



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 10th March 2023



Dear Parents

We have been very busy in school since half term as you will see in the rest of the newsletter. The season of Lent is upon us and we have been thinking about the three ways we try to do better during this important time in our liturgical calendar: fast, give and pray. We are supporting two very worthy charities in Lent. The first - the Sponsored read for 'Read for Good' was just for one week and we ask that everyone returns their sponsor money to school, or send it online directly to the charity please. The second charity is Fr Melaku's school in Ethiopia. The children will bring home a form to gain sponsorship for how many miles they run or walk during Lent. We would be grateful if your family and friends could help us with this.

We welcome a new family to our school and Jess, Bella and Lucy are settling well into their new classes and making lots of friends. I am sure you will all welcome them into our little school community.

The snow day on Friday seemed to thrill the children (if not the parents!) and I received super photos of the snowmen, igloos and sledging. You can see many of them on our Facebook page and website: - [Snow Day](#)

Mrs Whitehead

World Book Day

The whole school had brilliant fun when we celebrated World Book Day last week. The costumes and the makeup were spectacular. The children loved the staff all dressing as dalmatians and the younger children did not even recognise Mrs Whitehead as Cruella DeVil! Well done to the children who were chosen to win prizes. You can view photos from world book day on our website gallery. [World Book Day](#)



Forest School area

The Wildlife Trust made a start on the wildlife pond and dipping platform this week. It was very exciting to see the digger rolling down the field to dig the hole. Watch this space as we follow its construction.

Mayor Cosima Towneley visits school

Former Park Hill pupil Cosima Towneley visited school on Monday in her role as Mayor of Burnley. She very kindly came to speak to the children about British Values at the start of our school British Values week. The children answered questions about the 4 values: the Rule of Law, Democracy, Tolerance and Respect, Individual Liberty. Mayor Towneley has been an elected Councillor in Burnley for 16 years and she answered questions from the children about her role. We are very grateful to her for taking the time to visit our school.



Let's Go Sing

21 of our juniors shone as they sang at King George's Hall on Thursday evening in the Let's Go Sing choral event. They were part of a 15-school choir and it was a delight to watch. Many thanks go to Mrs Goffee for preparing the children for the event. The children are already looking forward to next year.

Inspire Concert by Lancs Music Service

The Lancashire Music Service staged an inspirational concert of song and music last Saturday. 19 pupils attended as our choir to sing 2 lovely songs to a packed audience. It was wonderful to hear and all parents watching were proud. The children also met some of the Lancs Music Service teachers who gave them the opportunity before the concert to try out different instruments. The Lancashire youth ensembles were there and played some great pieces.

Lancashire Music Service is offering some music experiences for free over the next 3 weeks for all pupils not just those who took part in the concert. After Easter, the cost will be £25 for the term, until the summer holidays. They also offer a range of individual lessons.

Burnley Music Centre - Tuesdays at St Leonard's School Padiham

- 4:20-4:50pm- Samba drumming 1 (any age)
- 4:50- 5:20pm- GarageBand (KS2, KS3, KS4) or samba drumming 2 (any age)
- 5:20-5:40pm- Ocarina (4-6-year-olds)
- 5:20-5:50pm- Guitar and ukulele group (age 7 and above)
- 5:20-5:50pm - Ensemble For All (any pupil of any ability on any instrument)
- 5:50-6:20pm- Choir (any age)

Pendle Music Centre - Thursdays at Pendle Vale College

- 4:15-4:45pm- Guitar group (suitable for all)
- 4:45-5:45pm- Steel pan/samba (suitable for all)
- 5:45-6:30pm- Junior brass and woodwind group (any age on recorder, or once learners have their adult front teeth)

If your child is interested in attending any of these sessions, then just go along and have a go. There is no need to book in advance.

Polite reminder

Please can we ask once again that parents drive very slowly on our school car park.
Can we also ask parents to supervise children closely when they collect them at the end of the school day. Children should not be running around school grounds including the car park out of sight of parents. Mr Whittaker asks that the children are not allowed to run on the grass bankings where all the spring flowers are budding as they are being trodden on and spoiled.

Sports News

Athletics

On Wednesday 22nd February our Athletics team competed at the Spirit of Sport in Burnley in the Sportshall Competition. The team did amazingly and are now through to the finals which are in Blackpool tomorrow to represent Burnley. We are really proud of this achievement and wish them every success for the finals.
Well done team!

