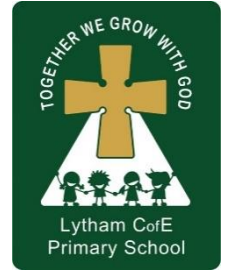




LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Together We Grow With God






Headteacher's Message:

I hope that you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the weekend. The Christmas break seems a distant memory now and all the children are working hard in class and enjoying new topics and themes. The weather has certainly turned this week and it has been wet and blustery again – I was sure that Spring was on the way!

Have a lovely weekend with your children.

Mrs Wooldridge

|  Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 2 nd January  | | |
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| Reception | Freyja |  |
| Year One | Freddie | |
| Year Two | Amari | |
| Year Three | Marley | |
| Year Four | Violet | |
| Year Five | Arthur | |
| Year Six | Aimee | |



Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 9th January



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| Reception | Chloe | |
| Year One | William | |
| Year Two | Marissa | |
| Year Three | Indy | |
| Year Four | Gracie | |
| Year Five | Daisy | |
| Year Six | Isobel | |

Our Christian Values Superstars

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| <i>(W/B 9th January)</i> | <i>Lorenza</i> | <i>Monty</i> | <i>Ava</i> |
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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.

Excellent effort in creative subjects - week beginning 2nd January

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| Reception | Betsy |
| Year One | Lorenza |
| Year Two | Isla-Mae |
| Year Three | Clark |
| Year Four | Ellie |
| Year Five | Elena |
| Year Six | Riley |

Excellent effort in creative subjects - week beginning 9th January

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| Reception | Charles |
| Year One | Arabella |
| Year Two | Nova |
| Year Three | Bea |
| Year Four | Louie |
| Year Five | Harry |
| Year Six | Orla |

Snippets from the classrooms

This week in Nursery we have started learning about Polar animals. We have been finding out about penguins and making penguin pictures.

This week in Reception we had our first football session with AFC Fylde which was great. In whole school worship we learnt all about the 'New Year' and making resolutions. When we came back to our class we talked about what we would like to get better at this year. There were lots of fantastic ideas about things we could do and work on in 2023.

In Year 1's Design and Technology lesson, we explored a variety of fruits. We tasted them and discussed appearance, smell, texture, taste, and sweetness. The children generated a range of great adjectives to describe the different fruits such as crunchy, sweet, thin, soft, chewy and many more!

In Year 2, we have enjoyed our first full week of 2023! In Science, we have been thinking about how people change during their lifetime. We considered how we have changed since we were babies, and talked about how we will change as we get older. In PE, we had a great first football session with Jack from AFC Fylde. We learned how to use different parts of our foot to direct the ball. In Art, we carried out our second observational drawing of the plum tree outside our classroom window - it has changed a lot since September, and we are very good at explaining why!

This week Year 3 have been taken back to the Stone Age, looking at our new book 'The First Drawing'. On Monday part of the classroom had been transformed into a cave and cave drawings were dotted around the classroom. The children used their inference skills to share what they thought the cave drawings might mean. The children also had a go at creating cave drawings themselves using various geometric shapes in art.

Year 4 have been very excited to begin their new English unit of "The Baker by the Sea" by Paula White - a true story based on how a small family business brought a bustling fishing community together. The children have learnt about Paula and the generations before her who served their small fishing town on the East Coast of Suffolk. We are getting excited to make the Hot Coconut Buns that Paula's Grandad made each day for the Scotch fisher-girls (which warmed their fingers as they salted the fish ready for sale). In Maths, we have been finding ways in which we can divide larger numbers. Our favourite task this week was to create the art work which can be found on our Class Dojo Page and on our social media pages also.

Year 5 have made a great start to 2023. Our PE lessons have been focussing on dance and we have been very lucky to start our cricket sessions. In science we have been comparing the life cycles of insects and amphibians – we had lots of our own subject knowledge to share! Our new text in English has had us quite perplexed and it turns out our predictions were far from reality when we could only listen to the sounds from the trailer to a short film. We're excited to find out exactly what is going to happen next.

This week in Science, Year Six have been studying the circulatory system. We have learnt all about the purpose of our heart, arteries and veins. We have been keeping our hearts healthy through gymnastics and cricket. Some of our girls also were involved in a football tournament. They were excellent role models and although we didn't win, played together as a fabulous team.

British Science Week

We will be celebrating British Science Week in school during the w/c 13th 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 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 13th 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.

School Admissions September 2023

The closing date for applying for a primary school place in Lancashire is Sunday 15th January. Please ensure you complete the form if your child is due to start school in September 2023.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.

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 3rd 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.

Winter SCART Club at Lytham Library

Have fun making a Winter celebration card with help from our Culture Hack at Lytham Library
Saturday 14 January 10.30am until 12.00pm

Fylde Girls Football Event

The girls played well and improved with every game. They didn't win any games but despite a great effort didn't manage to score a goal.

They did amazingly well considering the weather was awful!

Well done girls for trying so hard!

Promotional Lunch

On Thursday 19th January there will be a special promotional lunch to celebrate the start of Chinese New Year. 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.

Parking

We have been contacted by a local resident expressing concerns about parents parking on the corner of Park View Road and Ballam Road. We appreciate that it is very busy with three schools in such close proximity but please do park safely and legally.

Spring 1 'at a glance'

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| Tuesday 17 th January 1.30-4pm | Y5/Y6 Sports Hall Athletics Competition | |
| Tuesday 17 th January 9am | Phonics Meeting for Y1 parents | |
| Friday 3 rd 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 th February | Y5 Dance Competition at Tower Ballroom | |
| Friday 10 th February AM | KS1 Inclusion Multi skills Event | |
| Friday 10 th February | School Closes at normal time | |

Children return to school on Monday 20th February

