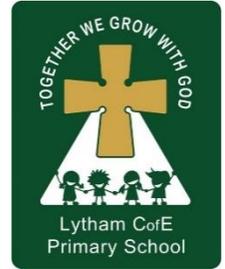




LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Together We Grow With God



31st March 2023

Our Christian Value this half term is Friendship



Headteacher's Message:

Thank you to all of our parents for your continued support. Y5 led a beautiful service at Church on Wednesday and it was lovely to see so many families able to attend.

Reverend Nick talked about the various services taking place at the two churches in our Parish over Easter so please do take a look at their website or Facebook page for further details.

Have a lovely weekend with your children and remember that we break up on Tuesday 4th April at 2pm. We might even have another gate disco!

Mrs Wooldridge

 Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 20 th March 	
Reception	William
Year One	Harry Ja
Year Two	Isla
Year Three	Lexie
Year Four	Ana
Year Five	Rio
Year Six	Freya



Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 27th March



Reception	Ben A	
Year One	Leale	
Year Two	Alice	
Year Three	James	
Year Four	Freya and Eleanor	
Year Five	Thea	
Year Six	HarryH	

Our Christian Values Superstars

(W/B 20 th March)	Charlie	Elena	Emily
(W/B 27 th March)	Poppy	Holly	Theo T

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 would be for those children who show beautiful manners at lunchtimes.

Beautiful manners at lunchtimes - week beginning 20th March

Reception	Sienna
Year One	Mia
Year Two	Dion
Year Three	Clark
Year Four	Eva W
Year Five	Mason
Year Six	Isobel

Beautiful manners at lunchtimes - week beginning 27th March

Reception	Harry
Year One	George
Year Two	Amari
Year Three	Skye
Year Four	Lilly D
Year Five	Freddie G
Year Six	Mia

Snippets from the classrooms

This week in Nursery we have done lots of different Easter activities. Our favourite one was when we did an Easter egg hunt around school when everyone else was at church. We got to have a look at all of the other classrooms and had lots of fun searching for eggs.

This week in Reception we have been talking about 'The Easter Story'. We can talk about the events in the story in great detail. You will be very impressed by our knowledge. In Maths we have been learning how to make 9 and 10 in different ways and we have been counting backwards from 20 to 0. We have been learning Miss Harter's favourite song 'Spring Chicken' and made a special hat to wear in worship next week when we perform our song.

Year 1 have started a new text in English this week called 'The Odd Egg'. We began by writing predictions in our book about what we think the book is about, just by looking at the cover. It was great to see the range of predictions generated by the children! Year 1 always enjoy explaining what they think is going to happen in a book. We have also discussed what we would do if we found 'The Odd Egg'. Would we take it to the vets? Would we try and find out what was inside? Or would we build a nest for the egg? There has been lots of excellent writing in Year 1 this week!

This week in Y2 we have been looking in greater depth at the story of The Last Supper. We have been exploring the symbolism behind the Eucharist. The children were very knowledgeable already! We also looked at a huge picture depicting the Last Supper. We used thought bubbles and speech bubbles to write down what we thought Jesus and his disciples were thinking and feeling.

Year 3 have worked hard over the past couple of weeks. We have started to look at fractions in maths using manipulatives to create and investigation looking at fractions as a whole number. The children have also loved creating non-chronological reports all about monkeys! They have conducted research, created a plan and written their reports. The children have also become teachers themselves, marking and editing their work, searching for key skills they have learnt over the past term. Year 3 have also had a special visit from Lee, who came in to kick start our 'active mile' challenge. Over the course of 6 weeks the children will be able to see and track their progress on how many laps they can do of our fantastic running track. The children have worked their socks off this half term and are ready for a well-deserved break. From all of us in year 3 we hope you have a lovely Easter break.

