

# CELEBRATING THE PRECIOUS MOMENTS WE SHARE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

April is coming soon; the clocks will go forward bringing brighter evenings and hopefully warmer days. It is lovely to see all the signs of Spring: daffodils, blossom on trees, lambs playing in the fields, birds chirping etc.

In this newsletter you will see the variety of events and activities that have taken place recently in school and within our Parish. So many events and experiences have taken place this term. The children have been working hard in classes and teachers along with support staff continue to provide your child(ren) with a rich and broad curriculum.

As we close for Easter, I wish you all a lovely break and hope the weather is kind to go exploring and see some of the signs of Spring in our area or further afield. I also hope everyone enjoys a very well-deserved rest before we embark upon the busy Summer term!

Kindest regards  
Mrs Wood



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# THE MINI VINNIES

This term Mini Vinnies have awarded 2 Classes treats for filling their Food Bank box. They have prepared and led a beautiful Liturgy for KS2 during Lent. Our younger team have made Easter cards for our Parish.



Back by popular demand! The Big Walk took place this term. The Mini Vinnies planned prayer stations for our school and parish to meet on their sponsored walk. They were supported by some of our SVP and Parish Catechists. A big thank you to them!



Our older members have been thinking about bidding prayers to offer at our end of term Parish Mass.

## Holy Week and Sacred Triduum Schedule

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March**

6.00 p.m. Confessions at St Josephs  
7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Josephs  
Vigil with the Lord until 9.30 p.m. at St Joseph's

### **GOOD FRIDAY 29th March**

10.00 a.m. Confessions at St Josephs  
3.00 p.m. Solemn Passion of the Lord & the Veneration of the Holy Cross at St Josephs  
5.30 p.m. Confessions at St Patricks  
6.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St Patricks

### **HOLY SATURDAY 30th March**

9.15 a.m. Confessions at St Josephs  
7.45 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

### **EASTER SUNDAY 31st March:**

9.00 a.m. Mass of Easter Sunday at St Patricks  
10.30 a.m. Mass of Easter Sunday at St Josephs

**EASTER WEEK; All weekday Masses will be at 10.00 a.m.**

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



On 1st March our school became St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy. We are now part of the Bishop Wheeler Academy Trust in Leeds.

The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust is a group of schools serving communities across North and West Yorkshire. Our sixteen schools, work together to educate our pupils. In doing this, we aim to fulfil our mission of Working together as a true family of schools to offer the best possible high quality Catholic education, enabling the spiritual, moral, intellectual and personal development and well-being of all our pupils, to help sustain high quality Catholic education for families within our area. The Trust has already had a significant impact and will continue to improve further the education of our students.

Our schools recognise the considerable benefits that come from belonging to networks of excellence that provide support and development to staff throughout their career, from their Initial Teacher Training to preparing to be the next generation of school leaders. Being members of the Trust has formalised this collaboration between schools, sharing a vision to provide the best possible Catholic Education for all of our pupils, ensuring that our partnership is strategic, structured and resilient, forged from a common vision of serving our local communities.

This is an exciting time for all the schools involved, ensuring that we provide a wide variety of opportunities for all of our pupils.

You can find out more information by visiting <https://www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/>

St. Joseph's will also continue to work in partnership with our cluster in Barnoldswick and local Catholic primaries who feed to Fisher More High School. We hope that these partnerships enable our school to remain strong and grow to be the best we can.

# THE BISHOP WHEELER CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

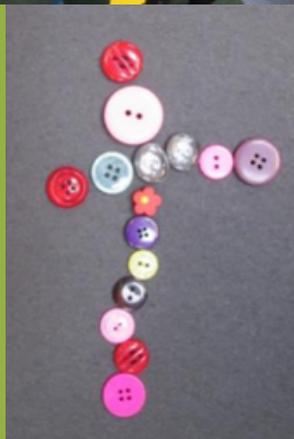
# CLASS 1 NEWS



We have enjoyed stories from the bible. These children have chosen some Big Books to read- and others re-enacted the story of Peter denying Jesus three times in the garden.



Class 1 have been really creative in their RE lessons! They thought of so many different ways to make a cross - an important symbol of Christianity.



# CLASS 2 NEWS

Class 2 have been out looking for signs of Spring. We noticed some buds on the trees and in the flowerbeds so will return in a few weeks to see if anything has flowered. We also spotted that there were quite a few birds returning home after their migration, and even saw some nests!



We have really enjoyed our art topic all about clay. We made lots of different things and learnt how to join clay together to make more complex items. We perfected working as a team to get ready for using the messy clay!



**Kiki and Yongyu brought in some wonderful things to show about Chinese New Year. They taught us so much!**



We went on a visit to Church and Father showed us all about Baptism. We baptised one of our dolls and welcomed him to God's family!

# CLASS 3 NEWS

Class 3 organised a collective worship for the whole school and parents. We explained about how Jesus spread the "Good News!" and how we can do this too.



Class 3 enjoyed an afternoon at Leisure Box in Nelson, where they met up with pupils from Marsden Class from St. Philip's, Nelson.



