



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th April 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for a great week in school – there has been lots of super work. As the saying goes, 'Work Hard, Play Hard.' The children have definitely been playing hard. It has been lovely watching the children all play together on the field. Something that we haven't been able to do for 2 years.

Our new IT equipment is now in place in school. All classes have access to new laptops, iPads and digital cameras. Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to the Voluntary Contribution Scheme. I know the children love using them. We are hoping to buy another 30 laptops in the next academic year. If you haven't signed up yet – please contact the office and Miss Wilkinson will send you the necessary information.

Kindness - It is important that we are all mindful that our actions and the words we use can impact on how others feel. Please have a chat with your child/ren about how we can show kindness to others, and the need to think carefully before we say or do something that may hurt the feelings of someone else. Such comments can have a long lasting impact on the self-esteem and wellbeing of others.

"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees." Amelia Earhart

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

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

SPORTS UPDATE

On Thursday morning, Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed some extra basketball coaching from some specialist basketball coaches. They practised dribbling, pivoting and shooting. They were all invited to a free coaching session at Leeds Beckett and were given letters with the details on.



JOB VACANCY - KITCHEN ASSISTANT

Catering Leeds currently have a vacancy for a 10 hour Kitchen Assistant. You will work as part of a team preparing fresh food for children and completing other kitchen duties.

The working hours are 11:30-13:30 Monday to Friday.

For more information, please call 0113 3782323.



IMPORTANT DATE FOR THE DIARY - QUEEN'S JUBILEE YEAR

School will be closed on Friday 1st July 2022.

School will be closed on this day to all pupils and staff. Thank you!



KEY INFORMATION

OTLEY CARNIVAL

This year's Otley Carnival takes place on Saturday 18th June and our theme is going to be The Queens Green Canopy in keeping with the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Our vision is that we will be a walking forest with lots of trees, friendly little woodland animals, the Queen, corgis and beefeaters!

This year, the Carnival Committee are planning to do things a little bit differently. Once people have signed up to take part in the carnival parade, the Carnival Committee will allocate a costume, just like we would during Nativity/School productions. We will be asking for a £2 contribution per child as we plan to make lots of the costumes in school and provide as much as possible for the children on the day.

Please note that all KS1 children will need to be accompanied by an adult, and we will need as many parent helpers for the parade as possible to walk with the children in order to get the right adult to children ratios. Please can you indicate on the form if you will be able to help on the day.



After 2 years away we really want to come back on a high and even better... hopefully win! But we really need your help. Let's make this our best year ever with as many children taking part as possible. We can help with costumes, guidance will be provided on what to wear and we are looking to arrange a craft session in school in the run up to the event so even if you're not creative or crafty that doesn't need to stop you from taking part!



Please can you complete the form below by Friday 29th April. Thank you so much.

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NOTE FROM OLAS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please note that OLAS afterschool club will not be open on Friday 17th June.

Please make alternative arrangements for this evening.

Thank you.



BE CURIOUS 2022 - FREE FAMILY FUN DAY - SATURDAY 7TH MAY

Design, imagine, make, do, glue, explore and more at Be Curious 2022! Visit the University of Leeds on Saturday 7th May, 10am-4pm, for a day of FREE, fun activities suitable for all the family!

Get to grips with what really goes on inside a university with over 35 interactive stalls and activities, a hands-on Tinker Space, Maker Kits, performances, workshops, tours and more!



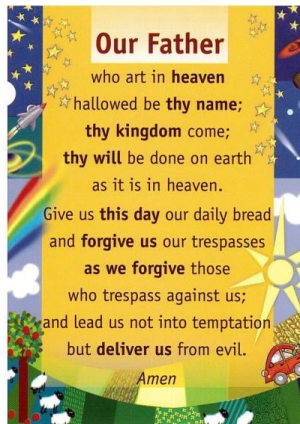
DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 28th April - Basketball Training
- 6th May - Y4 Skipping Festival
- 9th May - Y6 SATS Week
- 16th May - Brownlee Triathlon
- 19th May - Under 11 Football
- 26th May - Ascension Mass
- 27th May - School Jubilee Celebrations
- 30th May - HALF TERM
- 1st July - School closed for Jubilee Bank Holiday



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Saturday Morning: 10am

Saturday Evening Vigil: 6:30pm

Sunday Morning: 9:30am & 11:15am

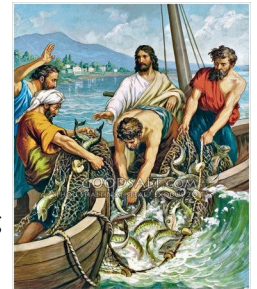
For updates, please check the weekly bulletin for up-to-date Mass times.

