



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead



Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

It is lovely to be back in school after the holidays and everyone seems well rested and raring to go.

We rounded off Christmas nicely last Friday with our Epiphany assembly and the 3 kings did their lovely solos again for us. What a treat!

Christmas is a time for fundraising and charity, and I would like to thank you all for your generosity. We raised a wonderful £823.00 from the Christmas raffle. I hope if you won, you were happy with your prize. This will go into PTA funds towards the cost of the outdoor classroom and pond. We will donate £289.59 to Pendleside Hospice from our Christmas Jumper day and the Chocolate Bouquet raffle. The disco and stalls made £350.00 for PTA funds and it was such an enjoyable way to end a very busy term. We held collections after the performances and can split the £89.96 raised between Pendleside Hospice and Fr Melaku's school in Ethiopia.

Year 5 and 6 did a marvellous job of bringing Christmas Cheer to the elderly residents of McAuley Mount when they performed carols for them. They sang beautifully, moving some of the residents to tears. They had a drink and chat with them afterwards and were then rewarded with a selection box as a thank you from McAuley Mount. I was so proud of the children as they mingled and spoke respectfully to each resident. Lots of our children also made Christmas cards and little gifts for the residents and the nuns next door in the convent. They were thrilled to receive these.

We have some new faces in school we would like to welcome. Joseph joined year 5 just before Christmas, and Edward has joined year 2 this term. They have already settled in and have made new friends. We welcome them and their lovely families to Park Hill. We also welcome Mrs Catherine Doney to our staff team. She has joined us in EYFS and we are lucky to have her with her wealth of experience in primary teaching.

I emailed you all earlier this week with the sad news that Mrs Nuttall has decided to leave us after 17 years of dedicated service to the children at Park Hill School. We wish her a speedy recovery and a long and happy retirement. Mrs Jackie Kostilek has taken over as cook and the children have really enjoyed their school dinners this week.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Whitehead

Panto Fun!

The whole school went to Colne Municipal Theatre last Friday to watch Cinderella. Oh no, you didn't!!! Oh yes, we did!!!!

It was brilliant! The actors, costumes, scenery and humour were all fantastic. The children absolutely loved it. They particularly liked the ice-cream, crisps and biscuits they had at the interval!



Park Hill Platform

The link for our new school e-magazine was sent out just before Christmas - so just in case you missed it, click on the link below to go to the first edition, which is full of great news stories.

[Park Hill Platform](#)

Outdoor Classroom and Pond

We were all very excited on Tuesday when work began on the outdoor classroom. The Woodland Trust staff have worked hard all week in the rain and it is finished.

Mrs Taylor cannot wait to get out there with her Forest school classes. We have booked the pond and building work begins on 28th February. If anyone would like to make a small donation towards the cost of building the pond, we would be very grateful. All sponsors' names will appear on a special plaque to be erected in the outdoor area.



Polite Requests

Please can we ask that parents drive slowly on the car park and park considerately in just one parking bay so there is enough room for all. Please do not park on the main driveway as this is also the main entrance for the care home. Can we kindly as *not* to park near the entrance to the staff carpark, we need to keep this entrance clear at all times.

Friday assemblies are very important to us. The staff and children work exceptionally hard to practise for them. And it is a celebration of all the children's achievements. It is very disruptive when visitors arrive late and is distracting for the children. It is also very disruptive if children are collected early from the assembly. From now on, late comers will be asked to wait in the foyer, as we will no longer admit anyone to the hall if they are late. We realise that for working parents, it is a real effort to get here, however it is not fair to the staff or children to be disrupted as often as they are. If parents need to collect children early, then it must be before 2.45pm on Friday. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

PTA

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and help plan fun events to raise money for improvements to school. Thank you in advance.

Sports News

Tots to Tyres

Reception have been having lots of fun this week in Tots to Tyres. They have been whizzing around the hall on balance bikes getting faster and more confident every day. They all achieved their balance ability certificate and are now successful balancers. Well done to Reception.



Athletics

Our KS1 Athletics Team went to Spirit of Sport to compete against 5 other schools. They each had to participate in 2 running events, a throwing and a jumping event. They all did amazingly completing their events with determination. We finished First place winners! Well done Team.

