

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th January 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DATES FOR JANUARY

- 28th January: Y3 Otley Churches Visit—3 helpers needed
- 31st January: Bee Netball Tournament
- 5th February: Cross Country Final
- 7th February: Number Day
- 10th—13th February: 'Saving the Oceans' Topic Week
- 10th—13th February: Y6 Bikeability
- 10th/24th February: Bushcraft and Climbing Wall Experience
- 11th February: Safer Internet Day
- 11th February: YR Trip to Otley Library

### MASS AND ASSEMBLIES

- 30th Jan: Y6 Class Mass
- 31st Jan: Faith Fortnight Assembly
- 5th Feb: Y4 Class Mass
- 7th Feb: Y3 Assembly
- 12th Feb: Y5 Class Mass
- 26th Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass
- 28th Feb: Y5 Assembly

### FOOTBALL CUP MATCH

Last Friday, members of Year 6 attended a Football Cup Match at St Anthony's.

St Joseph's dominated the game, and we were winning 2-0 until the final 5 minutes. Unfortunately, the victory slipped away as St Anthony's scored some fantastic goals and they secured a 3-2 win. Goals came from Kieron and Patrick, and they were absolutely stunning goals!

They all played amazingly well, showing fantastic ball skills and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents who attended and provided transport. Please can all kits be returned to school asap.



### NUMBER DAY 2020

On Friday 7th February, we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits* and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, t-shirt or even a onesie!). To help raise money for the Bambisanani, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

We will be taking part in a number of Maths challenges throughout the day.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.





# SAVING THE OCEANS



## TOPIC WEEK: FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY—THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

We are very excited to announce the theme of our next topic week is Saving the Oceans.



### We Need Your Recycling

We will be creating a series of 'Under the Sea' displays using recycled materials such as bottle tops, wrappers and other recyclable materials. We do not need cardboard, thank you.

Please start collecting such items as soon as possible in preparation for topic week.

### Bring a Sock

On the Wednesday of topic week, we will be doing lots of 'Under the Sea' themed creative projects. We would like each child to create a 'Socktopus' using an old sock (preferably a long adult sock) and newspaper. Please send your child with these items at the beginning of topic week.



### Author Visit for Y2—Y5

Author Stephen Pass is visiting school on Tuesday, February 11th, to read from his illustrated children's book 'Madge the Mermaid' about a mermaid created from items washed up on the beach.

Stephen will read the first two chapters to Y2—Y5 pupils, as well as showing them how the book was made.

If your child would like a personal signed copy of 'Madge the Mermaid', these are available to buy, priced £7.

### Plastic Toy Sale

As part of our 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' campaign, we will be hosting a plastic toy sale during Friday's showcase.

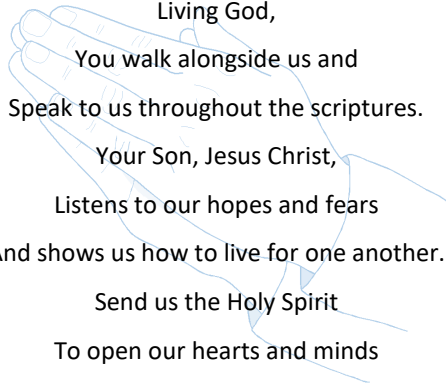
We are asking children to bring a good condition, plastic toy that they no longer play with for us to sell to a child to give it a new home.

The cost of the toys will vary between 20p—£1 and all funds will be donated to charity.



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK



Living God,  
You walk alongside us and  
Speak to us throughout the scriptures.  
Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
Listens to our hopes and fears  
And shows us how to live for one another.  
Send us the Holy Spirit  
To open our hearts and minds  
So that we may be your witness throughout the world.  
Amen

## OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### MASS TIMES

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

There is also a weekday morning mass before school at 8:30am each morning except Tuesdays.

Please can I encourage parents to take their children to mass on a regular basis and please note that the church is open to parishioners all day long if you wish to spend a few moments in quiet prayer or reflection.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week was the last week that the children have looked at the virtue of Faith as part of their collective worship. This week the children thought about the following statements:

*I know that faith is a gift from God;  
Faith helps me grow in friendship with Jesus;  
I show my faith by living my life filled with faith and love.*

The children listened and reflected on the story of Simon the fisherman leaving everything he had and following Jesus in the Gospel of Luke.

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The preparation classes will take place after school on Wednesdays in Church from 3.30—4.30pm.

They will be held Wednesday 29th January, 5th February and 12th February.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be made on Saturday 29th February or Saturday 7th March at 10.30am



## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK AWARD

For the past three weeks, the virtue that the children have been thinking about in Collective Worship on Tuesdays is Faith.

