



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 6th May 2022



Dear Parents,

The new term is whizzing by and everyone has been very industrious.

Friday the 22nd saw an afternoon dedicated to sport. Miss Grillo, Mrs Barker and the Y6 Sports Crew held a school games afternoon. All classes took part in football, netball, rugby, handball, cricket and basketball. The teachers were redundant because the Sports Crew did everything! They coached the children on each sport and then refereed matches. It was fabulous to see the year 6 rise to this challenge and demonstrate their sports leadership skills. They are hoping to hold another next half term.

Last Tuesday we held our first school swimming gala for 3 years, and it was worth the wait! 38 children swimming their little hearts out and what a nail-biting finale - the relay race- with the boys just pipping the girls after a super swim by Ethan in Y3. St Patrick were the overall winners so well done to them. I would like to thank Miss Grillo for planning it so well and all the staff who gave up their time to make it a memorable experience for the children. I am already looking forward to next year.

Last Thursday, 26 junior children took part in a wonderful choral event called Let's Go Sing. 4200 children participated in the concert held at Blackburn Rovers Football Club. After all the time we weren't allowed to sing due to the pandemic, it was a celebration of the joy of singing and the relief to be able to do so once again. Mrs Goffee prepared the children along with staff from Blackburn Cathedral. The children had a wonderful afternoon and evening. Unfortunately, the traffic was terrible and this spoiled the event for some of our parents who did not manage to arrive at the venue in time for the concert. The children behaved impeccably and did us all proud.

Last Friday Y5 prepared a lovely assembly all about Ramadan and Eid. Miss Sarwar, who is on teaching practice in Y5 from university, helped Miss Lomas prepare the children and they produced a very mature and informative assembly. I hope Eid-al-Fitr was joyous for all our Muslim families.

Today our assembly was dedicated to Mary, mother of Jesus because May is the month when we pray to Mary. Year 1 did a wonderful job leading the assembly, and thank you to everyone who brought flowers to place at Mary's statue.

This weekend sees our 2 residential trips set off to their respective locations - Y6 to Hothersall Lodge to take part in outdoor and adventurous pursuits; and Y5 to Cranedale on a geography field trip to the East coast. I would like to thank the staff for volunteering and giving up their weekend to enable the children to have these experiences. I am sure they will have lots to tell us about on their return.

Kind regards

Mrs Whitehead

Walk Against Hunger Sponsor Money

We have received £1074.75p so far in sponsor money for our Lenten challenge which is absolutely marvellous! Particular congratulations go to Joseph in Reception class, Gene in Year 6 and Jessica and Max in Year 3 and Year 1 for raising huge amounts for this worthy cause. Please can all remaining sponsor monies be sent in asap so we can send our donation to CAFOD. Many thanks for your support and well done to the children.

PTA meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th at 6pm. All parents and grandparents are welcome.



English Speaking Board examination results

Y5 and Y6 took their ESB examinations last month and should be very proud of their results. All our children attained a Merit Plus or Distinction which are the 2 highest grades possible. It just shows what can be achieved with hard work and practice. Well done to all the children, and thank you to the staff who prepared them so well. We are all feeling proud of this achievement.



Grandparents' Afternoon

We are holding our much-loved grandparents' afternoon on Thursday 19th May at 1.30pm. We invite all grandparents to join us in school for tea, cake and entertainment. It is a wonderful opportunity for all our lovely grandparents to see what their grandchildren have been learning in music and dance. A letter has gone out and we would be grateful for an rsvp so we can plan the seating and refreshments.

School Uniform

A reminder that children should be in **summer uniform now**. This includes a blazer and optional mac in a sac. All uniform needs to be labelled. Staff are spending too much time searching for uniform which has been misplaced by pupils and is **not labelled**. This is a very difficult task given that we have over 100 pupils! And then parents are cross with school that their child has lost an item of uniform.

Again, another reminder that clean, white PE t-shirts must be worn each PE kit day and white training shoes **ONLY**. Children must still come to school in full tracksuit with shorts underneath please.

Our uniform is a very important part of school's identity and we need your commitment to maintain our high standards. Class teachers will send home a uniform slip if a pupil is not wearing correct uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

Sports News

Basketball

On Wednesday some of the children from Year 5 and Year 6 went to Spirit of Sport to play Basketball. First they did some skills and timed games, then they went into some matches. They played very well as a team. The girls had a team and the boys had a team. They played 5 matches and both teams won most of their matches. They had a great time and really enjoyed it.



Football Year 3 and 4

The Year 3 and 4 football team played 2 friendly matches against St Mary's School. It was a lovely evening and our field was perfect for a match. The first match ended 3-2 to Park Hill with Bertie scoring a hattrick. The second game was a bit tricky as we were tired but we managed to score another goal however St Mary's won 2-1. We played fantastically as a team and are getting stronger and stronger! Thank you to all our supporters who helped lift our spirits. Thank you to Miss Grillo and Mrs Barker and also Mr Whitehead for refereeing and giving us tips.



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