



NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Headteacher

We have had a very busy fortnight since our return from the half-term break. Last week's cake sale was a great success and the children were all very excited to buy a bun at playtime. Thanks to your generous support of this event, we have raised £203.76 for PTA funds.

We of course had a visit from the Independent Schools Inspectorate last Wednesday and Thursday. Many thanks to all those parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire. The children behaved impeccably and the Inspectors commented that it was their pleasure to spend time in our school with your wonderful children. We will not receive the official report for several weeks yet, however we are pleased with the outcome.

Year 5 enjoyed a taster day at Blessed Trinity last Thursday and then stayed there to compete in a dance competition against other Burnley primary schools. The theme was Diversity and they danced a medley from the musical Hairspray. The team, which was made up of year 5 and year 3 children, won a commendable second place. Well done to our dancers!

The police came in to speak to years 5 and 6 on Friday about staying safe online. It was informative and all the children asked lots of questions. It is clear that some children are using social media, gaming and watching YouTube even though they are legally too young to do so. Please be vigilant and keep tight parental control when your children are using the internet.

Year 4 enjoyed an afternoon of musical entertainment this week when they attended a concert by the Manchester Camerata Orchestra at the Life Centre. They had a fabulous time listening to pieces by Grieg and Rimsky-Korsakov to name a couple. Many of the children said that they felt inspired to learn a new instrument after watching the performance. We hope that they do!

The juniors walked to St Mary Magdalene's church for mass on Ash Wednesday. This of course marked the start of the season of Lent and all the children have been asked by Bishop John Arnold to think of ways they can support this year's theme of Caring for our Planet. They have each been given a St Joseph's Penny box which is our Lenten charity. Last year's collection raised over £86,000 in Salford Diocese which was spent to help over 12,000 local people. Our school raised £686 last year and we are hoping to beat that total this year with your support.

World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday with a whole school sponsored read. All children enjoyed the opportunity to get stuck into their favourite book and managed to achieve their target time of silent reading. Sponsor forms have been sent back home with the children and we would be grateful if sponsor monies could be collected and sent in to school next week. Many thanks for your support, which is generous as ever. This is of course all part of our continued drive to encourage children to enjoy a story and learn to love to read for pleasure. They have each been given a one pound book token so why not plan a trip to a bookshop together and enthuse about buying a new book. There are lots of great ideas on the World Book Day website and there is a range of FREE audio books available from worldbookday.com/world-of-stories from 28.2-31.3.19.

We have arranged for children's author Tom Palmer to visit school on 26th March and the children will have the opportunity to buy books and have them signed at the end of the day. A letter will be sent home with further details.

Non- Uniform day is Friday 15th March. Children can come to school in their own clothes and we would be grateful for the donation of an Easter egg instead of money ready for our next family social event which is Easter Egg Bingo Night on 29th March.

We are currently refreshing and revitalising our EYFS department – If you have any of the following items that you no longer use lying around your homes, or know where we can source these items, we would be very grateful for your donations. Thank you in advance!

We use unwanted:-

- Wooden crates/pallets
- Planks of wood
- Baking trays
- Old sink or bath
- Old fashioned tea sets (pot or metal)
- Old guttering
- Step ladders or a single ladder (wooden or metal)
- Any pieces of material
- Wicker baskets
- Metal kitchen utensils
- Unwanted house plants
- Photo frames

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School Uniform

Please can I send out a gentle reminder about school uniform. It is an expectation that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. Please see the list attached. I am especially concerned that some children do not have a school coat. Their own navy blue coat is not acceptable, it must be a school coat. We are also having problems with PE kit – items missing and items not labelled. We will conduct a PE kit audit next week and send home individual reminders about any item of kit which is missing.

Sports News

Athletics County Finals

Well done to our KS2 Athletics team who represented Burnley in the Lancashire County finals they did us proud coming 10th place in Lancashire!

Netball

Next week we have our ISA Hi5 Netball Tournament, Good luck to our team.

Reminder

Just a quick update this half term.

In Games and PE:

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| Year 1 / 2 | Yoga and mini games |
| Year 3 | Hockey and yoga |
| Year 4 / 5 | External coach tag rugby and yoga |
| Year 6 | External coach tennis and yoga |