It was their first time of meeting up and they had a great time getting to know each other playing football, netball, relay games, as well as using their listening skills in a blind fold challenge. They're looking forward to meeting up again twice more over the summer term.

We had our first Roman day earlier this term. The children really got into role by creating costumes, shields, swords, helmets and mosaics. Some children brought in their own research. During the day we learned about Roman life, entertainment and Gods and Goddess's.



# CLASS 4 NEWS



## Feast Stories

Class 4 have worked hard on their "Feast stories" and we enjoyed reading each other's during world book day!

## Visit to Church

For our RE topic we have worked alongside Father Phillip by visiting church. Father explained the important parts of the Mass and we had the opportunity to stand behind the alter, look in the tabernacle and ask lots of really good questions. Class 4 also developed some reflections and learned more about about the Stations of the Cross.

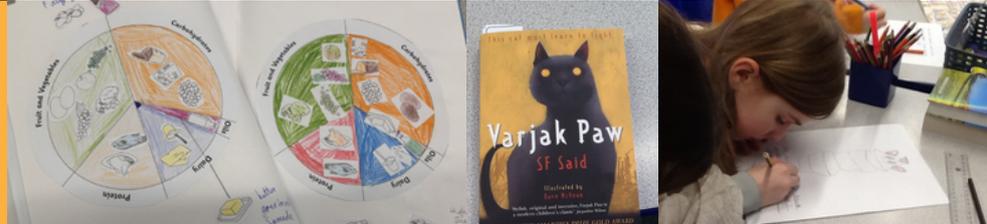
## Healthy Eating!

We have learned lots about healthy eating and will be cooking as soon as we return from our Easter break.



## Buddhist Monk Visit

During our Other Faiths week, we had a lovely visitor from Buddha Land. The Monk came and talked to all the classes about his life, beliefs and Buddha. He explained the meaning of his dress and simple greetings that Buddhist use in their Temple. We were then led in a guided meditation.



# CLASS 5 NEWS

## Mental Health Champions Training

A group of Year 5's attended a mental health champion day. The girls are having a great time. Neil Danz is the tutor and a former world skate boarding champion.

How lucky are they!



## Stations of the Cross

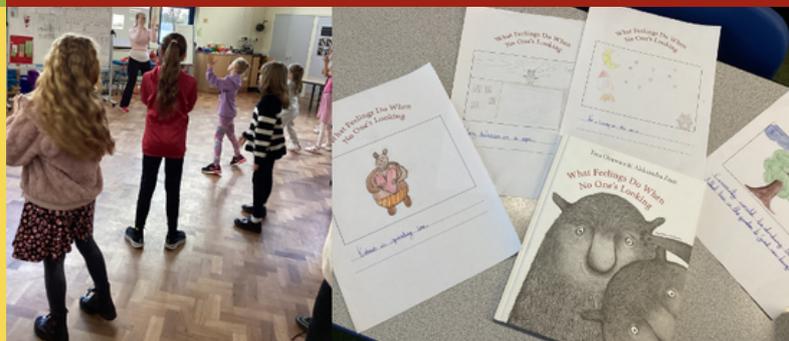
Class 5 visited church and led the stations of the cross with Fr Phillip. They were very respectful and considered the footsteps of Jesus.

## Wellbeing Week

Children started the week with an assembly from the Wellbeing Champions. Each day there were lots of activities run by staff including yoga, dance and mindfulness colouring. In PSHE lessons, children learnt about different feelings and how we can cope in different situations; including change and loss. The week ended with 'Dress to Express Day' and singing assembly.

## Design Technology

In DT this half-term, children have made pop up books. They then joined their buddies for World Book Day and they made shared their lovely creations together.



# BASC NEWS

Autumn and spring terms have been exciting in our Breakfast and Afterschool club. The children have been offered some fantastic activities, which we try to vary to accommodate a good mix of interests. Going forward it would be great to see more children joining in our activities. All are welcome. A big thank you from Mrs Balderston and Miss Brindle



## Science

Science experiments have been an exciting new world of discovery. Mainly discovering that we may not always get the result we thought we would get. We were graced with the pleasure of having Maisie joining us to make Real Slime, I apologise now for that. We have watched Balloon rockets soar across the hall, lemons exploding, invisible ink messages appearing and rainbows made from bubbles.

## Movie Nights

Firstly I would like to thank all that attend our Friday movie nights, the children get to share some down time with friends eating hotdogs and popcorn. The lights are dimmed and we are carried away into a world of make believe.



## Multi-sports

We are so lucky to have a spacious hall where we have had numerous indoor activities to get the children moving. Playing various team games, where our older children are great role models and mentors to our younger children, by encouraging them to do their best. We have taken every opportunity we can to get outdoors and enjoy the outdoor space, playing football, practicing shooting skills using the hoops. We have made good use of the track around the field "walking the mile." Going forward into the summer term we will use the outdoor space a lot more.



