



# NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Dear Parents,

This term is flying by and the Easter holidays are nearly upon us. Before that, we have lots happening in school. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual school gala at Padiham Pool and all children from Y2 to Y6 can participate. It is always a fabulous evening and the children (and parents) enjoy it enormously. All the staff are looking forward to that.

We are of course in the middle of Lent and hopefully the children are collecting sponsors for their sponsored miles for Fr Melaku's school in Ethiopia. Ramadan started yesterday for our Muslim families and Year 4 led a wonderful assembly about it last Friday. The School Council continue to collect for the Food Bank and any extra food during this time would be gratefully received. The Read for Good sponsored read raised £760 for this wonderful charity who supply books to sick children in hospitals. Thank you so much for your generosity.

The teachers will contact you next week to book a slot for parents' evening which will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April after school. The children will be completing their spring term assessments next week.

We have a PTA social event - Easter Egg Bingo - on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm in the school hall. We would love as many families as possible to come along. Entrance Tickets can be obtained from Mrs Kendall, Bingo cards are £1 per game. It is good wholesome family fun and everyone usually goes home with a prize. You can bring your own snacks and drinks for the evening. Mr Juriansz is returning to host the evening for us and we are very grateful for his help.

We close for the Easter holidays on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April and will hold the Easter disco with games and stalls that afternoon in school time. The children can come to school in their own clothes that day. The disco/stalls ticket costs £5 per child and can be purchased from Mrs Kendall.

All monies raised from these 2 events will go into PTA funds to pay for the new pond.

Have a lovely Easter break and we will welcome the children back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Whitehead.



## Lamda Examinations

The children have received the results from their recent drama examinations and we are very proud of them all for achieving merit or distinction grades. This is the first time we have done Lamda exams and we were thrilled with the children's achievements. Going forward, we shall do these drama grades every other year, alternating with ESB and Poetry Vanguard examinations. All three of these examinations are so important and beneficial, giving the children the opportunity to build their confidence and self-esteem.

## School Book Fair

The Book Fair is proving a hit with the children. They peruse the books, reserve one they fancy and then pay for it by cash, card or by bank transfer to school. The more books we sell, the more we are given for our library in school. It is open until next Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup>) after school. Books make great Easter or Eid gifts.



## Summer Uniform

The children return to school after Easter wearing summer uniform please. The list is available on the school website. Uniform is available to order online at Grays and can be delivered to your home or you can collect from the shop.

Please ensure the children wear blazers and coats initially as the weather after the Easter holidays can still be chilly and wet. Summer dresses are optional for Pre-school children.

### Pond Update

The structure is in place, some planting has been done but will take months to become established. The Wildlife Trust are waiting for the ground around the pond to dry and then they will return to finish the pathway. Hopefully we will be able to use it in the second half of the summer term.



## **Sports News**

### Orienteering Towneley Park - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

What a beautiful, sunny morning for some orienteering it was! A team of year 3 children went to Towneley Park on Wednesday to take part in an orienteering event. The children absolutely loved it. They worked very well as a team using a map to navigate their way around Towneley Park to find hidden animals and Pokemon. It was a great (but tiring) morning. They even did a great job working and discussing tactics with children against other schools (until it became competitive of course). Well done to the children.



### Tag Rugby -

Our super Tag Rugby team have played in 2 Tournaments in the past couple of weeks at the Prairie Sports Village. They played extremely well as a team and scored some brilliant tries. In the final tournament they played 7 games, winning 5, drawing 1 and losing 1. Well done team!



## Family Easter Egg Bingo

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 6.30pm**

**Get tickets (free) from the office  
(1 ticket per Player)**

**It's wonderful family fun!**

**(Please bring your own drinks (glasses) and snacks!**