

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th September 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear Parents/Carers and friends of the school,

Yet another incredible week here at St. Joseph's!

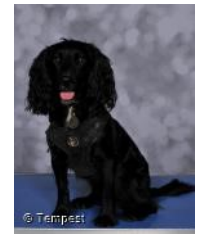
We commissioned the new Mini-Vinnies into their role during Monday's Collective Worship - we look forward to seeing them support our community. We all went for haircuts and put our make-up (adults of course) on for our school photos on Thursday and today we have finished the week raising money for Macmillan. Busy, busy, busy, but so much fun! Enjoy a sneak peek at the photos of Opie and me.

I have seen plenty of teaching and learning this week and have been impressed with the positive collaborative culture that is in each class - the children love to share their ideas and are working hard to help their peers and impress their teachers.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and manage to rest after what has been a very busy week.

God bless,

Mr L Gilhooly



DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>October 2023</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>December 2023</u>
3rd - Y6 Saints Day 3rd - Y6 Class Mass 4th - Y5 Saints Day 5th - National Poetry Day 6th - Y1 Assembly 6th - Harvest Collection 17th - Y4 Yorkshire Water Visit 20th - Show Racism the Red Card 20th - YR Assembly 23rd - Parents Evening 25th - FOSJ Bake Sale 26th - Parents Evening 27th - Training Day	9th - Y3 Class Mass 10th - Y6 Assembly 13 th - Anti-Bullying Week 15 th - KS1 Science Festival 16 th - KS2 Science Festival 16 th - Y5 Class Assembly 17 th - Music Assembly 20 th - Y3 Football Tournament 23 rd - Y4 Class Mass 24 th - Y5 Assembly 24 th - EYFS Training Day - School Closed to Reception Parents on this day!	1 st - Scholastic Book Fair 1 st - Y2 Assembly 1 st - KS2 Author Visit 6 th - YR/Y6 Vision, Height and Weight 7 th - Y6 Confirmation 8 th - FOSJ Wreath Making 8 th - Y3 Assembly 14 th - Christmas Dinner 14 th - Flu Immunisations 15 th - Music Assembly 16 th - FOSJ Christmas Fayre 20 th - YR, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Productions 21 st - Christmas Party Day 22 nd - Whole School Mass



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Friday, the Mini Vinnies created a fabulous café in order to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to the staff and families for donating buns and cakes which we sold during the day. We raised over £300 during the Café.

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies for organising the event and to all the families who made a donation today.

The cakes looked and tasted amazing — thank you everyone!

We have a large amount of cakes left over so we will be hosting a cake sale on Monday in the Pavilion after school. All cakes are 50p per bun. All proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thankyou.



PETWISE AWARD

Congratulations to all the children who took part in Mrs Boothman's Animal Club during Summer 2023. We are pleased to announce that the children have received their certificates and lanyards and we have a beautiful plaque to display in our trophy cabinet!



CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to all the children taking part in the cross country race tomorrow.

I look forward to seeing you at 9:45 at Middleton Clearing. I have given all the children further information from the organisers.



SCHOOL DINNER - REMINDERS

PACKED LUNCHES - We don't have specific 'dos and don'ts' for packed lunches. However, we encourage healthy eating and would ask that you help us by providing your child with a healthy lunch box. As part of this, we do ask that there are no chocolate bars or fizzy drinks in lunch boxes. Please click [here](#) for more guidance.

SCHOOL DINNERS - Catering Leeds now charge £2.53 per KS2 meal. This has been reflected on ParentPay. Thank you.



HARVEST CELEBRATION

On Friday 6th October, we will be having our Harvest Celebration in school.

On this day, we are asking children to bring in non-perishable food items so that they can be donated to the Otley Food Bank.

We are always overwhelmed with your generosity.



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

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Good and gracious God,
We thank you for the gift of life
and for all who help to sustain it.
We thank you for the gift of health
and ask for strength and healing.
For those who face the challenges of cancer,
May you touch their hearts with healing.
May they and their families and friends be given the
strength to help them.
We thank you God for all the people who care for their pa-
tients and we pray a cure may be found soon.
Amen

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Saturday Morning: 10am
Saturday Evening Vigil: 6:30pm
Sunday Morning: 9:30am & 11:15am

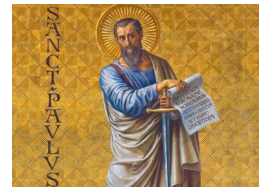
For updates, please check the weekly bulletin for
up-to-date Mass times.

