



# Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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[www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk)

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Christian  
Value: **Dignity**



Next week's Christian  
Value: **Community**



We began our week with chocolate! Rev. Tracy led us in worship on the theme of Temptation as we listened to the Gospel of when Jesus was tempted in the desert. The volunteer children were very good and did not give in to the temptation to eat the chocolate 😊. We also reflected on dignity and the respect for others and ourselves that we should always have. We have had some great curriculum enhancements this week with Balance Bikes and a STEM Challenge, which you can read more about below. Once again, thank you for your support with our enhanced Covid-19 measures. The children continue to show great adaptability and maturity as they deal with tweaks and changes. We hope to be able to welcome our Star of the Week parents back into worship very soon.

Please see below for important information, our weekly class updates and of course our Stars of the Week!

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley

## Parent Survey

Thank you so much for all the responses so far in our Parent Survey. If you have not yet participated, please use the link below. Please support us by taking a few minutes to complete this survey (link below). Your feedback is very much appreciated and valued, contributing to our aim of providing the best possible primary education, where each child can flourish within our caring St Leonard's School family. Please answer all questions since September 2021 - this will help us on our continual journey of school improvement going forward.

(You can submit additional surveys at the end if you have more than one child attending school)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe49ovcTWhnWPpCuDQ2x6ITona6VA8P8nd8JjYmm2BMFo2rw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe49ovcTWhnWPpCuDQ2x6ITona6VA8P8nd8JjYmm2BMFo2rw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Apologies for the unavoidable change from previously advertised dates. Booking will be open from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 5:00pm. Please use the website <https://www.parents-booking.co.uk/stleonardscofe> (also available on our homepage) to book your slot. Slots will be five minutes but there will be buffers to help appointments run to schedule.

## Photo Permissions

This week we have sent home photo permission forms for all children in Years 1-6 to update our records. Please complete the form and return it to the school office or your child's teacher as soon as possible. We love to share our children's successes on our school website, Twitter page and also St. Leonard's church social media, for which we need parental/carer permission. Thank you for your help.

**Please note that there are continuing works on the church guttering on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February so the churchyard will be out of action again.**

## Curriculum and Enrichment News!

### Reception Balanceability Balance Bikes



Reception children had a wonderful time this week learning safe cycling skills including helmet and handlebar safety, how to balance well, and keeping our shoelaces tied and out of the way. It was wonderful to see such progress in such a short amount of time and the children did so well concentrating, listening and practising. Thank you very much to *i cycle* who have provided this training for our children.



### STEM Challenge

Mrs Cross, our DT lead, has organised another really exciting STEM Challenge all the way across the school. This year's STEM challenge is to create a cardboard boat. More details can be found on our school website <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/stem> You have until the last week of term in March, so that's plenty of time to be creative and try different solutions. Happy inventing!



### STEM Year 5 Burns' Night



A group of Y5 pupils were invited to visit Oakhill to take part in a flying haggis STEM challenge. They had to design and make an amazing gadget that would fly a haggis over a two-metre gap to land safely on a plate. They were competing against four other schools to win a trophy. The pupils were given a range of materials and tools. Each team member was given a specific role, depending on their skills. They worked as a team to plan, design and make their product. They also had to video their progress along the way. After plenty of sawing, gluing, manufacturing, evaluating and adapting, the team built a catapult, which successfully fired the haggis across a two-metre

gap. Unfortunately, this time, the haggis failed to land in the dish and the trophy was awarded to another team. We had a great day and learnt so much. See our STEM page for more photos!

<https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/learning/curriculum/stem>



### Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, we will be marking Safer Internet Day. This year the focus is on Safer Gaming, but we will be revising all aspects of internet safety. At St. Leonard's we teach this throughout our Computing lessons and in PSHE. It is so important for the adults in children's lives to be aware of how they use technology and what some of the dangers can be. We know that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century there is so much ambient technology so we need to empower our children to be able to use it well. There is lots of useful information on our school website <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/learning/e-safety> and you can also find more help on the Safer Internet Day website.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

### Big Garden Bird Watch







Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! There's still time to sign-up and take part. Just spend one hour between Friday 28 and Saturday 30 January counting the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun, and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



We still need new Bird artwork for our newsletters and classroom doors in school. Please get creative with your children to produce a picture/collage/painting/drawing of your child's class bird on A4 paper (try to fill the space on the A4 sheet. Competition closes Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February and winners announced that week!

