



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 25th June 2021



Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that we only have two weeks left of this academic year. After periods of lockdown and isolation, time has literally flown since March.

School has been a hive of activity this week with some classes beginning their end of year assessments. These will continue next week so please feed your children a hearty breakfast to fuel them up for the day as they will need all of their brain power! School end of year reports are being written and the test results will go in them. We will email the reports to you week commencing 5th July on the Parentmail system. If you would like a hard copy, then if you contact the office, they can print one for you.

Transition meetings with your child's new class teacher for September will be done on Zoom this year. I will email out the details for these on Monday 28th June.

The school grounds are looking beautiful with all the lovely weather we have enjoyed. Reception class have grown and begun to harvest potatoes and strawberries. Pre-school have really benefitted from lots of time outside in the fresh air. And Year 6 have begun their countdown to leaving! Next week they will be spending two fun and activity filled days at Waddow Hall, after which, they will begin to prepare for their Leavers' assembly. Unfortunately, due to the extension of the Covid restrictions, we are unable to invite anyone other than the year 6 parents to that assembly but we do intend to video it for all to share.

We are planning to hold a festival style disco on the field one afternoon as we did last year (in bubbles of course!) but will let you know the date nearer the time, depending on weather forecasts. We are also planning some sports events but will be unable to invite parents to watch. Let's hope that this is the last summer when all our activities are restricted.

Take care and I will write again before we break up for summer

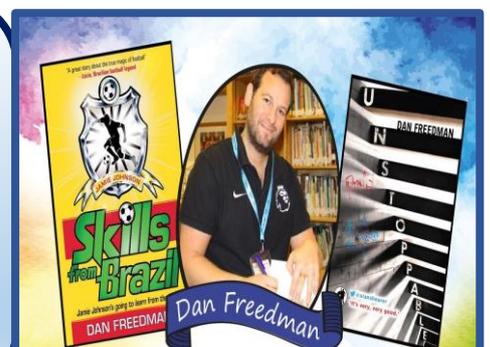
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Burnley Youth Theatre

Years 1 to 6 have been enjoying having Burnley Youth Theatre deliver drama workshops virtually over the past couple of weeks. They have been taking part in lots of games and have been improvising their own scenes. We feel really lucky to have this opportunity and are looking forward to our final session on Friday.

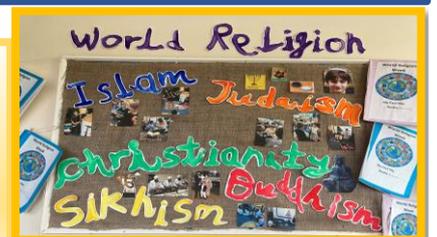
Dan Freedman - Virtual author visit

The children from years 1 to 6 were all really excited to have Dan Freedman 'visit' us on Zoom on the 10th June. Dan spoke about his popular 'Jamie Johnson' book series and even told us about his time travelling with the England Football team during a World Cup! Lots of children got to ask Dan questions and he told us that they were some of the best questions he had ever been asked! Dan inspired lots of us to start reading and maybe become an author one day.



Fatima's Blog (Under Curriculum tab - Pupil Blog)

Check out Fatima's Blog on our website. The latest entry is all about our school World Religion Week. [Fatima's Blog Religion Week](#)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Start and Finish times for the school day:

We are hoping that staggered start and finish times will be unnecessary in September, so we are proposing a slight change to the start time from Pre-Covid. The school main entrance will open to all year groups at 8.25am and lessons will begin at 8.30am. Children arriving after 8.35am will be marked down in the register as late. We have all got used to the earlier starts now and we have more time for teaching and learning. All year groups will finish at 3.30pm. Before school club will recommence and be available from 7.30am in the dining room. Any child arriving at school before 8.25am should go to before school club please. All year groups will once again enter school through the main entrance door.

Pre-school funded hours are 9 - 3 but children may start at 8.30am and finish at 3.30pm should parents require this for a small charge. They can of course also access before and after school provision.

Assemblies

Assemblies - we are hoping that we will be able to invite parents, grandparents and friends to our Friday afternoon celebration assemblies once again. We will email out the assembly list at the beginning of term so you can make plans to be available when your child's class deliver their assembly.

Bags and Uniform

School rucksacks and book bags may once again be used from September. The clear folders have done their job and we reiterate our thanks to the parents of Ali-Hamza and Ali-Hussain for buying these for all pupils in school last year.

A reminder that pupils return in SUMMER uniform in September and wear this until the half term holidays.

After School Club

After school club will continue to operate from the dining room, however the finish time will be **5.30pm** from September. It is simply not economically viable to stay open until 6pm as very few parents ever use the service after 5.30pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Summer school: Do you need holiday childcare?

This is your last opportunity to book a place at summer school for your child. There are 3 weeks available running 8.30-5pm Monday to Friday: WC 12th, 19th, 26th July. The cost is £100 per week, £90 for a sibling. £21.50 per day or £19.50 for a sibling. The children will be supervised by Teachers, Early Years Practitioners and Teaching assistants. If you are interested in single days or a whole week, then please email your requirements to the office as soon as possible so that we can plan staffing levels.

Extra - Curricular Clubs

Extra - curricular clubs will finish at the end of next week (2nd July). There will be none in the last week of term. There will be no Year 6 Craft Club on Tuesday 29th after the Waddow Hall trip or Maths Club on Thursday 1st July.

School Reading Books We have quite a lot of books missing from our Reading scheme, please check at home that you do not have any school reading books. Thank you