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



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Thursday, we shared our first Collective Worship of the year with Holy Name and Ss Peter & Paul's. The theme was our current virtue which is respect. We listened to a reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans and thought about how we can show respect to the people in our school and homes. Next week, we shall look at our new virtue which is thankfulness. We shall start by thinking about all the things we are thankful for at harvest.



MINI VINNIE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

On Monday's Collective Worship, we recommissioned our Year 6 Mini Vinnies and commissioned our new Year 5 Mini Vinnies. They went straight into action today by serving the drinks and cakes to the other classes for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Well done to all of the children and thank you for their commitment to making our world a better and fairer place.



CONFIRMATION

Thank you to everyone who has completed the forms for Confirmation. The Enrolment Mass will take place tomorrow in Church at 6:30pm; the children have been given their parts today. Classes will start on Tuesday and children will need to be collected from the School office at 4:15.




O My God you love me.
You're with me night and day.
I want to love you always
In all I do and say.
I'll try to please you father.
Help me through the day
Amen.



**Love one ANOTHER
WARMLY AS
CHRISTIANS, AND BE
EAGER TO SHOW
RESPECT FOR ONE
ANOTHER.**

ROMANS 12:10 (GNT)



CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

We have started some more formal learning in Reception this week. We have had our first phonics lessons and have focused on the sounds s, a, t and p. We have segmented and blended words and practiced writing too. Children's reading log ins will be coming home today in their book so please read with your child and encourage them to pronounce the sounds carefully.

We have also begun our Drawing Club which has been based on the story, 'The Colour Monster'. The children have enjoyed exploring the story by drawing their own monster, creating a house for him and thinking about a thief who stole an emotion. Please ask your children about their ideas as they were very imaginative. We also learnt the following words with actions- tranquillity, enraged, sobbing, shimmering and discombobulated - please ask your children about them!

In RE, we have been learning about what things God created and that he created the world. We also went outside to look at the world he had made. We saw lots of wildlife and enjoyed listening to the birds singing.

At the end of the day, Freddie (the bear) is coming for his first sleepover to join in with any adventures at home you may have (e.g. tea party, story time, walk). Please take very good care of him and record in the book with your child what you have done with him. We look forward to seeing him back on Monday and hearing all about his adventures.

YEAR 1 NEWS

In English this week, we read an acrostic poem about Autumn. The children then used stickers to illustrate the poem. Yesterday, we then had a go at writing our own acrostic poem about harvest, ready for our class assembly next Friday.

We had a very exciting afternoon on Tuesday as not only did we plant different bulbs (daffodils, crocus, snowdrops and tulips) as part of our science work but we also got to meet our Year 5 reading buddies for the first time. The children loved choosing a book for their buddies to read to them in the library.

Having previously learnt about the 7 continents in Geography, our attention has now turned to the UK. The children listened to a song which told us the 4 countries of the UK and the capital cities. Here are links to the songs, if your child wants to listen to them at home.

UK song - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzAE2Gg9i2I>

Continents Song - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>

YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have been imagining what the old lady in 'A Squash a Squeeze' would write in her diary. We started to plan our diary entries, carefully thinking about each event and linked it to our work about the feelings of the old lady.

In Maths, we have been working hard to place numbers on number-line. We had to use our knowledge of our multiples of 10. We looked carefully at the start number and end number to work out the intervals in between. We also started to use this knowledge to begin to predict where numbers would be on a number-line.

As part of our Science work about habitats, we enjoyed looking around the school grounds to find microhabitats. We found lots of different habitats such as under rocks and stones, rotten logs and on trees. We found lots of different minibeasts such as woodlice, spiders, worms and ladybirds.

In RE, we continued to learn about Abraham and thought about the promises God made and how Abraham showed trust in God even though it must have been a very difficult thing to do leaving his home behind.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English this week, Year 3 have been publishing their diary entries. The standard of presentation and content is fantastic, and all the children should be very proud of themselves.

In Maths, we have continued exploring place value and numbers within 1000. The children used interactive place value charts to find more and less than a number within 1000 using place value counters and explored exchanging hundreds, tens and ones.

