

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th May 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

A slightly less active week this week but a very busy week of staff training as well as some lovely activities/events and Masses attended by or led by the children. A group of children in Y6 who are working on their Faith in Action Award attended the cathedral to present the monies (£800) raised for the Good Shepherd during Lent to Bishop Marcus and the director of Catholic Care. The Good Shepherd fund helps to support the community projects run by Catholic Care, so all donations are invaluable. KS1 Mass was beautifully led by Reception. We were very proud of their confident reading and how well they carried out their responsibilities. A big well done! A group of boys from Y5 and Y6 took part in Leeds Catholic Schools Catenian Cup – the boys were winners of their group and received a trophy in recognition – well done. Mrs Harvey was very confident you would be winners. It was lovely to finish the week with the children dressing in Pentecostal colours. They looked lovely and certainly brightened up the school.

Attendance

On a more serious note, there is a significant number of families taking holidays in term time. **Children should be in school during term time.** Holidays taken in term time, unless exceptional circumstances, will not be authorised and should be avoided.

Hope you had a lovely break; the sun is shining so enjoy your friend and family time.

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

SPORT

Catenian Cup

The boys played really well as a team, fending off some tough opponents in the 1st round with some outstanding goal keeping and some incredible movement up front. They had three 0/0 draws and a loss of 3/1 in the morning session, this despite much of the action being in the opposing team's half, and a number of attempts at goal in a bid to make the difference.

The afternoon was a different matter, and fired up the play offs against a different set of teams lead to a 0/0 and 1/1 draw, and two 1/0 wins, successfully leading to them bringing home some well-deserved silverware and the team being the winners of League C.



ST JOSEPH'S OTLEY VACANCY - CLEANER FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023

The Governors are looking for an enthusiastic and friendly Cleaner to join our Catholic primary school at **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Otley**. The post holder will carry out duties such as cleaning designated areas within the school premises to ensure that they are kept in a clean and hygienic standard. Protective personal equipment is provided.

- **Monday to Friday, 14.5 hours per week, all year round (flexible core hours during the school holidays)**
- **Salary NJC Grade A1, Scale Point 2, £20,441 per annum**
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Visit www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/vacancies for more information and application forms

Closing Date: Friday 16 June 2023 at noon
Interviews: Wednesday 21 June 2023

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 5th June - KS2 Girls Cricket Session
- 6th June - KS2 Netball Match at SSPP
- 7th June - KS2 Netball Match at Mount St Marys
- 8th June - Corpus Christi
- 8th June - Y1 Football Coaching Session
- 9th June - Y1 Football Match at SSPP
- 12th June - Y5/Y6 Mixed Cricket Tournament
- 15th June - Y6 Vision, Height and Weight
- 15th June - Y5/Y6 Cricket Match
- 15th June - Y4 PE Transition Day at SMM
- 16th June - Father's Day Stall
- 17th June - Otley Carnival
- 20th June - Y6 Rugby Tournament
- 29th June - Sports Day
- 3rd July - KS2 Fun Run
- 6th July - Y3/Y4 Cricket Match

ANIMAL CLUB

Last term saw the introduction of a new after school club - Animal Club! The first sessions have been focused on working towards the PDSA PetWise Award.

This is a programme run by the PDSA aimed at primary-aged children to teach them all about pets and their care, including the 5 Welfare Needs and the work of the PDSA.

The children have really enjoyed the various games and tasks, including taking a 'pet' home for the weekend! We have completed the Bronze level, and plan to complete the Silver and Gold levels this term to earn our certificate and badges.



Thank you to our resident animal specialist Mrs Boothman for her enthusiasm and expertise.

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2023

We still have places in Reception for September 2023, so please share this with friends and family as we would love for more children to join the St Joseph's family.

Please note - we are an inclusive school and welcome all applications.



Please signpost people to our school website to get a feel for the school life and ethos.

Currently: We also have limited spaces in YR, Y1 and Y4.

Thank you!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

On Thursday morning, the Year 6 Faith in Action children went to St Anne's Cathedral to celebrate all the fundraising efforts of the schools in the diocese for the Good Shepherd Appeal in Lent.

At the start of the service, there was a procession of all the school banners and then during the service each school was invited to speak to the Bishop to tell him what fundraising events they had held for the Good Shepherd. They were then presented with a certificate and a heart.

