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Weekly Newsletter Friday 15th March 2024

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Worship



As we continue our journey through Lent, the children have enjoyed reflective worship this week. In our Hymns of Praise worship on Wednesday the children learned to sing 'My Jesus, My Saviour' and really thought about the lyrics and how they made us feel. The singing sounded wonderful. Our diocesan worship this week was based upon the Gospels of Luke and John and the stories of Mary and Martha and the raising of Lazarus and reminded us that Jesus is the resurrection and the light.

Football League

Our football team represented school brilliantly on Monday: winning 2 games, losing 2 and drawing 2. They were very unlucky not to have more wins as they dominated the games that they didn't win. Team morale was high and it was super to see them encouraging each other through each match. We are very proud of them all - well done team!



Chess

Some children from the chess club attended a tournament at Barrow URC Primary School on Thursday afternoon and concentrated extremely hard. They had some good wins and showed exceptional sportsmanship. Their behaviour was exemplary and they were magnificent ambassadors for our school. Well done!





Glow Dodge-Ball

A group of children from Lower Key Stage 2 enjoyed visiting Oakhill School to play Glow-Dodge ball on Friday. They had great fun and worked really well as a team showing kindness and honesty which is in keeping with our pupil promise - well done everyone!



Year 5 Brass Concert

On Thursday afternoon, the children from Year 5 performed a brass concert to their parents and carers. It was lovely to see the children enjoying playing their instruments as an ensemble - they have made fabulous progress during the year so far.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley



Facebook

Our new facebook page is live which will include regular updates - please follow and like! <u>Langho and Billington St Leonards Facebook page</u>



This half term the children will be learning about the lives and cultures of the children at Kishunju Primary School in Uganda. They will be learning about their daily routine, school life, culture and more. Before they do this they have spent the last few days learning about Uganda the country itself. The children will be developing a rapport with one another whilst the school council decides upon a way to raise funds for Kishunju Primary school. The school is linked with the charity The Zuri Project Uganda. If you would like to learn more about the charity please follow the link below.

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Eco Club - Reducing Waste at Lunchtime

Our Eco Club is leading the way in trying to reduce the amount of waste that we produce as a school.

Please continue to talk to your child about making sure they take home any uneaten food from packed lunches. This means that any recycling can be done at home and parents are fully aware of how much children are eating.



Thank you for your support and well done Eco Club for continually being great ambassadors!

School Books

This week children have been utilising our school library more to choose reading books to bring home and enjoy. Please ensure that all books from school whether 'library' or 'reading books' are treated with care and returned in the condition you would wish to receive them. **Water bottles should never be kept in the same bag as books.** If an accident happens, please let the office or your child's teacher know. Thank you.

Named Items

Please ensure that **ALL** items belonging to your child are clearly named (including coats, lunch bags, hats, scarves and gloves) to ensure that any mislaid items can be promptly returned. Thank you.

Absence and Lateness



This is a further reminder that the School day begins at 8:55am. The gates are open from 8:45am and shut at 8:55am. Please do your best to get children to school for 8.45am, when the gates open. Once the gate at the top of the path is shut, please don't bring children in through the car park. To safeguard all of our children effectively, ALL CHILDREN arriving after the gates are shut MUST BE SIGNED IN BY THEIR ADULT at the front office.

Nut Free School



Please remember to be careful when packing children's lunches and snacks sent into school. Products containing any type of nuts are not allowed due to children with nut allergies in school. Kinder Bueno and Nutella snacks contain hazelnuts - please leave these at home.

Many thanks for your cooperation

Cold Weather

Please remember to send children in with waterproof winter coats everyday, and hats and gloves as the weather turns cold. If your child needs to use lip balm due to dry skin in the cold weather, this is permitted before school and at break times, not during lessons. Please remind your child that lip balm is not to be shared. Labelling of lip balms in case they get lost will help with a swift return. Please see our website for our **severe weather procedures** should we get any snow coming our way in the near future! https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/home



Vision Screening in Lancashire - Reception children

Tuesday 19th March 2024

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in Reception receives an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter has already been sent home with your child (Wednesday 7th Feb 24).

NOTE: This is an <u>OPT-OUT</u> system. All children will have vision screening in school on the date below unless a reply slip is returned to school stating that you DO NOT wish your child to have the vision screening.

