



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Last Friday we held our May Assembly to honour Mary, the mother of Jesus. The children processed around school, singing and carrying their flowers to lay in front of the statue of Our Lady. Year 6 children led the lovely assembly which was joyful and filled with music. Cora, Scarlett and William wore their Holy Communion outfits and read their prayers to Mary. We also prayed for Luke, Archie and Gene who make their First Holy Communion in June. After assembly William, Scarlett and Cora took flowers to the convent and to Mc Auley Mount. School has looked beautiful this week, with all the flowers in front of Mary's statue.

Many thanks to you all for helping us celebrate this special day which signals the start of a whole month dedicated to prayer to Mary, the mother of God.



## Rotary Club Donations

We would like to send our thanks to Pendleside and Burnley Rotary Club for their generous donations to our school. Bob and Jim came into school to give us 120 Hi-Vis jackets complete with our school name on for us to use on trips, and a cash donation of £250 towards the African Drumming Workshop.



## PTA

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in our school hall. We will be planning our summer fundraising events including the Summer Fayre. Everyone is welcome and we would appreciate some new faces to help us for this busy term's events. If anyone can't make the PTA Meeting and are available to help at the Summer please inform a member of staff.

## School Council

Our newly formed and elected School Council met for the first time last week. Representatives, who are now proudly wearing their green badges of office, met with Miss Fidoe and had a lively discussion about the ideas they and their classmates have for the school. Miss Fidoe was extremely impressed by the maturity of the reps and the range of ideas covered. Miss Fidoe will now take the suggestions to the staff meeting for consideration.

A huge well done to all our School Council representatives – we look forward to lots more ideas from you.

And a big thankyou to Miss Fidoe for leading this group. Look out for this week's School News



## Ramadan

Yusuf and Yahya kindly brought in baskets of cake and treats to celebrate the start of Ramadan. Yusuf wrote a very informative paragraph telling us all about this special time for muslims and Yahya brought in a book all about it for Pre-school to enjoy. Thank you very much to the Chaudhary family for these thoughtful gifts.



**Grandparents Afternoon**

We would like to invite all our lovely grandparents to our annual Grandparents afternoon. This will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Please will you pass on the invitation and let Mrs Kendall or Mrs Duncan know who will be attending by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Year 6 SATs**

Year 6 will be doing their tests next week. So they need to eat, sleep and prepare over the weekend. They will be given a light breakfast Tues to Friday by Mrs Hannah. Please ensure all children come into school on time (8.30am) so we can get them ready for the tests.

**Drumroots Workshop**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, the whole school took part in a day of African drumming and dance. The afternoon assembly showcased their drumming and dance skills and parents who attended were persuaded to join in too! It was thumpingly good!



**SPORTS NEWS**

**Cross Country**

Some children from Year 5 and Year 6 competed in an elite cross country running event at Towneley Park on 30<sup>th</sup> April. They all ran their hardest and completed the course. George and Olivia from Year 6 will go forward to represent Burnley in the finals.

**Angling**

Four children from Year 3 had the opportunity to experience angling. They became expert fishermen catching lots of fish.



**Tennis**

2 teams from Year 3 and 4 completed in tennis competitions this week. Safwan, Callum, Zoya & Emaan from Year 4 and Hamza, George, Fatima and Aden from Year 3. They had great fun at the events playing against several other primary schools. Hopefully they have the bug now and will continue to play.



**Balanceability**

Reception and Year 1 have started a 6 week course to teach them to ride a bike. They are learning new skills and doing very well so far. The advice from the instructor is not to use stabilisers at home. Start your child on a balance bike and progress to pedals, as stabilisers prevent your child from learning to balance.

