

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th September 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Another busy week in school – there has been lots of super work around school, especially writing. Y6 are producing PowerPoints on Queen Elizabeth II; Y3 are reading the Pied Piper of Hamelin – Kaden researched and wrote some great facts using paragraphs about rats! My son loves rats (he has 8). I have to say, when he brings one down, he has to sit on the other sofa far away from me! They jump and move too quickly. Throughout school, there is and has been a lot of work on place value in Maths. Remember to keep learning number bonds and times tables – they underpin so many areas in Maths.

Year 6 had a wonderful time on their residential to Herd Farm. I enjoyed a night walk with them – they complained it wasn't dark enough. It certainly was on the way back! They treated us to some beautiful singing. It's a tradition to sing a song by the wooden gate. The staff were proud of the children's effort and have a go attitudes. I'd like to thank Miss Dowd, Mrs Kealey and Miss Wilkinson for their time and support. I know they had fun too.

Thank you to the staff and families who contributed buns for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thank you to the Y6 Mini Vinnies and Mrs Harvey who did a brilliant job organising the event.

Reminders:

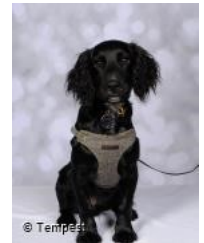
Punctuality: Remember gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. It's important the children are on time for the start of the school day, so they do not miss out on morning tasks/daily information. If you are a little bit tardy on a morning, you need to set your alarm a little bit earlier to get you out of bed, so you arrive at school on time!

Coats: Children need to bring a coat everyday to school, preferably one that is water/showerproof. We try get the children out for break even if it is a bit rainy. I think we need Mrs Crosby to give us a weekly forecast on the days we will need our coats. For some reason, Mrs Crosby always seems to know what to wear! I wonder why?

Have a wonderful weekend together – enjoy the precious time with your family and friends.

I will see the people who are cross country running tomorrow. Look out for the new St Joseph's banner (funded by FOSJ) and Opie.

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



SICKNESS

There has been more sickness in school this week.



Please ensure that your child is **symptom free for 48 hours** before returning to school as this greatly reduces the risk of spreading infection.



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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 6th October - Flu Vaccinations
- 6th October - School Council attending opening of Wharfeside Care Home
- 7th October - CAFOD Harvest Family Fast
- 7th October - FOSJ Draw Rainbow Raffle
- 14th October - Show Racism the Red Card
- 17th/20th October - Parents Evening
- 18th October - Y4 PHGS Netball Festival
- 20th October - FOSJ Pumpkin Pickup
- 21st October - Training Day

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS

On Thursday, our School Council representatives from Y1, Y2 and Y3 presented Otley Action for Older People with a rainbow hamper and a card of well wishes. It was lovely to join the luncheon club, and talk to some of the visitors. We presented the hamper to Gladys who is 101 years old, and Ros who is 96 years old!

Thank you to everyone who has purchased Rainbow Raffle tickets so far. Remember, the draw will take place on Friday 7th October and the raffle is open to family and friends.



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 £150 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 absolutely splendid—well done all!

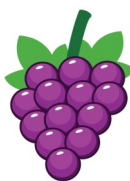


NUT FREE SCHOOL



Polite reminder that due to allergies, St Joseph's is a nut free school. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a nuts, the product will have to be confiscated.

GRAPE REMINDER



Grapes are a good healthy fruit snack but if you include grapes in your child's packed lunch or breaktime snack - please remember to always cut them lengthwise first as they can be a choking hazard.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY



This year's Harvest Assembly will take place on Friday 7th October.

We would ask children to bring non-perishable food such as tins, packets and jars.

The food is distributed by Otley Food Bank to those in need.

It is important to remember others who may not be as fortunate as ourselves. There is no obligation to donate anything and only donate if you are in a position to do so - we understand that it is a difficult time for people.

SPORT

Cross Country

Good luck to all the children taking part in the Cross Country tomorrow morning.

Miss Choma and Miss Wilkinson (and Opie!) are looking forward to seeing you near the start line at 9:45am. Races will begin at 10am.

Look out for the new St Joseph's banner (funded by FOSJ) - modelled by Miss Choma!