Today, we gave our first Virtue certificates to the children who we thought have displayed this virtue.

These are children who have shown:  
they spend time with God reverently in our collective worships.  
they share their beliefs in God with others.  
their words and actions show their faith in God's love by how they treat others.

**EVIE (YR), ALEXA (Y1), IYLA (Y2)**

**PHILIPPA (Y3), JOSEPH (Y4), JOSHUA (Y5), NIAMH (Y6)**





# CLASS NEWS



## YEAR R NEWS

This week YR have been reading 'The man on the moon- a day in the life of Bob' by Simon Bartram. We then talked about Bob's character including his appearance and personality before writing a character description. The children are getting very good at using their phonic skills to segment words and compose simple sentences.



In maths, this week we have been recapping over numbers 1-10 looking at the different ways these numbers can be made using part whole models and also ten frames. Connie enjoyed finding the different ways she could make five. She confidently told Miss Choma, "3 is a part, 2 two is a part and 5 is the whole."

In RE, we have been thinking about different ways we can show our love for those that are ill. We came up with some super ideas such as making cards, writing and saying prayers, giving them a hug and sending them flowers.

On Friday afternoon we celebrated Chinese New Year. We learnt about how each year is dedicated to an animal and this year it is the 'Year of the Rat'. The children enjoyed trying some Chinese food such as noodles and prawn crackers. We talked about which animal represented the year that they were born. In 2014 it was the 'Year of the Horse' and in 2015 it was the 'Year of Goat'.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

In Maths this week Year 1 have been continuing some very tricky subtraction problems from numbers within 20. They have also started to look at how addition is the inverse of subtraction, and used this to create fact families full of addition and subtraction number sentences.



In English this week the children analysed Miss Armitage's writing to see if she was good enough to be in Year 1! They checked for capital letters and full stops, finger spaces, and exciting language. They also planned their own diary entries based on 'Meerkat Mail', imagining travelling to all the different continents and the animals they might meet there.

In RE we have been thinking about how the virtue of faith is shown throughout the Bible during collective worship. We talked about Simeon and Anna having faith in God and being rewarded with the gift of Jesus when he was presented at the temple in Jerusalem, and how the apostles had so much faith in Jesus that they followed him without question. We talked about ways we show our faith and how important it is to be faithful and to have faith in others as well as God.

For science this week we have been discussing how life changes for animals during the seasons. Each child chose an animal and made a season wheel showing what is different for them in each season. We found out that most baby animals are born in spring, and that they eat a lot during autumn to prepare for winter.

Finally, a huge thank you to all parents who attended our class assembly this morning - the children had learned their lines brilliantly and were confident with the complex vocabulary thanks to you all!

## YEAR 2 NEWS

We enjoyed our PE lesson on Monday when we were able to use the PE apparatus in the hall. Using the climbing frame, low angled ladders, walking planks and gymnastics benches we practised our balancing skills and how to land appropriately.

For *Faith Fortnight*, we have been learning about Sikhism. We learnt that Sikhs display their commitment to their beliefs by wearing the Sikh **articles of faith**. The five articles of faith (known as such because they start with the letter 'k' in the Punjabi language) are: the Kesh (Hair), Kacchera (specific type of undergarments), Kangha (wooden comb), Kada (iron bracelet) and Kirpan (curved sword).

In Maths, we have been learning how to use a number line to perform multiplication. We know that the multiplier is shown by how many jumps (groups of) we make across the number line and the number on our first jump tells us the multiples we are counting in.

We have been thinking about our senses in English. We have imagined all of the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and textures of Mr McGregor's garden. We wrote about these and used interesting adverbs and expanded noun phrases to make our writing more appealing to the reader.

To finish our unit on *Living Things and Their Habitats* We have been learning about food chains in Science. We learnt that plants get their energy from the Sun. They are called **producers** because they make their own **food**. Animals are called **consumers** because they eat plants and other animals. We designed our own food chains to demonstrate this process.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

On Monday, Year 3 enjoyed a fencing workshop. They learned lots of skills including On Guard position. We had to wear a special outfit when we were fighting. We also learnt that the sword is called a foil. Everybody enjoyed the fencing. Pippa said, "It made me feel stronger and I felt happy."



In English, the children have continued their work on non-fiction texts. They have been looking at the different features found in this type of text, such as: index pages, glossaries, headings and sub-headings.

In Maths, we have continued our work on the 3 times tables. We have been using our knowledge of the 3 times table to help us solve worded problems. Samuel even wrote one of his own.