**This Week's  
Attendance!**  
(COVID absences discounted)

	<b>Class</b>	<b>% Attendance this week</b>
	Swifts!	100%
	Wrens!	100%
	Hérons!	99.3%

#### Diary Dates

##### **Sunday Services**

9.15 Eucharist  
10.30 Family Service

##### **Monday**

4pm Evening Prayer 4pm

##### **Wednesday**

12pm Midday prayer (with a light lunch on the first Wednesday of the month)

St Leonard's  
C of E Church  
Langho & Billington

**Spring Term 1**

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Wigan Warriors Rugby (Y6 Club 3.30pm) Football Y5/6 Ribble Valley League A (4:00-5:30pm)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Y3 Woodland Art club (Y3 Club 3.30pm)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Afternoon 1pm-3.30pm KeyPE Sports coaches -gymnastics (Year 1 & Year 2) Y3 Fencing club (3.30pm)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Afternoon 1pm-3.30pm KeyPE Sports coaches -gymnastics (Year 3 & Year 4) Y4 Fencing club (3.30pm)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Wigan Warriors Rugby (Y6 Club 3.30pm)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day Y3 Woodland Art club (Y3 Club 3.30pm)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Afternoon 1pm-3.30pm KeyPE Sports coaches -gymnastics (Year 1 & Year 2) Y3 Fencing club (3.30pm)
Friday	Afternoon 1pm-3.30pm KeyPE Sports coaches -gymnastics (Year 3 & Year 4) Y4 Fencing club (3.30pm)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm	School closes for half-term holiday

**Spring 2 - School reopens Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 8.45am**

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February (And every Monday until Easter Holidays)	1pm-3.30pm 'Outdoors for All' Y1 Forest schools 3.30pm Year 2 Forest schools club (details to follow) Football Y5/6 Ribble Valley League B (4:00-5:30pm)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February (And every Thursday until Easter Holidays)	Afternoon 1pm-3.30pm KeyPE Sports coaches (Early Years / Year 6) Year 5 After School Sports club (details to follow)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February (And every Friday until Easter Holidays)	Afternoon 1pm-3.30pm KeyPE Sports coaches -gymnastics (Year 5 & Year 6) Year 1 After school sports club (details to follow)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents' Evenings (Please see amended date)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2:30pm, 5:30pm	Y3 & Y4 Production of 'Resurrection Rocks' (more details to follow)
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Hop, Skip and Jump for East Lancashire Hospice (more details to follow)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1:30pm	School closes for Easter holidays



## Class Highlights from the Week

### Early Years



New winning competition picture coming soon...!

See the art competition above to enter ☺

Our Early Years children have had an exciting week, learning from a bear theme. We all love our teddy bears so what better way to enhance the children's interests than with two books - 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' in Little Lennie's and 'Where's My Teddy?' in Blackbirds. Between us we have made binoculars, (great for bear hunts!) collected natural objects from outside and have extended our thoughts to homes. Bears might live in caves, and we have made our own loose part homes. Some of us have made story maps to extend our understanding of stories and how they are structured. This has supported a wide range of language and vocabulary relating to position and time. Our Blackbirds children were particularly lucky this week to be able to experience the Balanceability sessions. What a fantastic opportunity to develop co-ordination and challenge themselves. So many determined faces and 'wow' moments created where the children could balance and progress with pedal bikes. Amazing efforts from all our Early Years children this week... well done everyone! ☺

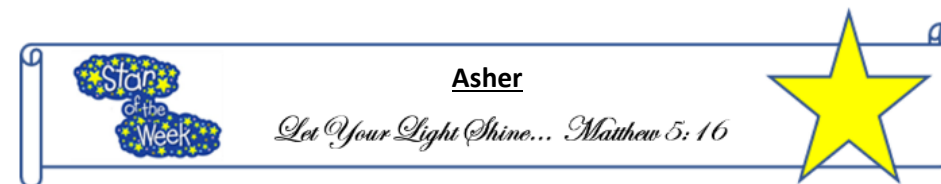


### Doves

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This week in Doves we have been focusing on how we treat others with dignity. We are continuing to learn how to play respectfully together and how to resolve misunderstandings. We know this is an aim of ours and we will keep striving to play harmoniously with each other. In geography, we have been learning about the UK, the countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. In DT we are working towards creating levers and sliders of famous London monuments. I have been impressed with the children's resilience and problem solving in this subject. Well done Doves!



### Eagles

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It has been another busy week of learning for our Eagles and I am so proud of all their hard work. We started the week thinking about God's creation of the world and how we can help to look after it and prevent it from being damaged. We also had lots of fun in computing creating simple algorithms to direct the Pro-bots and we worked hard to debug our instructions when there was a problem. We completed our Geography learning this week with some independent research about the United Kingdom and we have created some beautiful double-page spreads to demonstrate our learning. Thank you for a fantastic week of fabulous work everyone!