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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

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>



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK - LOVE FOR LEARNING

This week, we finished focusing on Love for Learning in our Collective Worships by thinking about our special gifts that God has given us and by listening to these words:

“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:9.

Next week, our new virtue will be Citizenship.



MINI VINNIE MASS

On Wednesday, 6 of our Mini Vinnies were able to attend a special Mass at the Cathedral with the Bishop. There were Mini Vinnies there from over 50 Primary Schools in our area and it was lovely to see so many children there who want to make a difference to the World. Well done to Philippa who was able to Altar Serve in the Mass.



Y6 FEAST DAY

On Friday, Y6 celebrated their Saint's day – St Therese of Lisieux. The children wore bright colours to represent St Therese being the Patron Saint of flowers. They created Power-Points about her life and thought about how her 'little ways' linked to being a disciple and found Bible readings which showed that. Y6 enjoyed creating beautiful flowers and on each petal they wrote little things they can do for others just like St Therese.



MINI VINNIE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

On Monday morning at a whole school worship, the Mini Vinnies made their promise to 'turn concern into action' as they committed to make a difference in their school, community and world.

We are very proud of the children and the commitment they have to make our world a better place. Before making their promise, all the children found out about the SVP charity.

Mini Vinnies Prayer

*Dear God
Open our eyes that we may see the needs of people.
Move our hands so that we can feed the hungry.
Touch our hearts that they may bring warmth to those who are sad. Let us share our time and possessions with those in need. May we all be a source of support and encouragement for each other as we strive to build a more loving world.
Amen*

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.

In RE, we have been talking about God's love. We read the book 'Guess How Much I Love You' and thought about God's love for us. We joined in with the song 'Jesus' love is very wonderful' and enjoyed the actions.

We have been thinking about our emotions and how to be a good friend. We have shown lots of kindness to each other and are learning to share and take turns.

We enjoyed spending time with our buddies in Year 6. The children loved spending time with their special friend and sat with them during the Macmillan Café on Friday. There was lots of smiles and laughter!



YEAR 1 NEWS

In English this week, we have been writing alternative endings for the story: Stanley's Stick. Theo came up with a very exciting ending whereby Stanley uses his stick to fight the baddies!

In RE, we have been creating our own mini tableaus of The Creation Story. We have learnt that this is right at the beginning of the bible in the book of Genesis.

This week in Maths, we have been comparing numbers. We have been learning how to use the greater than symbol $>$ the less/fewer than symbol $<$ and the $=$ symbol. We have been using practical resources to help us find different ways of comparing numbers.

In Topic, for our unit on Toys, we thought about some well-known toys from the past and the year that they were introduced. We placed them on a timeline dating back to the early 1900s.

In Science, we have been thinking about the months of the year and what the weather is like in each season. Y1 are fantastic at knowing the months in the correct order and have been singing a lovely song to help them remember.



YEAR 2 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been working very hard to understand that numbers can be partitioned in lots of different ways. For example, 52 can be partitioned as $50 + 2$, but also $40 + 12$, $30 + 22$, $20 + 32$ and $10 + 42$. We have used base ten to support us with this. It would be really helpful if we could practise this at home.

In English, following on from our work on nouns, we have been practising using adjectives to describe the nouns. We looked at the characters in 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and described what they looked like. We then moved on to think about the old lady and imagined what she would write in her diary about the events in the story. We started to plan our own diary and look forward to writing our entries next week.

As part of our History work, we looked at different sources to find evidence of what it was like on Scott's expedition to the Antarctic. We found out that they took horses and dogs to pull sledges, Captain Scott wrote a diary, and the team ate baked beans from the tin!!

In Science, we started to learn about the different kinds of habitats animals, minibeasts and plants may be found in the UK. We sorted animal into four different habitats: pond, woodland, urban and coastal.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In RE this week, Year Three thought about the signs and symbols of the Sacrament of Baptism. We thought about our own experiences and watched a baptism taking place.

In English, we edited our writing. We added questions, conjunctions and thought about choosing ambitious vocabulary in our diary entries. We then looked at how to organise sentences into paragraphs and continued to use conjunctions to make multi clause sentences.

In Maths, we represented numbers to 1000 on a number line. We learnt a method as to how we could work out the intervals on a number line. Using this method, we moved on to estimating numbers on a number line.

