

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 1st April 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Holy Week has been another reflective week in school as we continue our Easter journey in preparation for Easter Sunday. Each day of Holy Week, the children have re-enacted Jesus' journey: Palm Sunday; Washing of the Feet; The Last Supper; The Betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane and The Crucifixion.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate The Resurrection of Jesus – new life. It is the time of year when we see lots of new growth – buds on plants and trees; lambs are born, and daffodils and crocuses can be seen everywhere. My favourites are the cherry blossom trees. They remind me of when I was a child and every summer in school. At this time, we are reminded to appreciate all the beauty around us. Next time you are out, stop and look at all the wonderful and beautiful things around you.



It has also been a busy week in school: we had our final Toast Tuesday; Holy Week Assemblies; Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Assembly and finally our Easter Egg Raffle. I know we all look forward to at least one Easter egg on Easter Sunday; even my children who are grown up, still like to receive eggs on Easter Sunday. They even asked for an Easter Egg Hunt. I will be out walking with Molly in the morning. Maybe we will find some eggs!

A big welcome to Mr Ed who started as our new site supervisor on Monday. We are delighted to welcome Mr Ed to our St Joseph's family. We are looking forward to getting to know Mr Ed and we hope he will be very happy with us.



I would like to say a big thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work this term and settling back into the swing of things since the whole school came back together at the start of March. Thank you, parents/carers, for your continued support in and out of school. It is much appreciated. The relationship between home and school is a partnership and it is important that we work together to support our children the best we can. I would like to thank parents/carers for their kind comments to the staff during the parent consultations.

I hope you have a happy, restful and peaceful Easter, and lots of opportunities to catch up with family members and friends that you may not have seen in a while.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say a **HUGE, 'Thank You and Happy Retirement,'** to Mrs Brylov who for the past 37 years has prepared, made and served countless meals to the children of St Joseph's. We will miss her dearly, but I think Mrs Brylov certainly deserves to put her feet up! Have a wonderful retirement from all of the St Joseph's family.

From all the staff, have a wonderful Easter holiday - be safe; be kind and be happy. God Bless

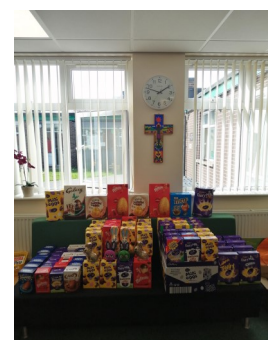
EASTER EGG RAFFLE

On Thursday, we held our annual Easter Egg raffle on **Thursday 1st April!** Well done to all our winners, and thank you to everyone who donated an egg. We had a whopping 140 eggs to raffle.

EASTER EGG THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the following businesses for donating some **Easter Eggs** for our Easter Egg raffle!

- Toddler Sense North Leeds
- Otley Sainsburys



GOODBYE MRS BRYLOV

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU MRS BRYLOV

On Thursday 1st April, Mrs Brylov hung up her kitchen apron for the last time after 37 year at St Joseph's.

We would like to say thank you to Mrs Brylov of all her hard work and dedication.

We wish Mrs Brylov a long, healthy, and happy **retirement!**

Mrs Brylov Q & A

We asked some of our Y6 School Council representatives to ask Mrs Brylov some questions:

1. What is your favourite thing to cook? What is your least favourite thing to cook?

I like to cook lots of things such as chilli, curry, pizza or roast dinners. My least favourite thing is baking as I don't think I am the best baker. I love trying new recipes though!

2. What has changed since you started working here?

The school building has changed the most. For example, we used to have dinners in the Year 6 classroom, and obviously we have extended the school and changed the office layout. The children are still lovely as ever!

3. What is your favourite memory?

I remember when a little boy asked Mrs Boyce (ex-teaching assistant) if she could jive...she said yes and started doing a dance! The little boy looked very confused and it turned out he actually said, "Can you drive?" It was so funny! I will always remember that.

4. What are you looking forward to doing when you retire?

I am looking forward to not getting up early, especially on the winter mornings. I can't wait to turn the alarm off. I also want to spend time doing jobs around the house, in particular spending time in the garden. Eventually, I want to go into Leeds to do some shopping and just enjoy relaxing.

5. Would you like to say anything to everyone reading this?

Carry on the good work! That's all!