## Arts and Crafts

Over the past two terms the children have explored different medias, from photography to gathering pieces to work with from the great outdoors. As you can imagine the messier the activity the better. The children made some lovely Christmas decorations to sell at the Christmas fayre. Just recently they produced lovely art pieces using flowers. A favourite activity for all was most definitely the photo booth we set up with a selection of fancy dress wigs and hats. In Autumn 1 the children designed their perfect pet, these were then sent off to become part of a book which was published.

## Baking

Wow, we do like to bake, the best bit of course is the tasting and taking home what we have produced. The children have become more confident using the weighing scales and mixing the ingredients. Apple crumble saw the children using a peeler and knife to peel and chop the apples, some were less keen but all did a great job. A big hit is when we get out the electric whisk and whisk up the ingredients. The children have had to learn patience waiting for cakes and biscuits to cool down after they come from the oven.





## EAT TO DEFEAT THEM!

Mrs Rayment our new school cook and her assistant Miss Houseman have been serving up some delicious meals for school dinners. The school council have requested a range of international dinners and we recently had Chinese New year which went down a treat! The children loved the noodles.

We are once again participating in Eat them to Defeat them. 'Eat them to Defeat Them' is the award winning campaign from Veg Power and ITV that aims to get children eating more vegetables.

For more information please see <https://eatthemtodefearthem.com/>



# SPORTS ROUND UP!



## In school Opportunities

Our after school clubs are well attended. These include the girl's football, boy's football, netball, KS1 club and KS2 club. The KS2 on Thursday has grown in numbers with the focus of American football. It has been popular with both boys and girls.

## Inter-school

Out of school, we have attended a number of competitive events including indoor athletics, swimming, table tennis and boy's football. Our success in the preliminary rounds at the athletics resulted in our school representing Pendle at The Lancashire School Games final at Blackpool. We competed against 13 schools and through great team-work, consistency and a desire to win we finished in 4th place. Well done. We are so proud.

The following week we competed against other small schools in Pendle in a swimming gala. Another outstanding team effort. Both the boys' relay and girls' relay team finished in first place with 3 children also achieving a first place in their individual races. Our team won overall with just 2 points separating first and 2nd places. Thank you and well done to our swimmers.

Some of the lunch-time table tennis club competed against other schools in a pairs competition. An enjoyable opportunity to play against other children. Another enjoyable participative opportunity occurred when a group of year 3 children took part in a multi-skills event during the school day at West Craven Sports Centre.

The boys football team have played fantastically. They worked together as a team, winning two out of their four games. We are very proud of them all and praise was given to our coach for being a lovely gentleman!

## Generously donated

This term also saw us be presented with a girls' football kit. Kindly donated to us by Nike and BFC through the Premier League Kit Scheme. A huge thank you for this which I'm sure will give years of service to the girls' football squads. We were also donated an indoor bowling kit courtesy of Philip Wright Crown Green Bowling Academy based at Alkincoats Park Colne. Again, a big thank you for this. This will be used by classes, groups and clubs within school.



**From a quiet start after Christmas to a busy pre-Easter end!**

# MUSICAL NEWS!



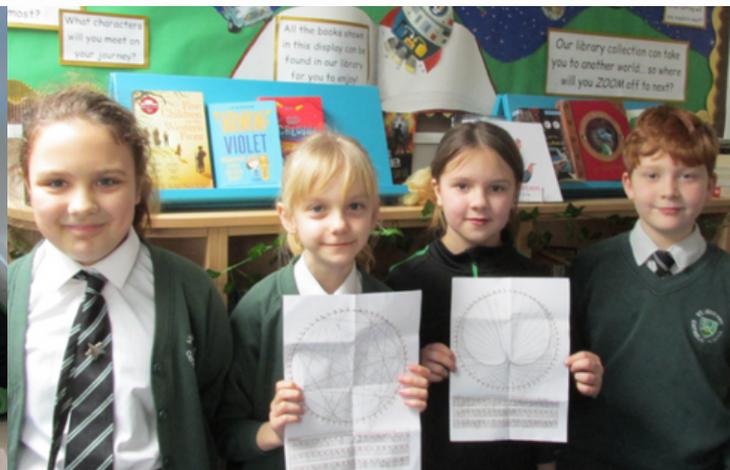
We used some of the money raised at our Nativity Performance to purchase some new instruments for our younger children.

We bought a class set of claves (pronounced clar-vays) and some new djembe drums for our rhythm work.



Learning a musical instrument is beneficial in so many ways to learning and well being - and is great fun! Our KS2 children are really enjoying their guitar lessons. We also offer lessons in keyboard and woodwind. Please contact Miss Naylor if your child would like to try one of these instruments, or a different one, in the summer term.

# MATHS CHALLENGE



A group of Year 5s have been attending a maths challenge group at Fisher More High School along with other Catholic feeder schools. They have really enjoyed the experience and have represented our school very well.

# KEY DATES

**School closes at 3.20pm on Thurs 28th March and reopens Thurs 11th April**

**First Holy Communion sessions start on 24th March at 9.20am**

**26th April Class photos**



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