



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 6th April 2023



Dear Parents,

This is our last newsletter of the spring term. Thank you all for your support in all we have done over the past few months. I know you will join me in thanking our wonderful staff for their hard work and dedication. They make our school the lovely place it is. You will have all had a parents' evening with your child's teacher and you will know what great progress the children are making.

As the season of Lent draws to a close in Holy Week, we are very aware that Ramadan continues. This time of year allows us all time to reflect and pray. We also give during these special times, and I would like to thank you all for the donations of food for Burnley Food Bank. Mrs Whittaker and the School Council took the donations to them on Wednesday and they were very gratefully received.



The whole of the Juniors walked to St Mary Magdalene's church last Friday morning to attend mass along with the children from St Mary Magdalene's school. It was a pleasure to see how respectful our pupils were and Fr Swift thanked them for making the effort to walk to church during Lent.

I wish you all a restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back in summer uniform on Monday 24th April.

Mrs Whitehead

PTA Fundraisers

We enjoyed Easter Egg Bingo in the hall last Friday evening and we had a mountain of eggs thanks to your generosity on non-uniform day. Mr Juriansz kindly returned to host the event and made the evening lots of fun. I think every child went home with something and many adults too!! Thank you to the families who attended. We made a whopping £505 for PTA funds.

We are holding our Easter disco, stalls and Park Hill's Got Talent this afternoon and will let you know after the holidays what this event raised for PTA funds.

We had planned a quiz and film night as the next event on 19th May, however we need a volunteer to write and host the quiz for us, otherwise we will have to cancel it. If any parent is happy to do this, please let the office know.

School Swimming Gala

Our annual gala was held on Monday 27th March and was a roaring success. 45 of our pupils from Y2 up to Y6 competed and fabulous fun was had by all. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped stage the event. Well done to all the children for taking part and congratulations to St David who won the trophy overall. We cannot wait for next year's event. Hopefully we can encourage more children to join us.



Book Fair

The book fair raised £429.89 for school to buy new books. Thank you to everyone who bought books. We can now add more lovely books to our little library.

Sponsored miles for Fr Melaku's School

Our charity for Lent was walking our daily mile and gaining sponsorship. All proceeds will go to building a school in Ethiopia. Forms with miles completed were sent home today. Please send in any sponsor money after the holidays.

Governor visits to school

We have been very lucky to have 3 of our governors visit school recently. Our Chair of Governors, Lara Oddie spent last Wednesday in school and enjoyed time in every class with the children. She even donned her wellies and joined a forest school lesson outdoors! We would like to thank her for taking time out of her busy schedule to help us make the school the best it can be.

Mr Andy Cooke, our Vice Chair of Governors, visited school last Wednesday also, and volunteered his time helping us with interviews. Our thanks go to him and to Mrs Debra Pilkington, our elected Parent Governor, who visited school this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. She thoroughly enjoyed her time in school and asked us to pass this on to you:

"Following a very productive two day visit which focused on Teaching and Learning, I am pleased to report that I have seen in every aspect of the school the mission, and the values in every single child. They are well rounded individuals who embody the core vision through effective teaching and learning. From speaking with each Teacher, TA, Support or catering (dinner ladies), every member of the staff works hard to ensure teaching and learning is at the forefront and they lead by example in every situation to ensure the best is given to every child in the school.

I have seen happy children engaged in all the school offers whether that was in class or outside the classroom. Each child I spoke to knew exactly what they had done, what they were working on and what they were doing next. But most importantly they were enjoying themselves whilst learning and their thirst for knowledge was impressive at all ages and year groups. I checked all the notice boards, which showcased all children's work; both pupils and staff have taken pride in each piece of work displayed, again demonstrating the ethos of the school.

The addition of the Forest school is an environment which allows pupils to play and learn, it develops skills outside the classroom to improve mental health and well-being in young minds and sets them up to be resilient in later life through problem solving and teamwork. This is a real asset to the school and I witnessed pupils undertaking activities in a safe environment that could not be replicated in a classroom and in speaking with these pupils I got a real sense that without this opportunity in school to explore and learn, they would not be as curious in the classroom asking questions as this experience allowed them to build confidence.

As a governor and parent to the school, the hard work and dedication of all staff at the school was exactly shown in the teaching and learning seen in the last two days. I feel proud to share this experience with all parents and would be delighted to thank all staff for their hard work just before the Easter break."

Mrs D. Pilkington 4.3.23 Parent Governor.

Happy



Easter