In our Geography topic work, Year 3 are becoming really skilled at using a world map to find different countries around the world. This week we had clues to read to help us locate different countries. See if you work this one out - 'I am in Europe. I am north of Germany and Poland. I am between Norway and Finland.'

## YEAR 4 NEWS

On Monday, we had an exciting visit from a fencing company who came in to teach us how to fence (the sword fighting kind). We had great fun learning the different techniques of the sport and even greater fun wearing and practising in the gear.

This week in RE, we learnt about how Judaism was founded and the religion's main beliefs. We created our own 'Ten Commandments' thinking about how they help us live a happy life. We learnt about the different signs and symbols within Judaism, and looked at how they pray, both at the synagogue and at home.

In English, we started writing our instruction texts for 'How to Become a Murmillo Roman gladiator', trying to incorporate all that we'd learnt about instruction writing over the past couple of weeks.

In Maths, we learnt how to find factor pairs of numbers. We used counters and arrays to help us visualise the pairs. We then worked in groups to answer 'true or false' statements about factors of numbers. We carried out different problem solving activities to demonstrate our understanding.

In Science, we compared the digestive system of humans to animals. The children learned scientific vocabulary including the purpose of enzymes and bile.



## YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, we have been multiplying a 4/3 digit by a 2 digit using the formal multiplication method. We have continued to use resilience when answering a range of questions. On Friday, Mrs Metcalf gave the class a maths challenge, where they had to figure out how much it would cost 27 people to travel the Amazon Rainforest. This included a range of multiplication and addition calculations, we really enjoying working it out.

During guided reading, we have been continuing to read the story of 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. We were really engaged with what would happen to little Prince Florian and whether his father, Prince Otto, would be able to find him a heart. Leila said, "I think that Prince Otto will give his heart to his son and he will have clockwork for a heart. This is because we know that when Prince Otto died he had clockwork inside of him."

In R.E., we have been looking at the faith Hinduism. We have looked at the Hindu creation story and created a story board to represent it. After this, we discussed how the Hindu creation story is different to the Christian creation story and the links between them. We are going to continue to discover more about the Hindu faith next week.



## YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we have wrote our own short stories based on the tale, 'Giant's Necklace'. We looked at ways to describe their characteristics without using explicit adjectives or adverbs eg as opposed to describing a character as angry, you might say 'he stomped down the corridor.'

In Maths, we have been multiplying fractions by integers, and multiplying fractions by fractions. We have worked hard on using the right vocabulary and using models to represent fractions alongside the formal method.

In History and English, the children learning about women gaining the vote. They looked at different historical sources and carried out research to find out about one suffragette, Dora Thewlis.

This week, Year 6 have started learning about Islam and have read some background information about the topic and found out about the Qu'ran. They have also tried making their own Islamic patterns in Golden Time this afternoon. In RE, the children have made links between the Passover, the Last Supper and





# AWARDS

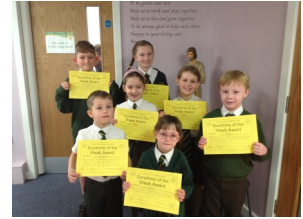


## GOLDEN TABLE

**BENTLEY (YR), ALEX (Y1), ALISTAIR (Y4), KIT (Y6)**

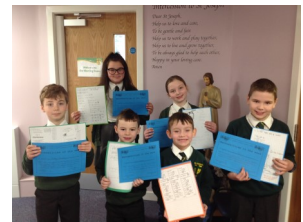
## SUNSHINE AWARD

**LUCILLE (YR), CHARLIE (Y1), AMELIA (Y2)  
ASA (Y3), MIA (Y4), FREDDIE (Y5), FRANCESCA (Y6)**



## MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK AWARD

**JOEY G (YR), ALEX (Y1), SAMUEL H (Y2)  
MIKEY (Y3), DANIEL (Y4), ORLA G (Y5), RUBY (Y6)**



# SPORTING EVENTS



## Upcoming Events

20th Jan—Y3 and Y4 Fencing (in school)

27th Jan—Y5 and Y6 Fencing (in school)

31st Jan—Bee Netball



# MASSES & ASSEMBLIES



<b>Friday Assembly/Mass Timetable 2019/2020</b>		
<b>Spring Term 1</b>	<b>Class Mass</b>	<b>Class Assembly</b>
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Mass @ 9.30am	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y3 Class Mass	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> January		Y1
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 Class Mass	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January		Faith Fortnight
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 Class Mass	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> February		Y3
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Class Mass	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> February		Y5
<b>Spring Term 2</b>	<b>Class Mass</b>	<b>Class Assembly</b>
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Mass	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March		Y2
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March		Y4
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's Day	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March		YR
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Y6
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Whole School Mass @ 9.30	