Vision screening will be taking place for the reception class children on:

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This Week's Attendance

| ¥ | Class | % Attendance this week |
|-----|---------|------------------------|
| | Falcons | 100 |
| (2) | Wrens | 99.6 |
| | Swifts | 99.5 |

Congratulations to our Star Learners!



| <u>Little Lennies</u> <u>Arabella & Rupert</u> | Blackbirds <u>Ismail & Teddy</u> | <u>Doves</u> <u>Spencer & Arthur</u> |
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| Eagles Arthur & Willow | Falcons Kayden & Isabelle | Herons Maryam & Ettie |
| Kingfishers Henry & lily | Owls Daniel & Priya | Robins Fazal & Archie |
| Swifts Hattie & Oliver W | <u>Wagtails</u> <u>Miraj & Olive</u> | Wrens Amelia & Luca |

Weekly Highlights

Nursery & Reception Little Lennies' & Blackbirds





This week, Little Lennies have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk and asking the question: How do seeds grow? The children have been looking at just how tiny seeds are and guessing what they might grow into - a tall beanstalk like Jacks, beautiful flowers or a plant that we can eat? Each child has planted their own cress seeds and are waiting eagerly to see their seeds grow!

Blackbirds have been reading a twist on the same tale, Jack and the baked beanstalk. They found this version of the traditional tale rather funny. The children have also been thinking about growing - what plants need to grow: nutrients, food, water, sunlight and of course a lot of care and nurture. They are also looking forward to observing their beans germinate and grow over the coming weeks - perhaps, just as tall as Jack's baked beanstalk. We wonder if there will be any baked beans growing in school too...

Year 1 & 2 Doves, Eagles & Falcons







This week we have worked hard to create our own version of 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' and tried to remember to use the correct suffixes in our writing. In geography we discovered facts about the polar regions of the world and compared them to find similarities and differences. DT was very exciting as we started to design our hand puppets, thinking carefully about what resources we would use and which method would be best to join the materials together. As part of Science week we continued to explore our plants unit by looking at trees and discussing the wide variety of trees in the world. We also considered how things change over time by looking at the life cycle of a frog. It has been another busy week for Key Stage 1, well done everyone!

Year 3 & 4 Herons, Kingfishers & Owls







The Lower Key Stage 2 children are working extremely hard. In DT this week they have designed their echarm that will hold their micro:bit which will display their coded design or message. Ask your children all about it for more details and explore at https://microbit.org/. In English we are starting to plan and write our important article about whales. The article will inform the reader about the activities which harm marine life and persuade them to be responsible for the future of these amazing animals. In Science, we asked the question, How does water move through a plant? We looked at the sequence as water moves through a plant and compared tap and fibrous root systems to explain advantages and disadvantages. In the Easter story, we examined the betrayal of Jesus by Judas. Excellent work LKS2!

Year 5 & 6 Robins, Swifts, Wagtails & Wrens









Year 5

We have enjoyed another brilliant week in Year 5! In Spanish, we started our own storyboards to rewrite Goldilocks and the Three Bears. In Science, we learnt all about the process of developing and maturing into an adult - we all found this very interesting. We absolutely loved performing in our brass concert on Thursday afternoon and it was so lovely to see such a large audience! Thank you for your continued support. We finished the week off by starting our pop-up books in DT. What a fun-filled week!

Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children have started an exciting new writing unit based on the short animated film: Alma. It really seems to have captured their imaginations. In science, we learned about the transportation of water around the body and in geography we found out about Earthquakes. In PE, the children enjoyed playing netball and football. In RE, the children were learning about Jesus and made some thoughtful contributions to class discussions. We have continued to practise our maths skills across the curriculum and solving some very tricky problems. Well done everyone!

Diary Dates

| March | | |
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| Tuesday 19th March | All day - Neurodiversity Workshops in school 12.30pm St Leonard's Church Parishioners Lent Lunch in school | |
| Friday 22nd March | 9:00am Robins leading Worship in church. All welcome. | |
| Monday 25th March | Easter Bake Off Competition! (Details to follow) 1pm-3pm Y5/6 Swimming Gala (Letters to follow) | |
| Tuesday 26th March | Kishunju Primary School Fundraising Day - The Zuri Project (more information to follow) 12.30pm St Leonard's Church Parishioners Lent Lunch in school | |
| Wednesday 27th March | Y1 and Y2 Visit to Skipton Castle. (Letter has been sent out). | |
| Thursday 28th March | 1.30pm School closes for Easter | |



Sunday Services

Current services are being shared among clergy from other local churches in the area.



