



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead
Tuesday 19th March 2024



Forest School

Our new polytunnel has been installed and is being used with enthusiasm by Mrs Taylor in Forest School lessons. It was purchased using PTA funds and will be an excellent addition to our offering in Forest School. We eagerly anticipate what the children produce as planting has already started. Watch this space!



Wonka Bars

Another PTA fundraiser was the sale of 'Wonka Bars' during World Book week. The Faith Ambassadors did a sterling job selling them at playtimes and 12 lucky children found a golden ticket and won lovely prizes. We raised £ 440 for PTA funds. Thank you for your support.

The 100 Club

Winners are: Dec - 1st 28 E Moore 2nd 34 E Pilkington, Jan - 1st 16 E Payne 2nd 4 L Oddie, Feb 1st 25 E Kendall, 2nd 17 M Whitehead, March 1st 22 J Maudsley 2nd 7 M Oddie

Please join our school 100 club if you are able to as it is an easy and effortless way for the PTA to raise funds for school.

World Book Day

Excitement, laughter and a cracking parade were the order of the day on World Book Day. What fabulous costumes the children wore! The staff weren't too shabby either. Prizes of book tokens were awarded to the winners from each class and they can spend them at our book fair which arrives this Wednesday 20th.

Friday 8th March

EYFS held afternoon tea and stay and play for mothers and grandmothers. Everyone had a lovely time. Infants and juniors had Family Friendly Friday and parents enjoyed lots of fun activities with the children in their classes.



Year 6 trip to Burnley Library

Mrs Hannah took Year 6 to Burnley library last week to learn about the history of Burnley Football Club. They had a really enjoyable few hours which should have culminated in a tour of Turf Moor. This was unfortunately postponed due to film crews being at Turf Moor filming the next series of Bank of Dave! Year 6 have been invited to do the tour at a later date.



Dance Competition

On Tuesday 12th March, seven children from KS2 took part in Burnley Schools Dance Competition. This is a very difficult competition with all teams competing to a high standard. Our dance team performed an amazing 'Dancing through the Decades' routine in front of a crowd of over 200 people! They looked fabulous in their costumes and represented St Joseph's brilliantly. We are so proud of the team for pulling together and overcoming so many obstacles to take part and deliver a fantastic show!



Let's Go Sing

Our junior choir participated in a wonderful choral concert last Tuesday called Let's Go Sing. It was held at King George's Hall and was an hour of uplifting singing by primary school children from all over the county. Mrs Goffee and staff from Let's Go Sing have been training the children for months and it definitely paid off as our school sang and danced their hearts out. Thank you to Mrs Goffee for all her hard work and enthusiasm with the children. Thanks also to Mrs Jenkinson who accompanied the children for the afternoon.



Lent and Ramadan Charity - UNICEF

Please help the children gather sponsorship for our charity UNICEF. They should log any miles walked at home or in school and then total them at the end of Ramadan to ask for their sponsor money. This charity helps children in crisis all over the world and is more vital than ever at the moment. We hope you can support us.



Ramadan

The holy month of Ramadan started last week and Year 4 did a great assembly on Friday about this special month for our Muslim families. Thank you to everyone who attended.



Non-Uniform Day and Easter Egg Bingo night

Our non-uniform day last Friday was a great success and we have a mountain of Easter eggs to be won at Easter Egg Bingo **this Friday 22nd at 6.30pm**. We realise that this event always falls in Ramadan but we do hope that you can join us for this family evening of fun. All the children go away with an Easter egg! Entry is free. Bingo cards are £1 each. Children must be accompanied by an adult to this event. We hope you can join us!



Book Fair

The book fair arrives this Wednesday 20th and will be in the hall. The children will get the opportunity to choose a book from the fair and they will be bringing home a form for parents to sign.

'I CAN' Drama After school club provided by BASICS Theatre School

If you remember years ago when we introduced Drama to the timetable, we had Basics Theatre School for an extra-curricular club? Well thank goodness they are coming back. Miss Ellie Cook will be running the I CAN drama club after Easter and the children will be having a little taster session next week. Details of the club will come out next week so children can sign up for after Easter.



Sophie Stewart - local author school visit

Local author Sophie Stewart is visiting school on Thursday to hold workshops with our junior children. Her book - The Best Kept Secret is based in the Ribble Valley and is available to pre-order a signed copy. If you would like to order a signed copy of her book please order before 11am on Wednesday 20th March by visiting www.stonehillpress.co.uk



Pre-school

Our Pre-schoolers are looking at lifecycles and have an incubator with eggs in waiting to hatch, hopefully before Easter. They are also watching some frogspawn turn to tadpoles. We put some in our pond, so are hopeful that we will have more wildlife in the pond this summer. If anyone has any pond plants they could share with us, please let the office know, as Mrs Taylor would be very grateful for more pond plants.

Sportshall Athletics

On Tuesday 12th March 2024 our KS2 Sportshall Athletics Team went to Blackpool to represent Burnley and compete in the Small Schools Athletics County Finals 2024. Great team effort and we're all extremely supportive of each. Well done children another great achievement reaching the county finals.



Easter Holidays

Please put the dates in your diary:

We close on Thursday 28th March at 3.30pm (after school club 5.30pm) and re-open on Monday 15th April.