Thank you to all those who donated money, cards or gifts for Mrs Brylov. We bought a range of gifts which we presented on Thursday. Mrs Brylov was overwhelmed and said a huge thank you.

Mrs Brylov, you are the best

Retirement should mean lots of rest

So we say goodbye with a heavy heart

But excited for your retirement to start

Remember us fondly after all the years

You will be missed, we say through tears

Let us celebrate all that you do

Our many thanks we extend to you

Very special lady and wonderful cook too!

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord God, You loved this world so much,
That you gave your one and only Son,
That we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter
Sunday, everyday.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.
Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in
our salvation.
Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good
news to the world.
All for your glory do we pray, Lord,
Amen.

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, Mass times have
changed for Our Lady and All Saints Otley.

Please see bulletin for changes to Mass times

[Click here](#)

Please book a place for Saturday evening or Sunday
morning Mass - [book here](#)

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIVE WORSHIPS

Well done to all the children who have led our Holy week Collective Worships for us.

They started last Friday with Key Stage One telling us all about Palm Sunday and singing some lovely, joyful songs. Thank you to Father Lawrie and OLAS Church for providing the children with palm crosses.



On Monday, Year 3 re-enacted Jesus Washing the disciples' feet which will be remembered in Churches across the world this evening. Jesus did this as an example for us to serve others.



Year 4 continued the story of Maundy Thursday by telling us the story of the Last Supper which is when Jesus had the Passover Meal with his disciples saying the words that we hear during Mass, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." This story is extra special for Year 4 this year as they will start their preparation for receiving Jesus for the first time after the Easter holidays. Please keep them in your prayers.



The final part of the Maundy Thursday story was told by Year 5 on Wednesday morning. After the Last Supper, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane with his disciples where he asked God to help him with what was about to happen to him. Jesus was then arrested.



Our final collective worship was led by Year 6 today which told the story of Jesus' Passion - Jesus dying on the Cross - which will be told in Churches tomorrow on Good Friday. Of course, the Easter story does not end there. On Sunday, we will all celebrate the Resurrection, Jesus overcoming death so that we may all join God in heaven eternally.



. Thank you to Father Lawrie for joining us for all of our Holy Week Collective Worships. The children loved seeing Father Lawrie and listening to his wise words.



CLASS NEWS



YEAR R NEWS

This week in Reception, we have had an Easter filled week! We have made Easter cards and completed various craft activities. On Thursday, we also had an egg hunt around the playground and had to count up the number of eggs found. Our Easter maths challenges have included helping the Easter bunny to fairly distribute Easter eggs and working out the number sentences using both addition and subtraction. We have also been counting out the correct pennies for chocolate eggs, you could try this at home.

This half term in Music, we have been adding music to stories using our voices and instruments. This week, we played different instruments to accompany "The Very Noisy Night" story. We have used drums for door being knocked at and shakers for the wind.

This week in PE, we have been listening to familiar songs from well known films such as Toy Story and Lion King. The children have had to move their bodies in response to the music and have also been acting out the different animals.



YEAR 1 NEWS

We've had a lovely, last week of Spring term - watching the events of Holy Week acted out over zoom, making Easter crafts and enjoying the glorious sunshine.

This week in Maths, we have been learning about mass and weight. We have learnt that when each side of a balance scale is the same height, the mass on each side is equal. When one end is tipped lower the mass of that object is heavier and vice versa. We practised placing objects on the balance scale to see which objects were heavier or lighter.

When we arrived at school on Monday, we were somewhat dismayed to find that our red, London bus known as 'Naughty Bus' had run amok and tipped over pen-pots, knocked over chairs and emptied children's wallets. We wrote a letter to him, telling him how disappointed we were in his behaviour and asked him not to do that again!

In Science, we have continued to learn about the senses. We investigated how our eyes function and looked at some online optical illusions. We practised putting on items of clothing with our eyes closed and tried to do everyday tasks with only one eye open.

In RE, we have been reflecting on the events of Holy Week. In class we re-enacted the events in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus had gone to pray and knew he was about to be betrayed by Judas with a kiss and Simon Peter when he denied knowing Jesus.



YEAR 2 NEWS

This week in English we have been looking at compound words. The children really enjoyed playing a jigsaw game that involved matching up two words to create a compound word. Some even had a go at thinking of some other compound words that were not included in the game.

