



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 13th September 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I sent out the provision of information letter last week so decided to wait until this week for our first newsletter of the academic year. school was lovingly cleaned, maintained and decorated in the school holidays and is looking great. Many thanks go to Mrs Duncan, Mrs Kostilek, Mrs Wills, Miss Taylor and Mrs Shapcott for their hard work over the summer break.



Mrs Wills fell ill at the end of the holidays and had to be admitted to hospital. Thankfully she is now home and recovering. Please keep her in your prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

Miss Hirst gave birth to healthy twins in July - Luca and Lily. Mother and babies are doing really well, and their big sister Olivia has started in our Pre-school so staff are getting lots of cuddles with the twins.

Summer school was again a roaring success and although the weather was not always helpful, the children had a ball! Take a look at the photos on our website. Thank you to the staff for making it so enjoyable for our children.

I would like to thank everyone who donated a prize to our summer raffle. We raised an amazing £662.50 for school funds which Mr Bailey has already spent updating some laptops to use in Computing lessons. And hopefully we made lots of people happy winning all the super hampers.

There are lots of wonderful things planned for the children this term and school is buzzing with activity already. The extra-curricular clubs have started and the children and staff are getting back into their routines.

Please do come along to our Friday assemblies. It is wonderful to see the classes perform so confidently each week. The timetable is on the website under the News and Events tab.

Kind regards
Mrs Whitehead

Burnley Active Schools Award

At the end of June, we were thrilled to win the Burnley Active Primary school of the Year Award at a glittering awards evening at the Mechanics. The award is recognition of the opportunities our pupils have to be active and healthy. Big congratulations go to Miss Grillo, our PE and Sport lead, and her team - Mrs Barker and Mrs Windle who all go above and beyond in all things PE and sport. Special mention also goes to Mrs Claire Taylor who tirelessly teaches Forest School lessons to the entire school and who contributes so much to our pupils' active curriculum.

We are very proud of Ethan Jennings who was nominated for Young Achiever of the year. Ethan was recognised by school and his swimming club for the enormous progress he has made over the past two years with his swimming, and the nomination recognises Ethan's potential to excel in his sport.



We all had a lovely evening at the awards and our trophy is sitting proudly in the foyer now.

Platinum School Games Award

Miss Grillo found out over the summer that school has once again achieved the Platinum award in this prestigious national award scheme. This will be the third consecutive time that we have achieved the highest level and it confirms the commitment we make to teaching sport well and giving all our pupils the opportunity to be involved in intra and inter school sporting competition.

We are very proud of this achievement which is the culmination of more than 10 years hard work by staff.



Pendle Community Orchestra

Pendle Youth and Community Orchestra are holding an open rehearsal for all musicians to go along on Wednesday 9th October from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Holker Business Centre, Burnley Rd, ColneBB8 8EG (opposite Lanlee Fencing). For more information contact Peter Elmer on 01282 863506 . <https://www.pendlecommunityorchestra.co.uk>

'I Can' after school clubs run by Basics

We are very lucky to have secured an infant and a junior drama after school club run by staff from Basics Junior Theatre School. These clubs are run by an experienced and well qualified teacher.

The class is designed to develop confidence, help children find their voice and inspire children to be creative. The class is fun and will help the children explore the world of song, dance and drama.

Basics is an award-winning theatre school here in Burnley with over 500 children on their programmes.

We would encourage children to sign up for these very valuable classes - they will not be disappointed. Each class is just £4.50 and represents great value for money.

Years 3-6 are Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm

Years Reception, Y1 and Y2 are Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

PE Kit days

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full PE kit (including shorts, skorts and tracksuits) on the following days:

- **Reception** - Tuesday and Thursday
- **Year 1 and Year 2** - Wednesday and Friday
- **Years 3,4,6** - Tuesday and Thursday
- **Year 5** - Tuesday and Friday

Forest School Lessons

Children need their school coat, waterproof trousers, wellies and thick socks on the following days:

- Monday - Reception, Y3 and Y6
- Tuesday - Year 1
- Wednesday - Year 5
- Thursday - Year 2
- Friday - Year 4

Swimming - all junior pupils require their swimming kit **every Tuesday**.

Madagascar - BASICS Shooting Stars

The Juniors are going to the theatre!

The children have brought home a letter inviting them to come to watch Madagascar with some staff on Friday 6th December at 7pm at Pendle Hippodrome. Please return the form asap for us to secure tickets before they sell out!



Year 6 Leavers

We would like to share some photos of last year's Year 6 pupils who have all started at their respective secondary schools. Their parents have told us that they have all settled quickly, made new friends and are doing well.

We are so proud of them all and wish them much luck and success.



Polite Reminders

No SMART watches should be worn at school.

No earrings can be worn for swimming lessons or in PE lessons. Earrings must be removed at home please.

Please do not leave children unsupervised on the front playground before school in the mornings. If your child plays football on the yard, please wait with them until the school doors are opened at 8.25am.