



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

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Weekly Newsletter Friday 10th March 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Stations of the Cross

We have continued to learn about the stations of the cross this week in Worship and have practised our wonderful singing in readiness for an upcoming special visit from the Bishop of Blackburn.

New Vision & Mission

Senior leaders have been busy this week, collating all ideas gathered from staff, parents and children this year, to create a new vision and mission statement that provides a clear direction for shaping our children's development and the future of our school. We should be ready to share this exciting work with you very soon!

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Today Y6 enjoyed a workshop from 'GEM - Giving Emotions Meaning' and benefitted from some thoughtful discussion in class - they engaged beautifully with our visitor, and learned some techniques for managing their feelings.

Sport- Girls' Football

Our girls were fantastic on Monday, braving the freezing weather to win three matches and draw two. Behaviour and conduct was exemplary and they were an absolute credit to the school. Thank you and well done girls!

Lenten lunch

Our Y6 children once again delighted our friends from St Leonard's by hosting lunch. Some stayed to join us for worship afterwards and were in awe of the incredible, powerful sound of our children's voices. Singing is such a great strength at St Leonard's.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lindley

Strike Action on 15th and 16th March 2023

As with the previous strike days, classes are being covered and school will be open to all.

PE Uniform

On PE days, many children are coming to school in clothing that is not part of school uniform. PE days are not 'non-uniform' days. Please make sure they have what is needed.

The PE kit is as follows:

- Blue PE T shirt with logo
- Plain navy zipped hoody or sweatshirt
- Navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings (Autumn/Winter)
- Navy shorts (Spring/ Summer)
- Plain, suitable trainers or black pumps

All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

Previous Turquoise PE uniform sweatshirts are fine for the rest of this year.



Next Friday we are having a non-uniform day for Comic relief

Please send in a donation if your child is coming to school in non uniform and don't forget your red noses!

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday>

Lent Appeal

A reminder for children to make their house shaped money boxes and earn money from family members by doing jobs around the house. We will be donating to people in Syria and Turkey in the aftermath of the recent earthquakes that have devastated the region. Children feel very passionate about this cause and want to donate to The British Red Cross as their chosen charity. Money boxes should be returned to school during the last week of term.



Year 5 Brass Concert

Our Year 5 children have been learning to play a brass instrument since September. They will be performing in their first concert for family members on **Thursday 30th March at 2:45pm** in the school hall. In preparation for this concert, please remind your child to continue practising at home.



A message from St Leonard's Church -Easter Bingo!

Bingo with Easter eggs as prizes, **1st April 6pm in the community centre behind Church.**

£1 a single game book or £5 for full book.

Bring your own snacks and drinks.



10-19 March
**British
Science
Week
2023**



Next week it is British Science week and the children will be doing lots of activities in school related to various scientists and the important discoveries they made. The theme this year is 'Connections'.

There's lots to explore on the British Science Week website.

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>







Regular and frequent use of Reading Plus can have a real impact on children's reading speed and fluency, vocabulary acquisition and comprehension skills. Please encourage and support your child to use Reading Plus as often as possible at home.

Most time spent on Reading Plus this week!

Herons	Priya
Kingfishers	Jasmine
Owls	Phoebe
Robins	Isabel K
Swifts	Ameen
Wrens	Sam Eliza



This Week's Attendance !

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Kingfishers	100
	Wrens	100
	Eagles	99.1



Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



This week our early years children have been very busy learning all about space and the solar system! In Little Lennie's we have read 'Aliens Love Underpants' and in Blackbirds, we have read 'Q Pootle 5.' Our younger children have used non-fiction books to find out about astronauts and our older children have used non-fiction books to find out about the solar system. Little Lennies have enjoyed making aliens out of natural resources in the woods, playdough and shapes. Blackbirds have used their creative skills to make rockets. Both classes have talked about emotions and we have enjoyed some well-deserved meditation. Song and dance has also featured heavily. Little Lennies have enjoyed moving their bodies to different pieces of music and Blackbirds have listened and responded to the classical music 'Mars' by Holst. Another week of fabulous learning!