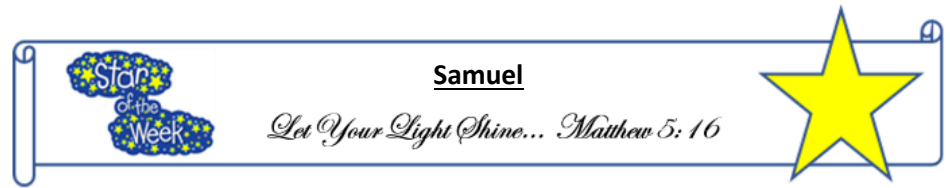


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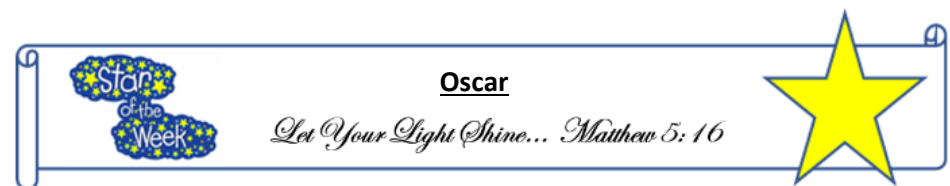
This week we have been designers in D&T, designing our moving picture based in the UK. We thought about the user, materials needed and which mechanism would be best for our design - we can't wait to get started on making them. We also became weather reporters as we looked at how weather is predicted and used drama to take on the role. It has been very cold this week and we are starting to see patterns in our weather journals. Another fabulous week of learning, Falcons.

**Hérons**

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The Heron Class children have continued to work hard this week. In Science they have considered the question, 'What makes a living thing?' They learnt about the seven life processes that make something a 'living thing', using the acronym MRS NERG. They also debated how changes to environments affect living things, by comparing the pros and cons of changing our woodland area into an adventure playground. Well done to the Herons for sharing your super ideas. In PSHE the children considered some of the challenges that families might face when asking the question, 'What are families like?' They talked about feelings and types of behaviour that could result from these feelings. The children continue to work hard with their spelling, grammar, times tables and arithmetic tasks, along with English and Maths. Well done Heron Class.

**Kingfishers**

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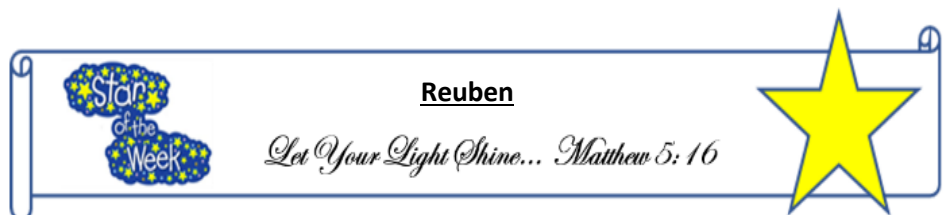
Kingfishers have had another super week this week! In Science, the children learned about the characteristics of living things and they designed some fantastic, eye-catching posters to teach the younger children about their topic. We also discussed habitats and explored some of those that we have in school. The children were super scientists and identified lots of invertebrates and their habitats. In RE, we discussed how nothing is impossible and the children were very creative in showing how they make things in their lives possible. In PSHE, we continued to think about what makes a positive and healthy family life, discussing how they would overcome disagreements and show forgiveness with the people that they love. Brilliant work again, Kingfishers!

**Owls**

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Owls Class have had a full week of learning once again this week. They have continued to practise their gymnastics skills in PE, used atlases in geography to locate settlements and in DT enjoyed tasting some sandwich fillings! Good work, Owls Class.



**Robins**

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In Robins, we have now finished our guided reading work on Macbeth and moved on to Hamlet. We have also started a new unit of work for maths that will last for a number of weeks as fractions is quite a big topic. A further new unit we started in Science is our work on electricity. In RE, we thought about the importance of the Passover for Jewish people and looked at the meaning of items on the Seder plate. Children really enjoyed getting into the pool and having a good chunk of time in their swimming groups. We have looked more at how songs are constructed and the features they have, particularly Rock songs, and children are improving well with their brass instrument.

**Swifts**

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This week we finished our Geography looking at the natural wonders of the world which involved us exploring the harbour in Rio. In Science we looked at what we already knew about electricity and had some fun exploring some static electricity investigations. In RE we explored the Jewish festival of the Passover and recreated a Sedar plate considering why the items were so special to remembering the Exodus. In PE year six continued their rugby coaching whilst year 5 enjoyed some target and ball control games.

**Wrens**

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This week in Wrens the children have enjoyed learning how to defend in Rigby with the Wigan Warrior coaches - the coaches reported that the children were once again very polite and well behaved which made me feel very proud of them. We have come to the end of our unit on the Natural Wonders of the World and the children learned about the Great Barrier Reef as well as Mount Everest and the Northern Lights. PSHE focused on keeping ourselves safe online and in Science we began a new unit of work on Electricity. Well done Wrens - keep up the hard work !

