



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Worship

This week, we have learned all about who St Leonard was, and why our school and Church have his name. St Leonard was the patron saint of prisoners and pregnant ladies. He believed in seeing good in everyone and used his influence to fight for justice. We thought about how his example can teach us how to look after each other and stand up for what's right in our own lives.

New Vision & Mission

Next week we will share our new vision and mission with the children and sharing this important work with everyone via the website.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Today Y2 enjoyed a workshop from 'GEM - Giving Emotions Meaning' and benefitted from some super activities to help them learn about identifying and managing feelings.

Today, Year 6 children have all been given access to The Wellbeing Hub - an online website containing a proactive approach to children's mental health and wellbeing. Y6 parents will receive a link via school comms, alongside a QR code, to access this helpful resource for free.

Lenten lunch

Our Y6 children once again delighted our friends from St Leonard's by hosting lunch.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lindley



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.

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.







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 progress in Reading Plus this week!

Herons	Fionn
Kingfishers	Sienna
Owls	Amelia
Robins	Luke
Swifts	Florence
Wrens	Beth, Riley & Finley



This Week's Attendance !

	Class	% Attendance this week
	Eagles	99.1%
	Falcons	98.5%
	Kingfishers	98.3%

Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds



This week our stories have focussed on friendship. In Little Lennie's our story has been 'The Smeds and the Smoos' and we have talked about friendly and unfriendly behaviour. In Blackbirds our story has been 'Coming to England' and we have talked about the importance in keeping our pupil promises of being kind and looking after others and about being honest and respectful. We have explored what makes a good friend and we have thought about how others might feel and how we might help in different situations. In Little Lennies we have continued our learning about space. We have used our fine motor skills to make junk model rockets and sock puppet aliens. We have also enjoyed some Alien toast! We have been fascinated in the growth of our bulbs and this has led onto some spring learning. Some wonderful blossom tree pictures have been created. In Blackbirds, we have been learning about some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. We have researched some British landmarks, The Royal Family and some flags. We have tried to make some flags and landmarks in provision. This involved lots of mathematical shape learning; we have talked about the properties of and used 2D and 3D shapes. Both classes have enjoyed science week. Little Lennies have investigated the mixing of colours, our sense of smell and the classification of animals whilst Blackbirds have investigated connections of people in our world.

Another busy and fabulous week!

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons



We have had another amazing week in Key Stage 1 and it has been a delight to watch the children working so hard.

In English, we have continued to explore the adventures of Major Glad and Major Dizzy, writing letters to our heroes and describing one of the characters using our inference skills. As part of Science Week, we investigated bridges and worked in pairs to build the strongest bridge possible using just 5 sheets of paper! It was wonderful to watch the children work collaboratively using all the scientific knowledge and skills they have been taught this year. In RE we discussed the Easter story in more depth, focusing on the Resurrection and making links to the life cycle of a butterfly. Another wonderful week, well done everyone!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls



This week our Science and Literacy have blended seamlessly in an earth-shattering celebration of the theme of National Science Week - making connections. We carefully created our own seismographs, testing and demonstrating them to fit in with our new adventure story, Koji's Island. The exciting conclusion to the Iron Man was reached in a show-down with the mysterious space-bat-angel dragon! Refreshing netball rules and tactics were the next steps in our sending and receiving PE journey whilst lower KS2's slingshot cars have begun to take shape in DT with construction of aesthetically pleasing and aerodynamically designed exteriors being added. Another rewarding week ended with a look at the religious origins of Mothering Sunday amidst the fun of Red Nose Day – hope the children spoil you, if there's a chance, over a well-deserved restful weekend!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens



Year 5

We have had another great week in Year 5 with children loving participating in British Science Week. This started by learning about a scientist, Dr Raquel Prado, who works as a Renewable Materials Engineer. Inspired by her curiosity and problem-solving, we then acted as engineers to make strong bridges using just a few pieces of paper. The creative ideas and end results were very impressive! We also continued our science unit and investigated irreversible chemical changes and the useful by-products of different chemical reactions. In PE, the children used a variety of balances and rolls to travel across equipment. Brass lessons continued with rehearsals for the concert – they're sounding better every week! We concluded the week with RE, considering questions about the death and resurrection of Jesus, and PSHE, in which we learned about people who have contributed to their communities and how we can do the same. Keep up the amazing effort, Robins and Swifts!

Year 6

This week, the children have come to the end of the 'Island' writing unit and have produced some super explanation reports about the Galapagos Islands. In history, the children researched the Mayan creation story as well as creating fact files based on the Mayan Gods. As part of science week, the children set up an interesting investigation involving slices and bread and various surfaces around school, to see what micro-organisms will grow on the bread - we are very excited to see what develops ! In RE, we produced some lovely work on Lent and the children also enjoyed our weekly visit from Mrs Parker who really made the children think about the Bible and all the interesting stories and poems within it. The children have all been working really hard and we are delighted with the progress they are making - well done everyone - another great week !

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week (postponed from last week)

	<u>Little Lennies</u> <i><u>Charlie</u></i>	<u>Blackbirds</u> <i><u>Violet R & Violet W</u></i>
<u>Doves</u> <i><u>Willow</u></i>	<u>Eagles</u> <i><u>Esa</u></i>	<u>Falcons</u> <i><u>Jay</u></i>
<u>Hérons</u> <i><u>Samuel</u></i>	<u>Kingfishers</u> <i><u>William</u></i>	<u>Owls</u> <i><u>Isabelle</u></i>
<u>Robins</u> <i><u>April</u></i>	<u>Swifts</u> <i><u>Zayn</u></i>	<u>Wrens</u> <i><u>Isla & Dylan</u></i>

Diary Dates

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