In Maths, we have been busy creating pizzas and then cutting them into halves, quarters and thirds for our 'Fantastic Fractions' display in the classroom. The children are very proud of their pizzas and love seeing them up on display!

We have also been looking at how we can keep our teeth healthy and clean. We read a story about 'Tilly the Mighty Molar' and saw her go from clean and strong, to dirty and weak from eating and drinking too many sugary things! We decided to conduct a little experiment: we put the inside of an eggshell (to represent our teeth) into water, juice, coke and Pepsi max. We predicted that the coke would be the worst and water the best for keeping our teeth clean and strong. We left the eggs in the liquid for 24 hours and discovered that the coke, juice, and Pepsi max all stained the eggshells badly. From this, we talked about the importance of drinking mainly water and to have juice or fizzy drinks as a treat!

Year 2 have also enjoyed watching year 3,4,5 and 6 acting out the events from Holy Week. This has helped to deepen their understanding of Holy week, which they have continued to look at in class this week. Mrs Deyes and I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and we hope you have a well-deserved restful break.



YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we have been continuing to discuss 'Cinderella of the Nile'. This week we have been looking at fables and used a Venn diagram to show common themes, as well as comparing the story of Rhodopis to the fairy-tale of Cinderella.

In Maths we have looked at adding and subtracting lengths. We found that there are lots of steps in length problems, including conversion, choosing a method to use and then checking the final answer. It would really help children to continue using the language of measurement over the holidays.

In RE, we thought about the lessons that Jesus taught us, looking in depth at the Gospel of Matthew 25:34-37. We talked about the Parable of the Sower, and what the seed and different soils represent.

In History we have been looking at the significance of the Nile to ancient Egyptians. We discovered that the Egyptians based their calendar around the annual flooding of the Nile, and looked at how trade depended on the river.

We have also enjoyed having Miss Hickman in our class, who will be teaching some of our lessons after the half-term.



YEAR 4 NEWS

This week we have found fractions of amounts in Maths. We used base 10 to help us find different fractions and worked hard to build our understanding of the method needed.

In RE, we continued to use scriptures to retell the Easter story. We are building our knowledge of how to find different scriptures in the Bible and how to use them to build up a picture of the events of Easter.

We have all been doing brilliantly in Music. We are really improving our skills at playing the recorder and working hard to learn different notes. Our concentration and behaviour were particularly impressive this week - Mrs Shakespeare even told us we were our favourite class (don't tell the others!)

Badminton has been fun this half term. We are getting to grips with using the badminton racket (it can be tricky) and have built up to trying it out with nets this week. Our aim and control are both getting a lot better.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In English this week, the children wrote their own stories about escaping a volcanic eruption on an island. The children tried hard to vary their sentence structure using different ways to start their sentences and used expanded noun phrases to add description to their work.

We have continued our work on fractions in Maths this week and have been looking at multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by whole numbers.

During March, we have taken part in the "Mindful March" activities organised by Leeds City Council. This week, the focus was on different ways we can relax. On Wednesday afternoon, the children enjoyed completing a treasure hunt in the sunshine organised by Mrs Russell. They had to use the clues to find all the different letters hidden around the playground. They then had to re-arrange the letters to make a word linked to Easter.

We would like to say a big "Well done" to all of Year 5 for their hard work this term, they have coped extremely well with the unusual circumstances and we are very proud of them. We hope that they all have a lovely Easter and that they are able to catch up with friends, family and get to play lots outside.



YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have recapped the four operations of fractions, especially multiplying and dividing. We have worked hard at representing algebraic equations with the cuisenaire and the multi link cubes.

In English, we wrote a narrative about a person who fell into the story of Kensuke's Kingdom. We tried to include: varied sentence lengths; types of sentence; speech; fronted adverbial and expanded noun phrases. We included lots of description to add detail to our narrative to engage the reader.

We've had great fun this week during Bikeability. We really enjoyed cycling on our bikes in the playground and the roads. We have learnt lots of different skills to be able to cycle safely on the roads.

We prepared 'The Crucifixion' Collective Worship, we acted out the story. It gave us time to reflect on the importance of the Easter story. I will be uploading the video of us acting out the events of the Crucifixion on the class page on the website. Thank you to all the children for their hard work and the parents support this term. I hope you all have a Holy and Happy Easter!

