



# NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021



Dear Parents,

October has arrived and it has definitely brought autumn with it. The conkers are falling in the grounds and the leaves are turning. EYFS have had great fun splashing in puddles, and our KS2 football team (and Mr Bailey and Mr Barnsley!) had a good soaking at their tournament on Wednesday evening!

Today Year 2 led a beautiful assembly on October being the month of the holy rosary. In school we shall be reflecting on this and praying the rosary together. We have some new year 6 Faith Ambassadors who will be helping lead prayers for this special month in our Liturgical calendar. This coincides with us supporting our first charity of this academic year - Burnley Together. There are more details later in this newsletter. We ask for your support in making a difference in our local community by sending in some items for the Food Bank.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed browsing books at the Travelling Book fair and I thank you for being so generous buying books for your children which in turn means that school has earned rewards to buy books for our classroom libraries.

The staff, children and I are very excited about our trip to Blackpool Zoo. Please say a little prayer for fine weather for us! If you haven't yet sent back the reply slip, could you do so next week so we can finalise arrangements. Thankyou for your continued support,

Mrs Whitehead

## Used Uniform Sale

Before you go to Grays for any new winter uniform, we will be holding a school uniform sale week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30 - 4pm. A special request - if anyone has some spare coat hangers they could donate for us to display, we would really appreciate them. All proceeds from the sale will go to the PTA. Children will return to school in winter uniform after half term.



## Harvest Collection

For this year's Harvest we shall be Collecting for Burnley Together.

Burnley Together is a partnership between Burnley Borough Council and other local organisations to support people in the community. They help the community by obtaining food parcels, meals on wheels, collecting prescriptions, dog walking, preventing loneliness, financial and debt advice, help with shopping and mental health support.

[Burnley Together](#)

We will welcome donations from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you in advance for your support.



## **Burnley Together**

Helping those in need across Burnley

### Items Requested

- Tin and dried food
- Toiletries
- Nappies
- Baby milk and food
- Pet food

## Travelling Book Fair

The Book Fair this year proved to be very popular. The collection from the Book Fair was a staggering amount of £705.75, which means we have over £360 of rewards to spend on books for the children.

Thank you

## **Our Faith Ambassadors**



## PTA News

Following the retirement of our PTA Chair Damian Juriansz, we are pleased to welcome Nicky Rourke as our new Chairperson. Our PTA do an amazing job raising funds to improve the school for our children.

Our first meeting will take place in school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.

Everyone is welcome so please do come along and share your views with us.

100 Club Winners:- June:1<sup>st</sup> J Maudsley, 2<sup>nd</sup> A Eva, September:- 1<sup>st</sup> E Payne, 2<sup>nd</sup> J Malpass. If you are interested in joining the 100 Club, forms can be obtained from the school office.

You have to be in it to win it!!

## Ask me what I'm reading

Well done to Ethan, Aden, Abu-Bakr who have been awarded the 'Ask me what I'm reading' badges for simply enjoying a book. If you see a child wearing a badge, ask them what they are reading!

## National Poetry Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October is National Poetry Day. To celebrate the day, we are looking forward to welcoming a drama practitioner from Burnley Youth Theatre into school. They will be doing some poetry workshops with years 1 - 6.

## Reading in the Juniors

We work hard to promote reading at every opportunity in school. We ask for parents to support us with this by hearing their child read at home.

Mrs Haasbroek, our English Subject Leader, has produced two short videos which are full of hints and tips on how to help your child develop reading comprehension skills. The videos are on our school website under Curriculum Tab and Reading page or click the following link:- [Mrs Haasbroek's Reading Hints and Tips Links](#)

## SPORTS NEWS

### Outdoor Activities - Towneley Park

Some of the children enjoyed a morning at Towneley Park participating in outdoor activities. They thoroughly enjoyed looking for different things on the map. We are proud that they represented our school so well.



### Fun Run

Congratulations to our Year 2 Fun Run competitors and our 2 Juniors supporters. We had some fantastic results from all the children, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the girls race and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the boys race. The majority of the children finished in the top 10. That's fantastic, once again we are very proud of all their achievements.



### Football

On Wednesday, the football team went to Spirit of Sport to play some friendly matches against five other schools. It was awful weather, but the team were determined to play. Even though they were wet and cold, the children played well and had a great time. Well done boys!