

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th April 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

It has been lovely to be back in school this week; thank you to Mrs Harvey who wrote the Miss Choma bit for the newsletter last week. As always, we have had a busy week in school – we have had classes having scooter lessons, including the staff. Mrs Russell had the time of her life and Miss Walker was complaining of an aching thigh (Think Miss Walker needs to do some squats to strengthen those thigh muscles!). I know the children had fun and as well as improving their skills. Y3, Y5 and Y6 have had road safety sessions with the road safety team. Some classes have had library visits – it's a great place to visit for extra books to read. A group of Y6 pupils went to support an art class at the local residential home – we got to papier mâché a life size sheep! On top of all of this, I have seen some super work and writing this week. I have to say – Y2 have been working so hard. Every time I dropped in this week, they were working so hard even until the last minute of the day!



A big well done to all the FHC children who attended their enrolment mass on Saturday. They were a real credit to the school – they read beautifully and carried out all their roles reverently. Thank you to all family members and the catechists who support our children through their sacraments.

Have a lovely extended weekend - enjoy your friend and family time.

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



### OTLEY LIBRARY VISITS

Over the past few weeks, the children have enjoyed visits to Otley Library.

The children had the opportunity to hear stories, explore the vast range of available books and also discovered what they can access as a member of the library.

The library is a free and fun way to access many resources and activities!



### SCOOTER TRAINING

On Thursday, children in Y3, Y5 and Y6 received a visit from Leeds Road Safety Team to discuss Safer Scooting.

The children (and some of the staff!) thoroughly enjoyed having fun on their scooters whilst learning different ways they can keep safe when scootering near a road and pedestrians.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 3rd May - Y4 Skipping Festival
- 13th May - First Holy Communion
- 1st May - Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 17th May - Y1 PHGS Football Festival
- 8th May - Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 18th May - Ascension Mass
- 9th May - SATS Week
- 19th May - Brownlee Triathlon
- 10th May - Y5 Residential
- 25th May - Pentecost Day

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the darkest night, protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again unto our doors.

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

This week our statement of the week was: I know what trust means. We thought about what it means to trust people and who the people are that we can trust. We listened to Luke's Gospel that told us that we can trust God and he will help us with anything that we are worried about.

In yesterday's Collective Worship, the theme was: Count your Blessings. In our worship, we thought about all the things that we are grateful for: our family, our friends, our homes, our school, our animals, our food, our toys, our talents.... the list goes on. Sometimes when we are finding things hard or feeling sad, we can think about these things to cheer us up. We finished by thinking about this quote.

Be thankful for what you **have**; you'll end up having **more**. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will **never, ever** have enough."

OPRAH WINFREY



## RECEPTION COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Well done to Reception who led a joyful Collective Worship this morning all about spring.

They sang songs remembering to do all the actions and told us all about the wildlife we might see in spring through retelling their own version of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. They finished their worship with prayers thanking God for our beautiful world.



## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Our Father,*

Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil

*Amen.*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Well done to all the children who took part in the Enrolment Mass on Saturday evening. The children read beautifully and were reverent throughout the service. Lots of parishioners commented on the exemplary behaviour and attitude to this important Sacrament.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting their children. Additional thanks to Mrs Russell and Mrs Banford-White for their time.

Mrs Russell has given out the resources for next week's session for them to complete at home due to the class being cancelled on May 3rd because of the Y4 Skipping Festival Final.



# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

We have had a very busy week in Reception practising for our assembly, which I am sure you will agree the children did a fantastic job of this morning.

On Thursday morning we went out to the library in Otley. We learnt all about the library, listened to some stories and had the opportunity to look at the books ourselves. If you or your children are not already a member it really is a fantastic local resource - and it's free to use! Halle thought the best thing about the library, "Was everything, it was brilliant!"

In Literacy this week, we have been reading the story of the Monkey Puzzle. The children have thought about describing words to describe the characteristics of the animals and why they weren't the mum of the monkey. Anna said the butterfly was 'blue, fluttery and had wings'.

In Maths we have been learning about taking away. We have put a number on a ten frame and then taken another number away to see how many we had left. We also had a go at recording it.

In RE we have continued looking at the Easter story. We have been thinking about the feelings of the disciples when they realised that Jesus was not in the tomb anymore and had risen.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

In PSHE, we have been thinking about the rule of law; we learnt about the importance of recognising the reasons for rules and laws and that there are consequences of not adhering to rules and laws. We also thought about our human rights, and recognised that they are there to protect everyone.

In Maths, we have been practising counting in tens and ones. We have used practical resources (base 10) to help us with this. We have been splitting two-digit numbers such as: 34 and recognising that it has 3 tens and 4 ones.

We have started a new topic in English called *Dinosaurs and all That Rubbish* which introduces the key concepts of pollution and conservation. We have been re-telling the story, practising our noun phrases and using interesting sentence starters.