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



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our virtue in our Collective Worship at the moment is: Perseverance and Resilience. This week, the children listened to a Gospel story from Luke's Gospel about some of the disciples persevering. They had been fishing all night but had caught nothing but when Jesus told them to throw their nets down on the other side of the boat, they did it and of course caught lots of fish. Just like Jesus was there for the disciples when they were finding something hard, he is there for us too to help us persevere.



Our statement for this week was: **I try to forgive people when they hurt me.** This is such a hard thing to be able to do and we listened to a Gospel reading which tells us that Jesus said we don't have to forgive people once but again and again and again. To do this, we need to ask Jesus to help us. Here is the prayer we said:

Dear Jesus,

We would never have the strength to forgive anyone even once, Father in heaven, without the help of your Holy Spirit.

Help us to think often of your help and your love when we are in danger of losing patience with others.

Through Jesus your Son who showed us how to forgive. Amen



On Thursday, we watched a special Collective Worship by CAFOD which was called "Step up to the Plate". It talked about how 1 in 10 people in the World go hungry every day despite there being enough food in the world for everyone. Here is the prayer they shared:



Jesus, you understand what it is like to be hungry.

Teach us to have generous and grateful hearts.

Forgive us when we waste food or don't want to share.

Jesus, you welcomes everyone to your table.

May we always remember that we are one family,

Who share one common home so all are invited to share the feast.

Jesus, you come to us as bread and wine.

Fill us with your kindness.

Give us the appetite and strength

To change the world for the better.

Amen



CLASS NEWS

YEAR R NEWS

This week, we have been continuing our focus on New Life. We have been reading the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We thought about what would happen if we were given our own magic beans. Freddie said, "My magic beans would grow a beanstalk all the way to the moon so I could climb up."

In Maths, we have continued learning our numbers beyond 10. This week we have been focusing on estimation. Try encouraging your child to get a handful of objects and estimate how many they have before counting to check. We have also been learning about subtraction and how this means we take objects away.

In RE, we heard the story of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene. We enjoyed acting out the story and thought carefully about how Mary would have felt when she saw Jesus standing her front of her.

We are now on day 8 of the eggs being the incubator and we are getting very excited for their arrival soon! We wrote letters to Farmer Liz to say thanks for sending the eggs. We are looking forward to meeting her when she comes to collect the chicks to take home to her farm!



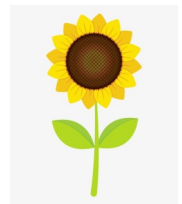
YEAR 1 NEWS

In Science this week, we have been learning about germination. We wrote out our own instructions of how to plant our own sunflower and strawberry seeds; we will be making observations of how they grow over the next few weeks.

In Maths, we have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s for a while now. This week we used our understanding of counting in multiples to help us begin to understand multiplication. We used lots of practical resources to help us see multiplication as lots of and groups of.

In RE, we have been reflecting on the resurrection and how it felt for Jesus' disciples and loved ones to see him rise from the dead. We designed our own Cross of Hope - half of which depicted things that make us feel sad such as poverty and being unkind to one another. The other half was filled with joyful imagery depicting love, friendship and kindness.

That Naughty Bus has been at it again! This time he has been causing havoc in the cloakroom and pulled all the coats off the pegs. He messed up the PE cupboard and has even been into Ms Choma's office and left her fuming! We went to investigate and have been writing about this. We have thought about the verbs we use in the simple past tense and how to apply these in our sentences.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have been working extremely hard in Maths this week. We have been finding out about the equivalence of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$. We also investigated how we can find $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes and numbers. We then used these skills to solve problems. We found that using a bar-model was a useful way of helping us work out the answers.

As part of our English work, we have been developing our reading and comprehension skills. We all enjoyed reading 'The Pirates Next door'. We discussed new vocabulary, practised retrieval questions and worked hard to develop our inference skills. Everyone made excellent predictions and came up with some interesting sentences using the word grog!

