



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 19th May 2023



Dear Parents,

May is flying by and the summer is fast approaching. The trees are in full leaf and our school grounds look stunning! I hope most of you had the opportunity last Friday to take a look at our developing outdoor area. It is really coming on and most importantly, the children love being out there in the fresh air surrounded by and learning in nature. The pond is almost finished; the Wildlife Trust just need to return to finish little bits off then we can begin to use it. Click the following link for more photos:-

[Forest School](#)



We have welcomed some new pupils to school this half-term: Ibrahim to Year 4 and Tiffany to Year 1. They are settling in beautifully and I am sure you will welcome the families into our lovely school community.

The King's Coronation was celebrated with much fun and a wonderful 'Royal Crown' parade on the 5th. The Pre-school children received a coronation cupcake and in school the children were presented with commemorative badges to remember the historic day. The children are wearing them with pride on their blazers



Family Friendly Friday was a resounding success last week. Cake and coffee were well received and then everyone seemed to enjoy time in classrooms and outside. There are lots of photos on Facebook and the website. [Family Friendly Friday](#)



School will close on Friday 26th May for half term. The children will be completing their end of year assessments following the holiday. These are very important weeks for the children to consolidate their learning in their current year group and show us what they have learned. End-of-Year reports will be issued in the last week of term and will include results from the assessments. Teachers can then make their plans for September using the data from the assessments. Holidays during term-time will **not** be authorised from now until the end of this academic year because all pupils need to be in school. We have the long summer holidays after a short 5 week half term, so the children cannot afford to miss any learning before we break up. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Whitehead

Year 6 Residential to Robin Wood, Wrexham

Mrs Haasbroek and Miss Grillo had a ball with year 6 at Robin Wood last week. The children and teachers enjoyed many activities from swimming in the 'piranha pool' to canoeing on the lake. Many wonderful memories were made and the centre staff commented on how well our pupils listened to the instructors. Our thanks go to the teachers for facilitating this adventure.

This is what some of Year 6 thought about their trip:

"I had so much fun! Everyone was encouraging and nice. If I could go again, I would do." **Jessica**

"Robinwood was amazing from the instructors to the bedrooms to the activities. I had tremendous fun and will remember it for the rest of my life." **Aqsa**

"Robinwood was a great experience that I will never forget. It taught me many useful values such as teamwork and listening skills. I would recommend this to anyone who wants to have fun." **Haady**

"I will never forget the time I spent with my friends at Robinwood. I will never stop appreciating what I achieved there."

Florence

"I loved Robinwood. Every single second was the best!" **Joseph**

There are lots of photos on Facebook and the website. [Year 6 Residential](#)

Year 5 Residential - Cranedale

Year 5 will set off on their residential trip to Cranedale on the east coast on Sunday, where they will enjoy lots of outdoor fun, and learning from the outdoors! Mrs Robinson and Mrs Barker are the lucky teachers accompanying the children. We cannot wait to see the photos...

Reception 2023 taster days

This week we held our third taster session for the children who will be starting in Reception class in September. They enjoyed a Physical Day which started with cycling and scootering on the track on the back playground followed by.....

Next week they will enjoy a 'Creativity day' - watch out for the photos under the following link:- [Reception Taster Day Sessions](#)



PTA Events update

The PTA are looking for a new Chairperson. Nicky Rourke will be stepping down in summer as Joseph leaves us for secondary school. If anyone would like to lead the PTA team to help us raise funds to improve school for the children, please contact Mrs Whitehead. We would like to thank Nicky and also Joseph's grandma Rhona who have been hardworking PTA members and we will miss them very much next year.

Please support our events planned :

- Quiz and film night Friday 19th May
- Juniors Sleepover in the hall Friday 9th June

Grandparents' Afternoon

Our much-loved afternoon of entertainment for Grandparents will be held on Wednesday 14th June at 2pm. Please request free tickets from the office for this event. We would like to know numbers as soon as possible to aid our planning. Thank you.

Transition Evening

We would like to invite all parents of children in years Reception to Year 5 to our Transition evening on Monday 3 July at 6pm. There will be a short presentation in the hall followed by time in class with teachers who will explain next year's curriculum, expectations etc. It is always a very informative evening and we urge all parents to attend so that they are fully informed ready for the new academic year. We hope to see you there so please save the date.

End of Year Production - Nursery Crimes - SAVE THE DATE

Year 6 will be performing in their end-of-year show - Nursery Crimes on Tuesday 27 June at 2pm and Wednesday 28 June at 6.30pm. It promises to be hilarious. Put the dates in your diary.

The Leavers' Assembly will be held on our last day of term, Friday 7 July in the afternoon - time tbc.

Cross Country - Year 3 / 4

21 Children from Years 3 & 4 were brave enough to enter the Burnley Schools Cross Country race at Towneley Park last week. Over 140 children entered each race over quite a tricky course.

All the children finished the race with some fantastic performances from Penny who came 12th and Harriet 24th, Bertie came 6th and Blue came 13th. Well done to all who took part.