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#### Weekly Newsletter Friday 31st March 2023

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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lot we have had to celebrate this week, and again so many reasons to feel proud and privileged to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school.

#### Let's Go Sing!

On Monday, our Year 3 and Year 4 wowed a huge audience at King George's Hall in Blackburn with their beautiful voices during the afternoon and evening performance of this year's 'Let's Go Sing!', along with hundreds of children from other schools.

#### Swimmers!

Our team of upper KS2 children came back from the swimming gala draped in medals having done so well in individual races, and overall we came third place as a school team, against tough swimming club competitors. What an amazing achievement!

#### **Y6 Mathletes**

Our team of Y6 mathematicians showed determination and team spirit this week when they attended a new annual 'Mathletes' competition at Barrow URC school and came a smashing third place overall. Well done!

#### **Easter Bake Off**

Thank you all for your fantastic support at our Easter Bake Off sale on Wednesday - we were in awe of the skills and talents of our children and appreciate the time, effort and support given by parents/carers and grandparents to enable the children to take part and feel proud of their creations. The sales helped us to raise a much needed £570 for our school funds, and the children had a wonderful time choosing their playtime treats! Thank you again.

#### **Brass Concert**

A huge well done to our Year 5 children this week for their Brass concert. It was a super performance and parents enjoyed listening to the music and seeing the culmination of all their hard work. Well done.

#### **Phonics Workshop**

Thank you to the Reception parents who attended this week's phonics workshops in Blackbirds. The children (and staff!) enjoyed welcoming you into school!

#### **Lent Lunch**

Y6 children hosted a final lunch for our St Leonard's parishioner friends who have loved joining us every week throughout lent.

Have a lovely Easter and peaceful Ramadan,

Mrs Lindley

#### **HOP SKIP AND JUMP for East Lancashire Hospice**



On Thursday 20th April, classes will participate in the Hop Skip and Jump around our school woods. This is a sponsored event to raise money for East Lancashire Hospice. Please continue to send in your donations to the school office.

#### PE Days Summer Term 1

Monday	Herons Swimming 17th April and 24th April Y6 Swimming begins in May - more details to follow Robins and Swifts
Tuesday	Doves, Eagles, Falcons, Herons, Owls Kingfishers – Woodlands (PE kits with suitable footwear and waterproof coat. Waterproof trousers advisable)
Wednesday	Doves, Eagles, Kingfishers, Robins, Swifts
Thursday	Falcons, Herons, Owls,
Friday	Blackbirds, Wrens

### This Week's Attendance!

¥	Class	% Attendance this week
	Eagles	100
(2)	Robins	98.4
	Swifts	97.9



### **Weekly Highlights**

#### Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds





This week our early years children have been very busy learning all about the Easter. Both classes have listened to the Easter story. Little Lennies visited our Church and they enjoyed acting out the story. They made palm leaves and waved them high as Jesus rode through the town. They had a yummy treat of tasting Hot Cross Buns as they acted out the last supper. Both classes worked extremely hard to make Easter gardens; they explored our outdoor area and found natural objects to make crosses, tombs and plantation; some great imagination skills shown! Other Easter crafts have also featured heavily. Blackbirds have had a lovely time when sharing our phonics learning with our families. Both classes are definitely ready for a well-earned School Easter holiday!

#### Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons







What a super end to an incredibly busy term! We have continued to enjoy our English sessions where we used our 'magic mirrors' to role-play the characters of Major Glad and Major Dizzy and worked independently to write a diary entry. In Science, we completed our unit by learning about how the length of a day changes during the year and exploring how we can create shadows using light sources. We continued to think about the importance of the Rainhill Trials in history and looked at the purpose of commemorative trains as a way of marking significant dates in the past. Our RE learning included a visit to church to search for evidence relating to the Easter story. Such a busy week - I think we are all ready for a nice rest! Well done Key Stage 1!

#### Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls







Our final week of term started with a show-stopping event at Let's Go Sing, a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining performance in which the pupils' talents and impeccable behaviour truly shone, earning praise from other schools and the staff at King George's Hall. We tested our knowledge from this term, trying our best to tackle the assessment questions and similarly tested our slingshot-car designs equally hard in a drag-race shoot-out! Hoopball-netball was a fun way to finish demonstrating our sending and receiving skills before continuing our deep-thinking around the emotions connected with the Easter story. In Science, we analysed the growth results of our experiments with Trevor, Bob and Elon Musk (our adopted class plants) and investigated how colourful water is transported through them. Our Historic England campaign reached its conclusion with some persuasive help from Hyndburn's latest fitness model and Owls then relished their class-point reward day (finally!) to round off the term.

#### Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts & Wrens







#### Year 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant, hard-working final week of the Spring Term. In English, the children have planned and written excellent biographies about astronaut Chris Hadfield and we have finished reading our class novel, 'Cogheart', which everyone loved! In DT, the children have designed and made interactive pop-up books aimed to tell simple stories to younger children in a really engaging way. Many children made theirs with younger siblings in mind and have been really thoughtful and super creative when making their books, showing lots of perseverance. Thank you to all of the parents and family members who came to watch our Brass concert - I am sure you will agree the children were truly amazing and it was wonderful to see how much they have learned over the last 6 months. Have a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday - Mr Colpman and Miss Jones look forward to seeing everyone back and eager to learn soon!

#### Year 6

The children in Wrens have worked extremely hard this week. We have finished our fascinating history topic on the Mayan Civilisation and enjoyed writing about our rather gruesome bread experiment in science where we managed to grow a spectacular array of micro-organisms. The children enjoyed a quiet and reflective lesson with Mrs Parker as we considered prayer and how we can talk to God - we are really grateful for both Mrs Parker and Reverend Tracy for coming into school for our RE lessons this term. I have also enjoyed reading the super scary Alma stories that they have written this week. Well done Wrens - have a good rest and I look forward to seeing you all for your final term in Primary school after Easter!

## **Congratulations to our Stars of the Week**

*	<u>Little Lennies</u> <u>Emilie</u>	Blackbirds Willow & Thomas
<u>Doves</u> <u>Harper</u>	Eagles <u>Isabelle</u>	<u>Falcons</u>
<u>Herons</u>	Kingfishers	Owls
<u>Max</u>	Rosie	Phoebe
Robins	Swifts	Wrens
Eiliyah	Ryley	Ella & Devon

## **Diary Dates**

Easter Holidays				
Monday 17th April	School opens 8.45am			
Thursday 20th April	Hop, Skip and Jump for East Lancashire Hospice			
Friday 21st April	Y6 HGV Road Safety (postponed from March)			
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday			
Monday 8th May	Bank holiday for the King's Coronation			
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	Y6 SATs Week			
Friday 19th May	3.30 - 6pm Summer fair			
Wednesday 24th May	Y6 transition 'fun' day at St leonard's with Y6 children from local schools			
Thursday 25th May	6pm - Y6 Information Evening -Borwick Hall residential			
Friday 26th May	Break up for half term			
May Half Term				
Wednesday 7th June	8.45 School reopens			

#### **Sunday Services**

9.15 Eucharist10:30 Family Service

#### Monday

4pm Evening Prayer

# S†Leonard's C of E Church Langho & Billington

#### Wednesday

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

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