In Science, we had lots of fun being geologists again. We designed, implemented and evaluated experiments to test the durability and permeability of different rocks. We thought carefully about what was needed to make sure our tests were fair and about what our results meant.



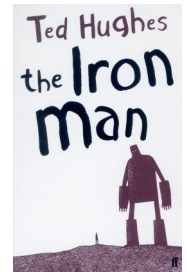
YEAR 4 NEWS

In English, we have continued to read 'The Iron Man' and on Thursday the children enjoyed carrying out and writing news interviews about the dragon that landed in chapter 4. Today, the children tried to find examples of different nouns, proper nouns and pronouns used in the text.

In Maths, we have had a busy week looking at ordering numbers, Roman Numerals to 100 and rounding to 10, 100 & 1000.

Our focus in Geography this week was identifying different countries in Europe on a map. We also looked at the size of the different countries and could see that France and Germany were a lot bigger than the UK.

In PE, Y4 have been practising their Netball skills with Miss Jones from PHGS. They played a fantastic game called Penguins and Polar Bears, and focused on improving their passing and catching skills.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In Year 5, the children had the opportunity, in Music, to work in groups and play the bamboo tamboo instrument. They focused on timing, beat and rhythm whilst all working together to create some fantastic sounds.

In English, Year 5 have been working incredibly hard with their independent writing. We have come to the end of our Lost Thing topic and the children are now writing up their own narrative based on finding their own Lost Thing. They have included numerous different language features such as expanded noun phrases, modal verbs and subordinating conjunctions.

In Science this week, we have been looking at the different planets within our solar system and focusing on key vocabulary and identifying their definitions. We also made our own models to show how the Moon orbits around the Earth and the Earth orbits around the Sun.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we enhanced our knowledge of numbers to 10 million through placing them on a number line and comparing and ordering a variety of numbers. Additionally, we added and subtracted negative numbers from a whole number. We used number lines and partitioning as strategies to help us.

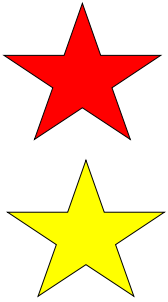
In English, we completed writing our biographies about the life of Queen Elizabeth II. We enjoyed learning about her life and how much of an inspiration she was as our ruler for 70 years.

The United Kingdom is our topic in Geography; we used atlases to find the different counties – we really enjoyed this task!

In DT, we looked at a variety of microchips including: crumbles, raspberry pi, and microbits. We discussed how these are in lots of electronic items and are needed to send and receive instructions. We had a go at writing instructions for how a vending machine works.



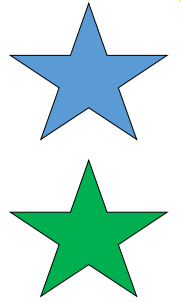
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

ALL (YR), ELLIS (Y1), NOAH (Y2),
OLIVER (Y3), ANNA (Y4), DANIEL (Y5), ALL (Y6)



RE AWARD

GRACE (Y1), JOANNA (Y2), SOFIA (Y3),
JAKE (Y4), IYLA (Y5), CHARLIE B (Y6)



VIRUTE AWARD

ELIZA (YR), WINTER (Y1), ISAAC L (Y2),
MARYSIA (Y3), CLOVIS (Y4), JACOB (Y5), BLAKE (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



BE PART OF IT! COME AND PLAY RUGBY FOR OTLEY ZEBRAS !



CALLING ALL RUGBY PLAYERS U6 AND UPWARDS ...

- **RFU QUALIFIED COACHES**
- **R E S P E C T – LEARN THE RUGBY VALUES**
- **MAKE FRIENDS ... FOR LIFE !**
- **NON-CONTACT TAG RUGBY FOR U6 TO U8**
- **BOYS AND GIRLS TOGETHER**
- **LEARN NEW SKILLS**
- **GREAT SOCIAL EVENTS – BONFIRE, BBQ ETC**
- **WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE HELPED DEVELOP INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS**

Training on Sunday 25th September

Under 6's – U11's at Cross Green

Under 12's upwards at Pool Road Pitches

Contact Mike Gillson – gillsonmike@yahoo.com for more details



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**Year 7 Taster Day for 2023 and 2024 Entry
Saturday 8 October**

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