



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 28th January 2022



Dear Parents,

This term is flying by and everyone in school is working hard. Fortunately, the weather has been kind to us and the children are enjoying all their playtimes and many PE lessons outside. We have re-energised the daily mile and the children are getting used to doing this again most days. The New Year is always the best time to try to get fitter and healthier, isn't it?

Our classes are all taking their turn to prepare Friday assemblies and we have had super attendance from parents and grandparents which is lovely to see. The assembly list for the term is on our website under the News and Events tab.

You will have noticed that we launched our Instagram page this term - so please do check out the lovely photos of the children enjoying their lessons and activities. We also continue to regularly post on our Facebook pages for school and Pre-school, so you have an insight into the school day. I am not a big fan of social media, however I do love our school posts because they show just how happy and busy the children are during the school day. Have a look if you haven't tried before.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Whitehead

LATENESS

Please can I remind parents that school begins at 8.30am and if your children arrive after that time, then they are missing valuable teaching. It is also very disruptive for staff and pupils when they have started a lesson and children come in late. The doors open at 8.25am and we offer breakfast club from 7.30am. If your child is 10 minutes late each morning, they are missing nearly an hour of teaching each week!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

I hope your children are enjoying the extra-curricular clubs which you have signed them up for. If they are allocated a place at a club, then the children need to commit to attending that club each week. We are finding that at times children are picking and choosing when to attend. That is not fair to staff who are freely giving their time to run the club or on other children who may be on a waiting list to join that club. If a child needs to miss an extra-curricular club, can I ask that you contact the office and let us know.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Our regular collection for the Burnley Food Bank needs you !
We still collect food items for Burnley Food Bank. Tinned meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Vegetable and Fruit. They would be gratefully received.



PENDLESIDE HOSPICE

I just wanted to let you know the confirmed total collected for Pendleside Hospice before Christmas was £ 733. This is a fantastic amount for a very worthy cause. Thank you again for your generosity.

PTA EVENTS THIS TERM

- 25th February 1.30 - 3.30pm - Coffee Afternoon and **Family Friendly Friday**
- 11th March - DATE NIGHT! Childcare until 9pm so you can treat a loved one!
- 18th March Non - Uniform day for the children - for a Donation of an Easter Egg
- 25th March 6.30 - 8.30pm - Quiz Night for the Parents and Movie Night for the children
- 25th June - Summer Fayre
- Art, Cheese and wine evening for adults TBC
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party - TBC
- Overnight sleep over in school for children - Date TBC

PTA MONTHLY AUCTION

As we mentioned in the PTA newsletter, we are looking for donations of products or services which we can 'auction' to the highest bidder.

Mrs Ahmed, mother of Daneen and Hamza, has very generously donated a wonderful hamper of Body Shop products as our first item to auction for PTA funds. The hamper includes:- Shower gels, Body Butter and various other Body Shop toiletries. (retailing at over £150!)

Please can anyone interested in this wonderful collection of Body Shop Toiletries email their 'bid' to office@parkhillschool.co.uk by Friday 11th February at 10am. We will then contact the winning 'bidder' and send home their hamper on the last day of this half term.



SISTER STAN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

On Monday 24th January the whole school walked over to Mc Auley Mount to serenade Sister Stan with a joyful Happy Birthday song and handed over a handmade Birthday card. Happy 100th Birthday Sister Stan!



STEM COMPETITION

On Tuesday, 6 pupils from year 5 (Noah, Aaminah, Florence, Elliot, Haady and Zak) travelled to Oakhill to take part in their STEM competition. The children had to participate in multidisciplinary activities which included design and building, financial tracking and video capture. The year 5's worked fantastically as a team and deservedly achieved first place!

Well done children you were a credit to the school.



FOOTBALL

On Wednesday 26th January, the football team played their second match in the Johnson Cup against St John's Burnley. It was a great defensive performance and finished 0-0. Well done boys!