Well done and thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts in Lent.



A HUGE THANK YOU FROM MISS WILKINSON

Thank you for your support

I just wanted to say thank you to all the children, parents and staff for your amazing support over the past few months following the loss of my mum.

Thank you for the wonderful cards, flowers and kind words and donations to the hospice.

I appreciate you all more than you will ever know!



DATE FOR DIARY— FATHERS DAY STALL

FOSJ will be holding a Father's Day Stall on Friday 16th June.

Children will be able to buy gifts for £1 per item and they will be able to buy more than one gift (max 2). Please could any donations be taken to the office. Many thanks for all your continued support.

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Take time to celebrate your talents; they are gifts of God.
Take time to have fun; it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope, you are a child of God.

Take time to rest so that you have the energy to carry out God's work.

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>

PENTECOST MASS

This morning, the school gathered for a whole school Collective Worship to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost which will be celebrated in Church this weekend. Everyone looked very colourful in their yellow, orange and red clothes. As part of the Collective Worship, the children took items from a bag which they then had to work out how they linked to the story of Pentecost, the items were:

- A shark - the disciples were scared before the Holy Spirit came and some people are scared of sharks
- A bottle of water - the disciples were sad that Jesus had left them
- A fan - to represent the wind that came when the Holy Spirit entered the room
- A candle - to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit
- A German dictionary - to show that after receiving the Holy Spirit the disciples could speak and understand different languages
- Miss Choma's 5kg weight - the disciples felt strong after receiving the Holy Spirit.

At the end of our worship, the children were encouraged to ask the Holy Spirit for help whenever they felt sad, scared or unsure about things.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION

A huge thank you from Mrs Russell and Rita to everyone who was involved in the celebrations of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion over the last two weekends. The children were amazing. We are all very proud.

Thank you to Paul for playing the organ, to Brian and Ciara for altar serving, Miss Earley for writing the certificates, to Mrs Armitage's mum for the fruit platters, to Mrs Pooley for baking and to Margaret, Mr Voller and Mrs Harvey for all their help in the kitchen. Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to Father Lawrie for his unending help and support. Phew! A great team effort.



Rita and I hope you are all able to participate regularly in Mass and receive the Eucharist. The flowers, we were presented with, were beautiful. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE WEEK



Prayer to the Holy Spirit
(By St. Augustine)
Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Well done to Isaac B in Year 2 who wrote this poem about the Holy Spirit:

Holy Spirit

A flame for each apostle.

Joy, Love, Peace.

Sent by Jesus.

Holy Spirit.

The apostle could speak different languages.

Determined, Enthusiastic, Powerful.

The Holy Spirit is powerful.

Holy Spirit.



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CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

We have had a very holy week in Reception. On Wednesday, we lead our first KS1 mass in church. We all read our lines carefully and sang our hymns beautifully. On Thursday, we enjoyed learning about Pentecost and loved coming to school in our red, orange and yellow clothes. We learnt that the Holy Spirit gave the disciples a special gift to speak in different languages; we learnt how to say hello in lots of different languages.

In Literacy, we have been learning about the tiny seed and writing about its journey through the seasons.

In Maths, we've been looking at odd and even numbers. We know that even numbers can be shared equally and odd numbers cannot. Please continue to work on this at home.

We also said 'Goodbye' to our chicks who have gone back to the farm and released our butterflies in to the wild.

Over the half term, please ensure you are reading with your children at home and talking about what you have read. Use the books on Oxford Owl to support this.

YEAR 1 NEWS

On Monday, we enjoyed an amazing walk around Otley in the glorious sunshine to look at the physical and human features of the landscape. We know that features such as The Chevin, the River Wharfe, and the ponds at Gallows Hill are all physical features. Whereas the bridge, the statue and Otley Market Square are all human features. We also looked at different houses and got the opportunity to see the variety of the housing that we live in Y1.

This week in Maths, we have been learning how to tell the time when it is o'clock and half-past the hour. On the clock we know that the big hand (minute hand) is pointing to 12 and the smaller hand (hour hand) is pointing to the hour and that the opposite applies for half-past. The minute hand has travelled to the 6 and the hour hand is now halfway between.

In Science, we have been learning about the life cycle of living things. This week we learnt about what happens to a chicken egg once it is laid. And to butterfly eggs after they become larvae. Our own chrysalises have hatched now and on Monday we released our monarch butterflies; we had four in total.