In Geography and Art, we have been learning about the *Terra Carta* which aims to reunite people and planet, by giving fundamental rights and value to nature, ensuring a lasting impact and tangible legacy for this generation. King Charles would like all children to draw a picture to help us to understand why this is so important. We are going to send these pictures to King Charles.

In RE, we thought about the symbols of Easter and their meaning. We thought about the significance of lilies, the paschal candle, hot cross buns and Jesus' cross.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths, we have continued our work about fractions. We have been practising finding quarters and thirds of shapes and numbers. We have also looked at how to find the whole if we know the part. For example, if we know one third is 4, we can multiply 3 and 4 to find the whole is 12.

In English, we have been writing our own sets of instructions. First, Mrs Holmes showed us how to make a cheese and cucumber sandwich. Then we discussed how we could write instructions for each step. Then we wrote a title, a list of things and ingredients needed and then we wrote our instructions down. We thought very carefully about using sequential adverbs and imperative verbs.

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London this week. We have been History Detectives and looked carefully at different sources of evidence to help us answer questions about the Great Fire. We then looked at the events of the fire and created a large timeline to show the order that the events took place. We even found out about Samuel Pepys, who kept a diary and that he buried some cheese to save it from the fire!

## YEAR 3 NEWS

In Computing, the children have started to learn about computer programming and how to use different coding blocks on Scratch. They experimented with changing their sprite's costume, sounds and movements.

In Maths, the children learnt how to use scales to measure the mass of different objects. Using both grams and kilograms, they had to work out the missing intervals in between numbers on the scales to work out the mass correctly.

In Topic, following on from our learning last week about Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings, the children learnt about why, and how, the pyramids were built. They looked at the stages of development from the first step pyramid at Saqqara to The Great Pyramid at Giza and then had a go at constructing their own pyramids.

In Science, the children looked at the similarities and differences in animals skeletons. We discussed invertebrates, vertebrates, exoskeletons and endoskeletons and sorted different animals accordingly.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have continued to look at the Jabberwocky poem. At the start of the week, we discovered what portmanteau words are and the children enjoyed making their own portmanteau words. The children then used these to help them start writing their own version of the Jabberwocky poem. Well done to all the children who also performed some of the Jabberwocky to the rest of the class.

This week in Maths, we have looked at hundredths and have used place value charts, counters and part-whole models to help us to develop our understanding. We have also used the Gattegno chart to help us to divide by 10 and 100.

Next Wednesday, Year 4 shall be taking part in the Leeds City skipping finals so in PE we have been practising our skills and dance again. Please, over the weekend, encourage your child to practise so they are ready on Wednesday. If you have not returned the permission slip already, please do so by Tuesday. On Wednesday, the children will need to come in their PE kits and will need a water bottle and a snack. Thank you.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths this week, the children have been working extra hard on finding the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. The children were able to use different methods to efficiently work out the perimeter, even when the width or length measurement was missing. They moved on to finding area of rectangles, compound shapes and estimating the areas of different irregular shapes.

In RE, the children have been looking at the events that took place during the resurrection of Jesus. They identified the thoughts and emotions of his disciples at the time and used references from the Bible to make comparison related to the evidence around the events of the resurrection.

In Science, we have been looking at push and pull forces. We identified push and pull forces in day-to-day activities, and thought about why they are important.

## YEAR 6 NEWS

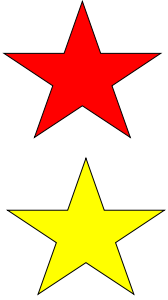
In Maths, we have looked at polygons and had the challenge of working out angles in and around the polygons. We used our angle knowledge to work out the missing angles.

In English, we have focused on recapping lots of grammar and punctuation. On Wednesday, we took part in a SPaG hunt challenge where we had to find the questions around the playground and answer them in our books – we really enjoyed this!

During our PE lesson on Monday, we began the lesson with some skill work on pivoting and defending in groups of five. After, we used our skills in some mini netball games.

In Science, we looked at the evolution of finches and the shape and size of their beaks. We used three different tools to replicate their beaks—tweezers, chopsticks and pegs. We had 30 seconds to pick up as many seeds in that time. We found that the pegs (similar to a vampire finch's beak) picked up the most seeds.

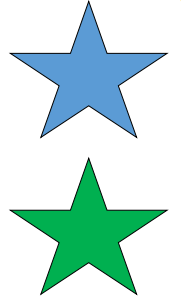
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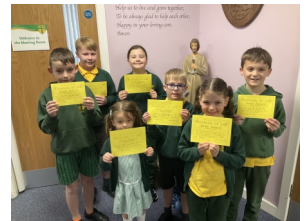
## WHITBY

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



### SUNSHINE AWARD

PENELOPE (YR), SAMMY (Y1), JOANNA (Y2),  
JACK (Y3), ALEX (Y4), MOLLY (Y5), ASA (Y6)



### RE AWARD

RYKER (YR), LENNY (Y1), BEATRICE (Y2),  
FREDDIE (Y3), AMELIE (Y4), JOSEPH B (Y5), LOGAN (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