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



This week has flown by in Key Stage 1, so that means we must have had a busy week of learning, and lots of fun! In science, we were learning about wind and thinking about how we can measure wind ourselves. We enjoyed making our own wind socks and it was great fun watching our weather vanes move as the wind blew! In history, we continued to learn about flight and compared a modern aeroplane with one of the first planes invented. Our DT project is progressing nicely, and we discovered the importance of working as a team when creating our final model of a fairground wheel.

A super week of amazing effort and learning, well done everyone!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



This week Y3 and 4 have been getting all historical, casting our investigation net wider by comparing Blackburn Cathedral in the past to how it is now and discovering why Calder Cottage the Marjorie and Hacking Hall were significant enough to become listed, protected buildings. The classes then researched buildings within our locality to decide what might be good examples of architecture and modern life to be preserved for the future. The Y3/4 Let's Go Sing event at King George's Hall is fast approaching and we have been enthusiastically rehearsing the lyrics and actions to hone our super performance skills to an amazing standard. Maths has been made a 'fraction' less difficult with our new unit on wholes, parts, numerators, denominators and such like. Energetic defence games were the order of the day in PE to test our sending and receiving acumen and the children launched themselves into DT perfecting their slingshot car release mechanism. Finally, and possibly most importantly, we looked at what should be done in an emergency situation and how to make a call for help if ever needed - true learning for life.

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5

This week, we have started a new book in English – *The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield – as a stimulus for some non-fiction writing and we have enjoyed learning more about the early life of the Canadian astronaut. With two history lessons this week, we discussed the push and pull factors that resulted in the Viking invasion of Britain and learned about where the Vikings settled, focusing on 'Jorvik' and Repton. In PE, the children have practised a variety of advanced individual and partner balances and have learned different rolls to add into their sequences. Rehearsals for our Brass Concert continued and, in computing, we used the 'search' and 'sort' tools to navigate databases. We ended the week with RE, considering why Christians perceive Jesus' death and resurrection as a victory and, in PSHE, considered ways we can look after the environment by reducing what we use. Super work, Year 5!

Year 6

This week Wrens have worked really hard in all areas of their learning. This week in science the children have been learning how to classify plants and researched different plants and their characteristics. In history, children worked hard researching the Mayan city of Chichen Itza and produced some excellent information and illustrations. The children had a most enjoyable confirmation lesson with Mrs Parker when they thought about the Holy Spirit as well as their reaction to the story of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-13. In our writing lessons this week, the children have been writing about the formation of the Galapagos Islands and trying to include colons in their sentences. Another super week of learning - well done Wrens

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Due to the disruption caused by weather this morning, we postponed our Star of the Week this week to make sure no one missed it. We will see you next Friday instead!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th March	Year 5&6 Swimming Gala (postponed until 29th March)
Thursday 16th March	KS1 Girls football (postponed - new date to follow)
Friday 17th March	Comic Relief non-uniform day
Tuesday 21st March	Bikeability for Reception class
Wednesday 22nd March	Bikeability for Reception class
Thursday 23rd March	Bikeability for Reception class
Friday 24th March	Y6 Road Safety session in school with BAE
Monday 27th March	Class Photos 4pm KS1 Dance event (Information to follow) 6:00 pm Year 3 and 4 Let's Go Sing! Concert at King George's Hall, Blackburn
Tuesday 28th March	Reception class Parents and School Together sessions (Letters have been sent)
Wednesday 29th March	Reception class Parents and School Together sessions (Letters have been sent)
Thursday 30th March	Reception class Parents and School Together sessions (Letters have been sent) 2:45pm Year 5 Brass Concert
Friday 31st March	1:30pm School closes for Easter holidays
Easter Holidays	
Monday 17th April	8:45am School re-opens for the Summer Term

Sunday Services

9.15 Eucharist

10:30 Family Service

Monday

4pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

12pm Middy Prayers (with light lunch on 1st Wednesday of each month)

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Please see our school website for this academic year's term dates. <https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/parent-info/holiday-dates>



'All Wrapped Up'
MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND
at Mytton Fold

Friday 17th March - Two for one cocktails
Saturday 18th March - Afternoon tea, with
complimentary glass of prosecco for all Mum's
Sunday 19th March - Sunday lunch at the Fold

Book your table today: 01254 240 662