In History, we looked at the major achievements from the Palaeolithic to the Iron Age. The children thought about what continued into each age and what new innovations changed early humans' lives.

In Science, the children experimented with rock samples to work out whether they were sedimentary, metamorphic or igneous. They used sandpaper, water and vinegar to test different properties.

YEAR 4 NEWS

We've had a super week in Year 4. We started the week with a very exciting skipping festival coaching session. We've been enjoying practicing all our new skills out on the playground and can't wait to put all that practice to good use in our skipping festival in the Spring term.

We've been continuing our work about the Romans. This week we have been learning about Roman poetry and have been preparing to write our own next week. In Maths, we've learnt about Roman numerals and played some fun games using them.

In RE, we've consolidated our learning on diary writing from our English lessons by writing a diary entry from the point of view of an Israelite slave set free by Moses.

Thank you for joining us at our first class assembly on Friday. We loved supporting the charity Macmillan cancer support. We really enjoyed hosting a coffee afternoon for our grown ups too. Thank you to those who joined us and helped us raise money for a brilliant charity.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, we have started our new topic based on the book 'Hidden Figures'. This book focuses on four Afro-American, female mathematicians who faced many challenges during their journey working at NASA. The children have spent time summarising this non-fiction piece of text and answering a variety of retrieval, inference and vocabulary questions as well as using expanded noun phrases to describe a character in this book.

In Maths, we are coming to the end of our place value topic and have been focusing on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, and 100,000, using pictorial and abstract resources such as number lines and place value charts to support them. The children were able to label the numbers in order to see which number was closest as well as recognise that if a number is 5 or above you round up and if it's 4 or below you round down.

In Science, we have continued with our topic of Earth and Space, beginning to describe how and why our planets are spherical in shape, based on Aristotle's research and evidence. We also ordered the planets from closest to the Sun to furthest away.

YEAR 6 NEWS

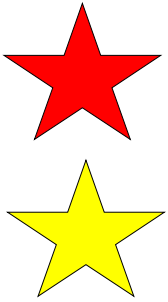
In Maths, we have revisited addition and subtraction and answered a variety of problem-solving questions. Additionally, we looked at common factors and common multiples.

In English, we focused on chapter 2 and wrote a journal from the man's point of view. Before we started writing, we watched the video of the chapter and wrote down feelings that the man was experiencing when arriving at his new destination. We were then able to use these emotions in our writing to convey thoughts and feelings.

During our Science lesson, we looked at classification keys. We thought about questions that could identify different Liquorice Allsorts. We really enjoyed classifying these sweets and it helped us to understand how we can classify plants and animals.

In PE, we are continuing to enjoy our rugby topic. We have continued to develop our passing, attacking and defending skills in small group games. When playing, we realised that communication is key and must be used when playing in a team.

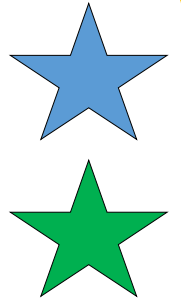
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

FIADH (YR), LEONARD (Y1), EVIE (Y2),
DARCEY (Y3), HARRY R (Y4), ALEXA (Y5), ALL (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

EUAN (YR), GEORGIA (Y1), FRED (Y2)
CLEO (Y3), MARYSIA (Y4), WILLIAM (Y5), SAMUEL (Y6)



VIRTUE AWARD

ANYA (YR), JACOB (Y1), MAISY (Y2)
WILLIAM P (Y3), ISAAC (Y4), ANNA (Y5), OLIVE (Y6)

HEADTEACHER AWARD

DANIEL (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

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ★ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - PARENT MEET AND GREET & AGM
- ★ WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER - CAKE SALE
- ★ FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER- WREATH MAKING
- ★ DATE TO BE CONFIRMED - DISCO
- ★ SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - RAINBOW RAFFLE
- ★ FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY- COCKTAIL MAKING EVENING
- ★ FRIDAY 8 MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY
- ★ FRIDAY 26 APRIL - QUIZ NIGHT
- ★ FRIDAY 17 MAY- GOLDEN TICKET EVENT
- ★ FRIDAY 14 JUNE- FATHER'S DAY
- ★ FRIDAY 28 JUNE - CAMPING TRIP