



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 27th September 2024



Dear Parents

We celebrated Mercy Day in school on Tuesday, following Year 5's super assembly about Catherine McAuley and The Sisters of Mercy last Friday. The children enjoyed an extra playtime and a special treat in the afternoon: a travelling theatre company came into school to perform Alice in Wonderland. The children were mesmerised! What a fabulous end to a lovely day!

Mrs Duncan and I managed to get over to Robinwood last week to visit the Year 6s on their residential. Dobroyd Castle is in Todmorden and is a fantastic environment for the children. They had an amazing time, making life-long memories. I would like to praise the children who went for their impeccable behaviour and attitude. I would like to thank Mr Bailey and Mrs Barker for accompanying them and keeping them safe, and Miss Grillo for visiting them both evenings to join in with the activities. There are lots of great photos on the website [Robinwood Residential Photos](#) and Facebook.

Some of our Year 6s are sitting an 11+ entrance examination on Saturday. I would like to wish them much luck. They have all worked exceptionally hard and should be proud of themselves. Please say a little prayer for them:

Dear God,

Be with me as I take this exam.

Keep my mind alert and my memory sharp.

Calm my nerves and help me concentrate.

I know that you walk with me, guiding my path and calming my heart:

I pray that I will know you are with me, and that your friendship will ease the stress I feel.

I pray that I pass this exam and go on to new things.

Thank you for your peace and love, Thank you for your kindness.

Amen

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Whitehead



Year 6 Positions of Responsibility

Our year 6 have stepped up to the mark and volunteered or been chosen for positions of responsibility. We are sure they will be great role models to the younger pupils.

Our new PREFECTS are:



Alice
Blue
Ibrahim H
Penny
Zahraa
Ziyaad

Our new Faith Ambassadors are:



Alice
Henry
Jessica
Theo
Ziyaad

Our new House Captains are:



Penny
Haris
Florence
Zahraa

Our new Sports Captains are:



Harper
Blue
Haris
Zahraa

Our new Sports Crew are all year 6

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought a book or two at our book fair. We managed to raise £286.62 for school to purchase books for the library.

Thank you

Reception Class Stay and Play

Reception parents enjoyed time in class on Thursday and coffee and toast with their children. Everyone had a lovely couple of hours.



Sleepover in the Hall

There is still time to book juniors onto the Sleepover in the Hall next Friday. This is always a popular PTA fundraiser and such great fun for the children. The staff are looking forward to it. Email Mrs Kendall for a place.



Madagascar

We have just three seats left for Madagascar on Friday 6th December. If you would like to book a ticket please email Mrs Kendall. (Juniors only).



Football Festival

On Wednesday 24th September, 7 children from Years 5 & 6 attended a football festival at Spirit of Sport. The team faced a tough four matches and were unlucky to concede three goals in the first two games. However, they soon found their feet and with determination and perseverance went on to secure wins in their next two matches. John scored a great goal from outside the box followed by many more from his teammates! Well done to all the team and to Haris and Sufyan on their School Games Awards for team leadership and perseverance.

Cross Country

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children competed in a Cross Country run in Towneley Park. It was quite a distance but all children persevered and didn't give up. They were all amazing. A special mention to Harper who came 4th in the girls and Roman who came 6th in the boys.

Outdoor Bonanza

On Tuesday 24th September four children from Year 2 attended an outdoor bonanza at Towneley Hall. The children were tasked with team building activities such as, Pokémon orienteering, gutter ball, desert island balancing and noughts and crosses. The children enjoyed using maps to search the grounds and catch as many Pokémon as possible in a limited amount of time. They found the gutter ball activity the hardest of the morning and had to work together to use just 5 gutter tubes to move a tennis ball from one side of the field to the other. Well done to all four children for taking part and an extra congratulation to Alana for receiving a School Games Award for excellent team leadership skills and map reading.

Active 60

Today Year 3 attended an Active 60 festival where they were tasked with three activities to complete. The first event was Handball, the children were split into four teams made up of different children from three schools. The teams competed against each other and learnt how best to work together to move up and down the pitch to score goals. The second event was an athletics activity, the children played games like 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' and had lots of fun at this station. The final event was a special opportunity for the class, they were lucky enough to have a turn on the driving range. They took turns practicing striking the ball from a tee and even played a computer game that tracked their shot. The tracker showed the distance the ball had travelled, and the children were shown how many fish they had collected in comparison to how far they hit the ball. Year 3 had a fantastic morning and are hoping to be invited to take part again!

A huge thank you to Mr.Doney for assisting with transport and supporting us all throughout the morning.