Our final week of the Spring term in Y4 has been very busy, very productive but also great fun. We had the enjoyment of the Easter Service - thank you to Year 5 for this. We have finished our maths unit on decimals and money and we feel much more confident. Our book The Iron Man by Ted Hughes has inspired us to design our own version of a robotic hand and character - using our amazing sketching skills. Ana has helped us find out more about Ramadan and Eid which was really interesting and we compared it to Lent and Easter. We had a visit from our Diocesan Advisor (Miss Snape) who has showed us the many crosses from around the world. We even got to make our own version of the Celtic Cross from Ireland. Thank you to Miss Snape. We are excited to find out more!

Wow – in Y5 our weeks just keep getting busier! This week Year 5 led the Easter Assembly at St. John's and they performed amazingly. They learnt their lines so quickly and delivered them with confidence. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. We have also enjoyed our RE workshop with Jo Snape, learning all about crosses from Mexico and Israel. We learnt that whilst crosses may look similar, they all have different meanings.

This week in Y6 has been extremely busy. Some of our class represented school in the netball and football tournament, hosted at AKS. Our teams were fantastic and played with determination and a brilliant attitude. We even had some excellent wins. In the classroom we have been puzzling through some reasoning activities in maths to help build our resilience when problem solving. We puzzled until our puzzlers were sore! We also loved the Easter service at St John's and the 'Cross of the world' activities where we studied the Sudanese cross- a cross of hope and peace.

"A-cross the World"

We were fortunate to have our Diocesan Advisor, Jo Snape visit our Key Stage 2 classes this week. She led us in Worship and introduced us to the theme "Are all crosses the same?" She then led each class on their own explorations of crosses from around the world. The children had the opportunity of making crosses and exploring the meaning behind them. She complimented our children on their friendly, polite manner and their ability to share thoughtful responses to the questions she asked.

Mrs Taylor

🌍Intra-House Football Competition Prize🌍

Just before the last half term, the whole school were immersed in football for a whole week as part of the England School Football Association.

We all took part in some intra-house football competitions and the winners were Ballam (green house)! Their prize is a Glow Dodgeball session in school on Wednesday 19th April. The children will be asked to wear their PE kit on that day and bring any illuminis items of clothing they have 😊

More information will be sent out nearer the time 😊

Mrs C Allison

Breakfast and After School Club

Please can parents make sure they book places for BC and ASC at least one day in advance. We understand that things crop up and would ask any parent who needs an EMERGENCY place that day to phone the office. This is to ensure that staff know who is attending and which class they should be collected from. This is to safeguard your children. Also can we remind parents that ASC closes at 6pm so children must have been collected by then. If

children are not collected by this time it has an impact on the staff who must remain on site until the child is collected. As per the Home School Agreement, there will be a late charge of £10 per day per child for anyone who has not collected their child by this time.

PTFA

Thank you to our PTFA who organised our fabulous Easter Bingo night. Lots of fun was had by all! Watch out for details of the next event....

Promotional Lunch

On Thursday 20th April there will be a promotional lunch to celebrate St George's Day. Please pay on Parentpay if your child would like to have a school lunch on this day.

Car Parking

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE DRIVEWAYS OF OUR NEIGHBOURS WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL.

Our neighbours are true friends to our school keeping an eye on it over the weekends and holidays to make sure it is safe and free from vandals. However, a minority of parents are parking in front of the private driveways.

According to the Highway Code, it's an offence to park across driveways, and it's illegal to park over dropped kerbs – even a little bit. Our neighbours have mentioned that it is happening regularly and they have not been able to use their drives to get out for work or appointments on time or not get in with young children after a busy day.

Many thanks to all those parents who are showing respect to the local residents by parking away from the driveways.

Follow Your Dreams

Sienna in Reception took part in a dance competition called 'Follow Your Dreams'. She won first place in her solo which meant she became the regional champion and got placed through to nationals. This is amazing news and we are very proud of her fantastic achievement.

Summer 1 2023 'at a glance' will be sent out early next week

Children return to school on Monday 17th April