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Autumn Term
December
2022

NEWSLETTER

Sharing the precious moments we spend together at St Joseph's...



Dear families,

Well this has been a busy Autumn Term indeed! The children have worked very hard and made good progress this term. We've had some exciting trips and visits, with more to follow next term. There's been opportunities for visitors too. We've really enjoyed having parents back at the Good News assemblies and hosting our Nativity and school disco! It is so nice to be able to open school to the normal day to day learning we all enjoy. I would like to thank all our parents for their ongoing support.

Staff have also worked very hard this term and so all our children and staff now deserve a good break and quality time with their family and friends. All that remains is for me to wish you all the best for a peaceful and happy Christmas. Stay safe and well. Best wishes to you all for 2023!

Mrs Wood

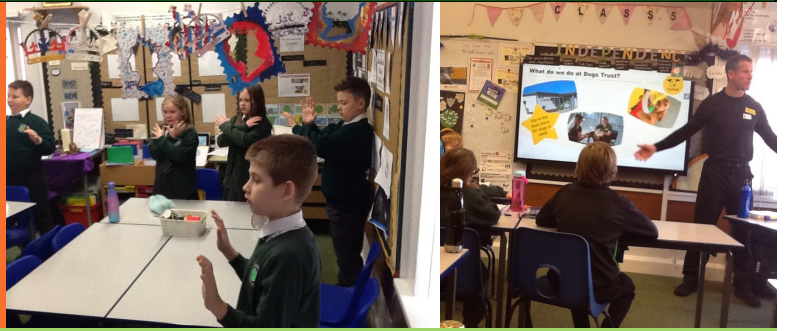


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Sporting opportunities

THE DOGS TRUST

The Dogs Trust Education Programme came into school today to share an exciting, interactive dog welfare workshop with Class 2-5, based on Safe Behaviour Around Dogs. Children met Dougie the dog and learnt about how to look after their dog over Christmas time.



SPORTS ROUND-UP: We have been able to progress our girls football and 12 girls went to play in a football tournament at Fishermore. This new experience has really ignited their enthusiasm and interest! Following this we now offer girls football club on site - something the girls are enjoying and progressing in. Since that first tournament they have played in 3 more at Fishermore - each time growing in confidence and skill. Thankyou to a willing parent who helps us to run this club! The boys football team have also played a number of games this term. Again thanks to another parent who makes this possible.



There has been 2 Indoor athletics events at West Craven for a mixed group of pupils from Upper KS2 and lower KS2 which offered them a chance to run, jump and throw in different events against other schools.

Our final event at West Craven this term saw 16 KS2 pupils take part in a benchball event - no ordinary benchball - this one used a UV ball and reduced lighting. This was great fun and enjoyed by the children!



GO VELO

GO VELO: BIKEABILITY

Year 5 and 6 completed the Bikeability programme with Go Velo. This programme equips the children so that they know how to keep safe on the roads. The KS1 Bikeability programme will commence on 23rd January 2023.



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School Trips...

LAUND FARM TRIP In November, Class 1 had a trip to Laund Farm. Laund Farm is a working farm with hundreds of sheep for milking.



The children were already quite knowledgeable about what farms are for because we had a 'Farm-in-a-box' delivered from the Country Trust earlier in the year. This trip gave them the opportunity to show off what they had learnt; they were able to answer lots of questions and use some super vocabulary such as hay, straw, calf and lamb!

The children fed the cows and sheep and were able to pet the animals. They were very careful to wash their hands afterwards- we learned a lot about being safe outdoors.



Farmer John showed us how his sheep dog worked with the sheep - what a clever dog! In the afternoon we went for a lovely walk across the muddy fields (thank goodness for those wellies!) and climbed to the top of a VERY big hill!

Class 1 just love books and stories! What better place to visit than Barnoldswick library? We were made very welcome by the staff who read us some lovely stories and showed us where to find books for 4 and 5 year olds. We are looking forward to returning for some Christmas stories in December.



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Family Workshops...



Lancashire Adult Learning Service came into school to deliver a family fun Christmas craft session with families from Years R-2. Everyone had a wonderful time and took home some beautiful decorations for their homes. It was an excellent turnout! Well done everyone!

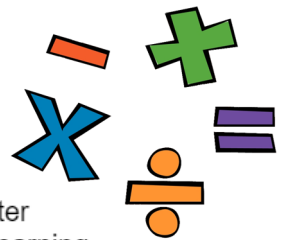


Maths Workshop

Families from Class 3 - 5s joined together with their children to learn about our Mastery Approach to teaching Maths. Mastery is about all children achieving in Maths, so they are able to have a deep level of understanding, so they are able to talk and reason. We hope families now have a good understanding of the Mastery approach to Maths and enjoyed having a go too! The feedback we have received has been so lovely, and the children and staff really enjoyed the workshops.

