



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 13th December 2024



Dear Parents,

We are nearing the end of our very busy term.

School is all trimmed up and it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas.

The staff and children have been completing end of term assessments in the classroom, and practising hard for the Nativity and Carol Service in the hall.

If you haven't bought your tickets yet for the Nativity, please see Mrs Kendall as we do not have many left for the evening performance. There are more tickets left for the 2pm matinee. All ticket proceeds are going to Pendleside Hospice.

Dates to remember:

- Friday 13th 2.45pm - third week in Advent assembly
- Tuesday 17th 2pm and 6pm - the Nativity and Carol service (all children are in the performances)
- Children to return to school at 5.30pm for the evening performance please.
- Wednesday 18th - Christmas jumper day and donate a £1 to Pendleside Hospice
- Wednesday 18th - school Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 19th - Fun Day - children can wear their party clothes. Ticket price is £5. The children go to the jumbly jar stall, chocolate tombola and the Christmas bouquet raffle. There will be a talent show and disco in the afternoon. Tickets available from Mrs Kendall.

School, including After School Club, closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.30pm, Thursday 19th December.

School re-opens on Monday 6th January 2025.

Thank you all for your support of our wonderful school this term.

Mrs Whitehead

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

If you intend to send your child to After School Club on Tuesday 17th, please book a place by emailing Mrs Kendall or telephoning. We will need to plan staffing and food if there are going to be more children using the service than a usual Tuesday.

There will be no After School Club on Thursday 19th December. School closes at 3.30pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have checked with Grays and all uniform is now in stock. Please ensure that your child is wearing our full school uniform including our school coat. All uniform including boys shorts and all shirts should be sourced from Grays. Children should wear black shoes to school, not black trainers or boots.

Our uniform is a very important part of our identity and recently we have seen a rise in children not wearing the correct uniform. Teachers have been instructed to send home a uniform slip to inform you of any incorrect items. We would appreciate your cooperation with this.

THEATRE TRIPS

Staff and children enjoyed a trip to Pendle Hippodrome last Friday to watch Madagascar performed by Basics theatre school. It was a super show and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, although many children must have felt sick after all the sweets they ate! Our next trip to the theatre will be in the New Year on Thursday 9th January to watch SLEEPING BEAUTY at Colne Municipal Theatre. The whole school including Pre-school will attend this pantomime. Further details to follow.



LANCASHIRE DAY - TUCK SHOP

The children and staff enjoyed our Lancashire Day tuckshop.

We made £106.33 to donate to Pendleside Hospice.

Thank you for your support.



CHOIR VISIT MCAULEY MOUNT

The choir visited McAuley Mount Care Home on Monday to sing Christmas carols and songs to the elderly residents there. It was a lovely afternoon, enjoyed by children, teachers and residents alike.

The children were rewarded with selection boxes from the residents after their performance.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our Christmas raffle will be drawn at the evening Nativity performance on the 17th. It is one of our most important school fundraisers of the year. The funds go to the PTA and recent PTA purchases include equipment for the SEND department, and 8 new laptops for Mr Bailey to use in computing lessons. We would be grateful if you could send in your raffle prize by next Monday 16th.

We are very grateful to Mr Dan Windle of DANELEC LTD for again donating our first prize which is a Nintendo Switch and a Mario game. The children are excited about a chance to win this amazing prize! If you would like to purchase more raffle tickets, then please see Mrs Kendall. Tickets will also be on sale at both Nativity performances.



WELLBEING CHAMPIONS

Harriet and Ayub in year 5 completed some training recently to become Peer Wellbeing Champions. They completed a full day's training with Burnley School Sports Partnership along with Miss Grillo, and are now going to give up their time, helping their peers with any worries or concerns they may have. This followed the success of last year's champions Fatimah and Joseph. Harriet and Ayub will assist Miss Grillo with the extra nurture that our children need from time to time. Congratulations to them both for taking on this very responsible role



PRE-SCHOOL NATIVITY

Yesterday our lovely little Pre-schoolers performed their own Nativity to their parents. They had a dress rehearsal in front of the whole school on Tuesday which was just lovely to watch.

All parents and grandparents who attended thought it was magical.

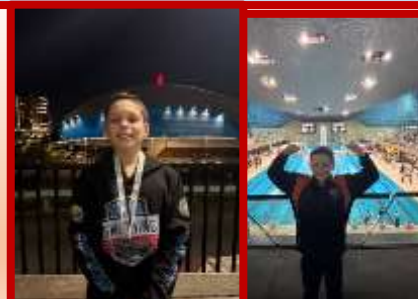


PARENTMAIL

Please ensure you download the IRIS ParentMail App in order to receive all communication from school.

ETHAN SWIMMING

Ethan went to London to swim in the Olympic pool after qualifying from the ISA North Qualifiers coming 1st place in Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. He attended the finals in London representing Park Hill and Team ISA North. Ethan swam fantastically coming away with a silver medal for 2nd place in breaststroke and 5th place in both Butterfly and Backstroke. He represented school phenomenally and should be proud of his achievement. Team North came away from the Finals as reigning champions. Well done, Ethan!



DODGEBALL

Last week KS1 and KS2 enjoyed 'Park Hill glow in the dark Dodgeball tournaments' in the hall after school.

The children loved the glow sticks, music and atmosphere whilst ducking and dodging and diving to bring their team to victory. Both nights were thoroughly enjoyable with most of the school participating. It was great fun and we look forward to our next events.