In RE this week, we have continued to learn about the events in Eastertide and have been thinking about Pentecost which is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter. It is an important event in the liturgical calendar as it is the birthday of the Christian church. We reflected on the events that happened as the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' followers, arriving like a strong wind and looking like tongues of fire.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, Year 2 have worked extremely hard to create a descriptive piece of writing. We described the camera that was washed up on the shore in our book 'Flotsam'. We then thought carefully about describing the wonderful photographs the camera had taken. Mrs Holmes is proud of the hard work we are putting into our writing.

In Maths this week, we have been developing and practising ordering fractions. We discussed how we can look at the numerator to help us put them in the correct order if the denominator is the same.

As part of our Science work about plants, we looked at the changes to our seeds we planted in different conditions. We found out that the seed that had light, water, soil and the correct temperature grew the healthiest plant. The seed with no soil did not grow at all and the seed which was kept in a dark place grew towards a crack of light. This plant looked yellow and unhealthy.

YEAR 3 NEWS

In History, the children finished the topic on ancient Egypt by looking at the factors that led to the end of the civilisation. We discussed the invasion by Alexander the Great and also Egypt's last Pharaoh, Cleopatra VII.

In Computing, the children continued to learn about the concept of sequencing in programming. Using Scratch, they created their own programs, featuring movement sequences. They also learnt how event blocks can be used to start a project in a number of different ways.

In Art, Year 3 continued to create their pieces inspired by Seurat. They then evaluated the different techniques they could use to create different effects within their paintings.

In French, the children played a game of 'Jaques a dit' (Simon says) to help them revise terms for modes of transport. It was great to hear their fantastic pronunciation and see their confidence grow in speaking the language.

YEAR 4 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have finished looking at money. The children have been practising their estimating, calculating and problem solving skills so hopefully over half term they'll be able to put these skills into practise by working out how much everything costs and how much change they'll need!

Our focus in English this week has been persuasive writing. The children have identified the features of persuasive writing and then have used these to plan a letter to a logging company trying to persuade them to stop chopping down the rainforests. This will link to our new Geography topic after half term about the rainforests.

In RE, the children have thought about Peter's character and have looked at the symbolism used in a piece of modern art called "Peter's denial" by Frank Wesley.

On Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed making their Mayan temples.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Science, Year 5 were investigating air-resistance as part of our Forces topic. We looked at the different ways air resistance can be useful, such as using a parachute, and when it is not useful, such as motor sports where they need fast, streamline cars. The children later carried out an experiment where they had two pieces of paper, one was scrunched up and the other was flat. They had to drop them both from the same height and see which one fell the fastest. They recognised that the flat piece of paper fell slower than the scrunched-up paper as it had more air resistance due to the larger surface area.

This week in our English lessons, we have been reading our new class novel 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. The children have been able to make solid predictions based on objects; they have identified different characteristics of Beowulf's character during the build up to his fight with Grendel and lastly, we spent time looking at perfect tense, when we use it and why we use it. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading this book so far.

In Maths, the children have come to the end of their shapes topic. This week in particular, the children have been identifying different angles and lengths in different shapes, as well as calculating angles with regular and irregular polygons. We also recapped different 3-dimensional shapes, their properties and how to identify their number faces, edges and vertices.

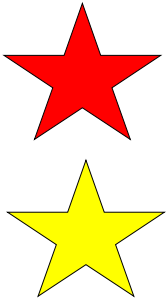
YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued our careers topic, specifically looking at mortgages and bills. We really enjoyed learning some new life skills.

In English, we looked at the story of the Three Little Pigs but a varied version where the wolf gets boiled alive. We watched a video about how the media and online viewed this. We will continue to look at this and write a newspaper report about the events that happened.

During our RE lesson, we discussed what we thought the Kingdom of God was and who would be in it. We linked British Values to the Kingdom of God and then created a passport to include the values and symbols. As part Pentecost celebrations, we created artwork to depict the Holy Spirit coming down to the Apostles.

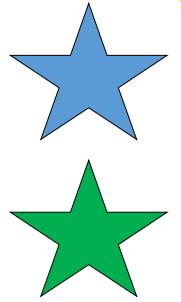
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Well done to all the children who received individual merit awards. We are so proud of all your hard work and can't wait to see what this term will bring!



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