Some examples of feedback:

- I loved seeing the children engaged and 'showing off' what they know to us
- I now have an understanding how the child learn their maths and how they are challenged where needed
- Interesting to see how they learn
- Good to bring parents in and get them involved
- Learning more about the concept behind Maths Mastery
- Happy learners
- Great insight into the class lessons
- Useful to understand what/how our children learn in maths
- I have learnt about how important a positive attitude is and that mistakes don't matter
- Great insight into how the children learn maths, great concept of different ways of learning
- I found out new terminology used in class such as "exchange"



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Our Learning...



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Children began Anti-Bullying Week in their Odd Socks, displaying that everyone is different! Burnley Football Club joined us to start the week, with the message of 'Reach Out'. This theme ran through the week, demonstrating the importance of speaking out to a trusted adult if they felt bullied or had observed it. In Classes, all the children had a PSHE lesson themed around 'Reach Out' and learnt about key terms such as ringleader, victim and bystander. They looked at different scenarios and thought about what they might do in different situations. All children then created a pledge to decide what they would do if they were being bullied. This has created a display in the Key Stage 2 area. Some children in KS2 also did some extra work, including making powerpoints and poems all about Anti-Bullying.



TWINNING PROJECT

Class 3 are busily getting prepared to meet with children from St. Philip's Primary School in Nelson.

As part of the Pendle Network "Twinning" Project, Class 3 have been building relationships with children at St. Philips over several years and now after a two-year break, we are able to are now able to meet up again.

We have already sent Marsden Class a video to introduce the school, our classroom and ourselves.

We followed this by designing and sending them some bunting, letting them know what we like and what makes us happy. Next term we will meet up for the first time face to face at Leisure Box in Burnley for an afternoon of team activities.



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Celebrations!



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The children in KS2 were entertained by Manchester Actors Company this afternoon, with their production of 'A Christmas Carol'. The children were captivated by the story and the wonderful acting. The children finished the afternoon with a Q and A with the actors.



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Christmas Is Here!

Visit With Santa



Nativity!



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Today Class 4 and 5 took part in a Penitential Service as part of our preparations in Advent. We thank Canon Firth who spoke to us about the importance of Reconciliation and our Mini Vinnies who led us in reflection. @theBWCAT @CAFODLeeds



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More News...



Co-op Presentation.

This year St. Joseph's were chosen by the members who shop in Barnoldswick Co-op to be awarded the Community Fund of £3151. This amazing sum of money will go towards developing our school library. We are so grateful to receive this funding. It will enrich our curriculum and foster a love of reading in our school.

The cheque was presented to us on a Saturday morning. Members of the school council, including the Head Boy and Head Girl, did a fantastic job of representing our school.



Faith in Action

St Joseph's are excited to announce the launch of a prestigious award is awarded through the diocese of Leeds and is linked to the Catholic Youth Ministry.

"The Faith in Action Award encourages young people to actively develop their relationship with God, deepen their faith and put that faith into action it is hope that by journeying through this award others will see God's love through them."

There are four levels to the Faith in Action Award - from Pin through to Gold and involves young people from (y6- y10).

The progression of the Award reflects the spiritual and personal growth of the participants through acquiring more credits of service and leadership.

The Y6 pupils who wish to enrol for this challenge will begin their journey at "Pin Level". They will be discovering what it means for faith to be active by complementing challenges that are supported through the school and Parish.

We look forward to sharing more details with you in the New Year.

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Important events for your diary...



On Thursday 24th Nov a group of 4 Year 6 were confirmed at St. Stephen's church in Skipton by Bishop Marcus Stock. We are extremely grateful to our Parish team of catechists who prepared the children for this special sacrament.

Christmas Masses

St Joseph's

Christmas Eve 5.30pm

St Patrick's

Christmas Eve 11pm

St Joseph's

Christmas Day 10.30am

Further information can be found on St Joseph's weekly church bulletin:

[https://
www.stjosephsbarnoldswick.org
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DIARY DATES

19th December 2022

Christmas sing-along assembly at 1.30pm

20th December 2022

School closes at 1.30pm (No After School Club)

4th January 2023

School re-opens after Christmas at 8.50am

7th January 2023

Class 1 Stay & Play

Week beginning 9th January 2023

Music lessons with LMS restart

11th January 2023

Class 2 & 3 Pantomime trip

14th January 2023

Parents meeting for Yr3 Reconciliation programme in St. Joseph's Community centre at 4pm

Week beginning 23rd January 2023

KSI Bikeability programme starts

Please also see dates on the school calendar on our website. If you have queries regarding any of the items on the newsletter please get in touch with Mrs Wood or the school office:

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