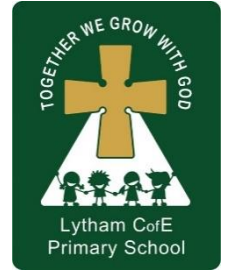


LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

*Together We Grow With God*



27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Headteacher's Message:**

We have had a fantastic fortnight in school! The children have been working hard and we have been having a real push on handwriting and presentation across all subjects.

The children have been sharing their work with me and it is such a privilege to hear them talking about their work, what they are doing well and their next steps.

Thank you for your continued support at home – reading with your child makes such a difference.

Have a lovely weekend with your children and I know that I keep saying it but Spring is definitely on its way!

*Mrs Wooldridge*





## Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 16th January



Reception	Harry	
Year One	Bluebelle	
Year Two	Max P	
Year Three	William	
Year Four	Ava R	
Year Five	Imogen	
Year Six	Alfie Ha	



## Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 23rd January



Reception	William	
Year One	Arlo	
Year Two	Joshua	
Year Three	Amelie	
Year Four	Harvey	
Year Five	Zoe	
Year Six	Logan	

## Our Christian Values Superstars

(W/B 16 <sup>th</sup> January)	<i>Ben</i>	<i>Sienna</i>	<i>Chloe</i>
(W/B 23rd January)	<i>Logan</i>	<i>Seth</i>	<i>Isaac</i>

You will recall from previous newsletters that the focus for each half term changes for our Parable of the Talents certificate. Our Pupil Leadership Team spoke to children and staff at the beginning of this term and it was agreed that the focus this half term for the Parable of the Talents will be for those children who show excellent effort in creative subjects.

<i>Excellent effort in creative subjects</i> - week beginning 16th January	
Reception	Amelie
Year One	Thea
Year Two	Violet
Year Three	Myles
Year Four	Ava H

Year Five	Ethan H
Year Six	Darcey

<i>Excellent effort in creative subjects</i> - week beginning 23rd January	
Reception	Billy
Year One	Berchin and Freddie
Year Two	Martha
Year Three	Skye
Year Four	Annabel D
Year Five	Rio
Year Six	Isaac

### Snippets from the classrooms

This week in Nursery we have been learning about the number three. We have done lots of counting and making groups of three objects.

We are loving our new 'Superhero' role-play area in Reception, it is inspiring some fantastic speaking and listening opportunities. We have been busy answering the phone to our favourite characters and writing messages from them. We have been reading a story called 'Super Milly and the Super School Day'. It is about a girl called Milly who realises that kindness is a special power.

This week in Year 1, we had a creative art lesson inspired by water and the artwork of Zaria Forman. The children have explored different lines in recent weeks, and in this lesson we continued to explore lines but in a more expressive way. We used music to draw lines and marks that reflected their response to what they hear. Reverend Nick came into Year 1 for this lesson to see just how fantastic they all work, and he was very impressed with their artwork!

This week in Y2 we have been creating our own characters to use in our story based on our book "Toys in Space." We have been describing our characters using carefully chosen adjectives. We will be writing our own stories next week.

In topic we have been finding out about the explorer Captain Columbus and learning about his adventures on his ship.

In dance we have continued our explorer theme by creating sequences of movement depicting animals in contrasting environments. The adults in school have been amazed by our creative movements and sequences.

This fortnight, Year 4 have been very busy. We have been creating tourism brochures for our village by the sea (based on our book "Baker by the Sea") using a range of persuasive devices. In maths, we have been measuring the area of rectilinear shapes by counting the squares (some of us could even use the formula  $l \times w = a$ ). Our artwork is progressing, and we have used our sketching skills to create shapes, lines and patterns using a wax resist media. The children have also created Stranger Danger posters and the most informative will be laminated and used as posters in school. The children also enjoyed a practical Science lesson learning all about the process of digestion. They used everyday items to represent each part of the digestive system - including the leg of a pair of tights to symbolise the intestines - and each group successfully achieved a waste product.

We have had a very exciting couple of weeks in Y5. Our current art topic is studying 'Installation Art'. We have used boxes to create scaled room installations and have even used objects from all round the classroom to create huge installation pieces! After our interesting predictions, we have learnt all

about the 'Lost Thing' and would definitely like to be his friend. Our times tables skills have been put to good use as we have been studying the column method to multiply larger numbers. It has been really quite tricky but practice makes perfect! from the trailer to a short film. We're excited to find out exactly what is going to happen next.

In Year Six, we have nearly reached the end of our class novel, 'The invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selnek. We have loved its graphic qualities and learning about the creation of black and white movies at the start of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In Maths we are working hard to improve our knowledge of ration and proportion. We even squeezed Maths into our Science lessons when we calculated the average and range of everyone's heart beats in an investigation.

### British Science Week

We will be celebrating British Science Week in school during the w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March. The national theme this year is Connections, and we are very keen to 'connect' with our families and local community. We are seeking real-life scientists - people who work in the realm of Science, in a range of areas, to open our children's eyes to the many ways in which Science is a vital part of our everyday lives... sometimes without even realising it!

If you work in Science in some way and you would be interested in coming to speak to one of our classes about your job, please contact [office@lytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@lytham.lancs.sch.uk) and somebody will get in touch with you. Please note, this may not be your own child's class and you would need to be available to come into school during w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Our aim is for the connections we establish during British Science Week to mark the beginning of a relationship which we can build upon over time to enhance our bespoke Science Curriculum here at Lytham CE.

### Thinking Day

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, all children who are members of the Scouting organisation can wear their uniforms to school to celebrate "World Thinking/Founders Day". This includes children who are in Tweenies, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

### Absences

Please ensure that you contact the School Office if your child is unwell and not able to attend school rather than messaging your child's class teacher. Thank you.

### PTFA

You will have seen on School Story that the PTFA are holding a disco on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We are incredibly excited and I can't wait for my very first 'Lytham Disco'! Please ensure that you return the slip with payment promptly if your child would like to attend.

### Y5/Y6 Athletics Event

It was a great team spirit at the year 5/6 athletics event with everyone trying their best. In some of the track and field events, we excelled so we will be able to build on these strengths next year. The children were amazing at organising themselves for relay events and supporting one another. We were so proud of them all!

Mrs Young and Mrs Owen

### Girls Football Tournament

At the tournament, we had to do several matches over different pitches. We all had a great time and tried our hardest at everything we did! Although there were only a few pitches we still got to do around 5-6 matches. However, we didn't win but it's not about winning, it's about taking part and having fun! We can all agree that we liked our positions and we didn't argue about it. We took it in turns to substitute with each other.

We all had great fun and we hope you enjoyed reading our report on the girls football tournament!  
Lila (Y6)

### Promotional Lunch

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February there will be a special promotional pancake dessert to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Please pay on Parentpay if your child would like to have a school lunch on this day.

### Seeds and Bulbs

Years 1 and 2 need to make some observations and/or plant seeds and bulbs over the coming term so any donations of seeds and bulbs would be very welcome. Thank you.

### *Spring 1 'at a glance'*

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	3.30-4.30 – KS1 Disco 4.45-5.45 – KS2 Disco	Details on School story and the children have also brought a letter home
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Dance Competition at Tower Ballroom	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February AM	KS1 Inclusion Multi skills Event	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes at normal time	

***Children return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February***