Mini - Break

Bulging like an enormous hippo, we pack a bag full of clothes.

We need to remember our tickets and passport.

Oh no, is our passport in date?

Hidden in our pockets, like Inspector Gadget, we bring toys, books and devices.

We mustn't forget our swimming costumes!

All that yummy food, can you imagine slurping lemon sherbet slushy, mmmh.

Bouncing and rumbling along the bumpy runway.

Up, up and away, we're now going on holiday 😎

Y4 Poem

The Skipping Festival

We rode a coach for our school trip.

They welcomed all the teams who came to skip.

As we flicked our ropes as fast as rockets,
the excitement grew like a magic beanstalk.

While we did *Pretzel*, *Speed Bounce*, *Cross Over*, *Side Swing*,
the room was filled with sounds like frisbees flying through the air.

As we were waiting for the results, we closed our eyes,

then they called us out to collect first prize 🏆

Y5 Poem

Bubbles was a cheeky sheep.
He ate a wizard's TV remote.
It was as crunchy as rock candy.
It created magic in his tummy.

It spread to his nose,

Then his ears,

Then his legs,

Then his tail,

And finally, his eyes.

He controlled a chair to bite Fluffpuff's bum,

Like a crocodile with its prey.

He controlled a chocolate cake for Fluffpuff to sit on,

Like a squishy, brown cushion.

He controlled a tank to shoot chocolate trifle at Fluffpuff,

Like a canon at Waterloo. **BANG!**

He controlled toy tarantulas to seem alive.

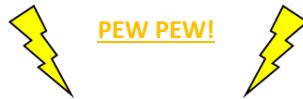
The children were wailing sirens.

He controlled a sheepdog to chase away Fluffpuff (He failed).

In case you didn't guess by now, Fluffpuff was his enemy.

Fluffpuff had a giant robot, as tall as a football stadium,

With lasers in its eyes (Perfect for roasting cheese puffs).



But Bubbles had plan.

Bubbles froze the robot like an ice sculpture.

He sent him back in time, with his magical eyes.

The robot whizzed back to the Ancient Egyptians

And Fluffpuff was spun into the future, like he was on a roundabout that didn't end.

That was the final battle.

But 100 Years later..... (To be continued)

Y6 Poem

The Favourite Child

Siblings walking to your room

Trying to scare you

Like a ghost coming to haunt you

“Play with me, play with me”

Like a telephone that is never answered

Always wanting to do what you do

Like a string wrapped around your little finger

“I want that, I want that!”

Like a dog snatching their new toy

They get away with murder

Like a serial killer

Always eating the last biscuit in the tin

Although they make me clench my fists

My life would be an empty glass without them



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