This week, we were all very excited to become history detectives! We had to use evidence and clues to answer questions about The Great Fire of London. We all worked well in our detective teams and pieced together the information. We found out where, how and why the fire started and even discovered how long it lasted! Everyone was amazed at how long ago the fire was. We used our maths skills to work out that it was 356 years ago!



YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English, we have been finding out more about punctuating speech. The children used inverted commas, exclamation marks, question marks and powerful verbs to write about what the characters were saying.

In R.E, the children have thought about the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and how Jesus' friends would have felt.

In Maths, we compared different lengths and looked at converting lengths between m, cm and mm. We then moved on to measuring and calculating perimeter. We enjoyed creating shapes using masking tape on the table before working out their perimeter.

In Science, we have continued to explore the force of Magnetism. The children enjoyed the opportunity of investigating a variety of magnets, including horseshoe, bar magnets, wand magnets and spherical magnets.

In PE with Miss Chappel, we began our unit on Athletics. We learnt sprinting techniques and how to pass a baton. We then applied our learning to relay races.



YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have read 'The Selfish Giant'. The children have used their inference skills to consider the giant's personality, justifying their reasons using the text and their own knowledge. Ask your child about what features appear in a noun phrase!

In Maths, the children are gaining confidence in partitioning decimal numbers and giving the value of the different place value columns. It would help them to work with decimal numbers at home such as weights and amounts of money.

In RE, we have been reflecting on the character of St Peter, and how he was chosen by Jesus to be the head of the Church. The children used Bible references to find different aspects of Peter's character, and thought deeply about his feelings when he denied Jesus by analysing art and music based on this story.

In Science, we looked at different ways to classify animals. The children learned about Carl Linnaeus, the father of taxonomy, and sorted the class into different groups using Venn diagrams and worked in small groups to classify animals based on different characteristics such as diet, blood and skeleton.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have been writing our own narratives based on the story 'When the Giant Stirred'. The children tried to vary their sentence starters and included expanded noun phrases, subordinate clauses, relative clauses and parenthesis.

In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals. This week, we have looked at thousandths, ordering fractions and percentages.

On Tuesday, the children had a great time at PHGS taking part in a badminton festival with Otley All Saints. The children did lots of different activities and showed all their fantastic skills.

We completed our Science topic on forces by learning about levers, pulleys and gears. We investigated how we could make a simple lever balance by using different weights in different positions on the lever.

In ICT this week, the children enjoyed using different shapes on Google Draw to create simple pictures of buildings.

THERE IS NO HOMEWORK THIS WEEKEND DUE TO RESIDENTIAL ON TUESDAY.



YEAR 6 NEWS

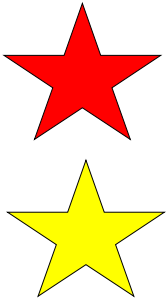
In Maths, we have revised measuring and calculating angles on a straight line, around a point and in triangle. We have continued to practise our arithmetic skills.

In Science, we learnt all about the digestive system and how the organs work in unison to digest food. As part of our writing in English, we have written a piece of writing which describes the journey of a Mars bar. We ensured we included: scientific information, various grammar and punctuation and descriptive language.

On Thursday, we had a great session with the Leeds Basketball Foundation. We completed lots of drills and worked on our control of the ball. We really enjoyed this session and some of us won free sessions with the coaches.



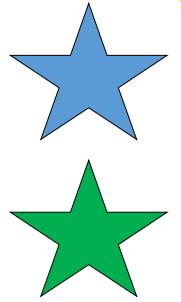
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

POPPY (YR), BENJAMIN (Y1), JUDE (Y2),
CLOVER (Y3), SAM (Y4), ELLIE (Y5), ELLA (Y6)

ENGLISH AWARD

CHARLIE (YR), JOSHUA (Y1), FRANKIE (Y2),
AMELIE (Y3), SKYLA (Y4), LOGAN (Y5), CIARA (Y6)

FORGIVENESS AWARD

ZARA (YR), WILLIAM H (Y1), CONNIE (Y2),
MILLIE B (Y3), OLIVIA J (Y4), GEORGE (Y5), MATTHIEU
(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