



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 17th May 2024



Cranedale Trip

The weather was glorious for most of our Year 5's trip to Cranedale earlier this week. Their trip to the coast involved wellies and suncream on Monday with just a little drizzle on Tuesday. How lucky they were! Mrs Doney and Mrs Maudsley reported that much fun was had by all and a happy, exhausted group returned on Tuesday evening with lots of super memories to cherish. The staff are already looking forward to returning there next year!



UNICEF

If there is any more sponsor money to be handed in for UNICEF, please could you send it in before half term so we can send it off. Many thanks to all who have already brought their sponsor money in.

BEST Pet Competition

There is still time for the children to enter the Best Pet Competition which has been sponsored by Edward's dad, Pat. They just need to send in the best picture they have of their pet and pay a £5 entry fee. Pat will judge the competition next Friday and award prizes in the assembly on 24th May. The prizes are Amazon vouchers - or if the winner prefers it, we can order their prize/toy for them using the amazon voucher.



May Assembly

Reception and Year 6 led a beautiful assembly to mark the beginning of May and the month of Mary. We started with a procession of flowers and song around the school, and parents were treated to the loveliest singing during the assembly. After assembly, the flowers were taken over to the care home McAuley Mount for the residents to enjoy and also next door to the Convent. We are all trying to act more like Mary during the month of May.



Fr Jude

On Monday Fr Jude, the parish priest from St Alban's and Holy Souls in Blackburn visited school and spoke to the children in assembly. Fr Jude was himself a Parkhill pupil and he started here in the year our school opened - 1957. The children were fascinated by his stories and happy to hear that he is still a Burnley Football Club fan and season ticket holder even after 36 years in Blackburn! He is currently recovering from breaking his leg in the care home, then he will be back to Blackburn happy and refreshed. We were all very pleased to meet him.



Summer School

Summer School is running as usual in the first 2 weeks of the summer holidays. Please book places with the office as soon as possible so we can arrange staffing.



DATES for the DIARY:

- 23 May Y4,5,6 Trip to Museum of Science and Industry
- 24 May Park Hill Athletics Event at Barden Track. Children to wear PE kit and bring their coat.
- 24 May 2.45pm Pentecost assembly and Best Pet Competition Prizes awarded
- 24 May School closes for half term
- 3 June School reopens
- 6 June Park Hill School Swimming Gala at Padiham Pool, 6 - 8pm.
- 7 June Y4,5,6 Trip to the Gurdwara at Preston
- 7 June Reception, Y1 Y2 sports afternoon. Children to wear PE kit
- 14 June 1.15pm Grandparents' Afternoon
- 14 June 6.30pm PTA fundraiser - Sleepover in the Hall for Juniors
- 19 June 10.30am Transition meeting for parents of Reception class September 2024
- 21 June 1.30pm School Sports Day on the field - all parents and grandparents cordially invited.
- 24 June Y1 and Y2 trip to Martin Mere
- 26 June 6pm Transition Evening for all parents except current Y6
- 27 June Year 3 Trip to Eureka and Reception trip to Thornton Hall Country Park
- 2 July 6.30pm End of year Production performance of St Joseph's and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
- 3 July 9am Pre-school Leavers' assembly
- 3 July 6.30pm End of Year Production performance of St Joseph's and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
- 5 July Annual Prizegiving and Y6 Leavers' Assembly. Time to be confirmed.

Basket Ball

On Thursday 16th May 20 children from year 5 and competed in a basketball tournament against Padiham Green. Each group played two matches. We won most of our matches and overall won 35-17. Thank you to all the staff who helped us get ready for the match and to all the parents who supported and encouraged us throughout the match. Well done all!



Penathlon

On Wednesday 8th May, 6 children from KS1 attended a panathlon event at St Peters Centre. The children had 8 events to compete which focused on a specific skill or game for them to carry out in a set amount of time. The aim was the children to gain as many points as possible at each station. Some of the skills included:- curling, bowling, target throw and creating a bug using a dice and sports equipment. The children worked hard as a team and earned an amazing second place. The pupils had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

