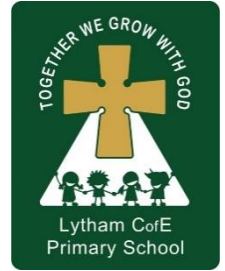




LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Together We Grow With God

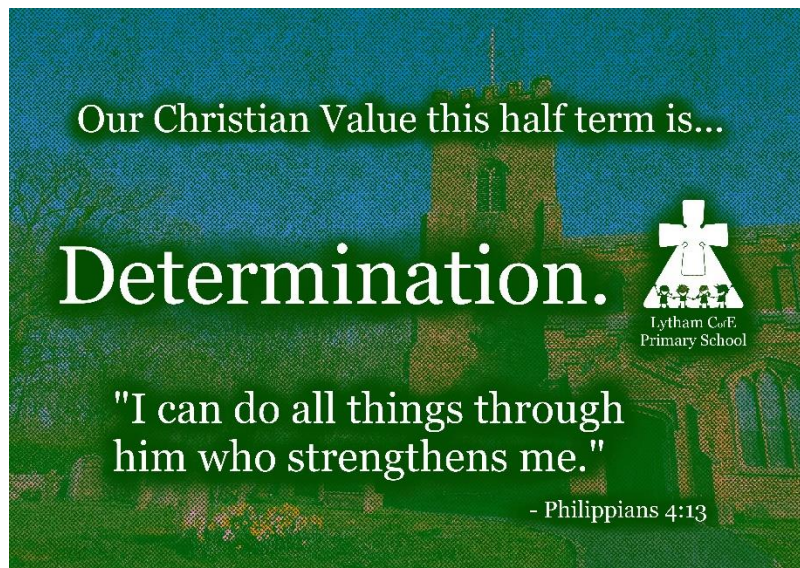


12th January 2024

Our Christian Value this half term is Determination

Our Chosen charity is NSPCC (we will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day)

Our Parable of the Talents Award will be awarded to children who are avid readers



Headteacher's Message:

We have had such a fantastic start to the term. Our Reception children have all taken part in Go Velo Cycling Training and a group of our girls have been out today playing football against other schools in the local area. The children have been working hard in all areas and I have had the opportunity to see the learning taking place in all classrooms. What a positive start!

Have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Mrs Wooldridge



Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 8th January



Reception	Fleur	
Year One	Ben A	
Year Two	Archie	
Year Three	Evie	
Year Four	Lilly-Rose	
Year Five	Olivia H	
Year Six	Ethan	

Our Christian Values Superstars

(W/B 8 th January)	Frank	Bonnie	Finn
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Avid Readers week beginning 8th January

Reception	Rosie
Year One	Charles
Year Two	Melanie
Year Three	Max P
Year Four	Clark
Year Five	Ava H
Year Six	Finlay

Snippets from the classrooms

The children have settled back into nursery life beautifully! It is as if we haven't had a holiday. We have also welcomed several new children into our setting and they are loving our nursery environment!

This week in Reception we have been learning to ride our bikes with Carly from 'Go Velo'. We have absolutely loved it and so many of us can now ride our bike on our own. We had to have a 'can do' attitude and persevere as it is tricky at first but we are now feeling so proud of ourselves.

Year 1 have settled back in really well after Christmas, and we have been busy doing lots of exciting learning. The children are enjoying the new area of learning in their classroom that is linked to our current unit in science. In this area, there are a range of materials and objects that they have to feel, and then have to write a sentence to describe how it feels such as 'the rock feels rough' and 'the sponge feels soft'.

In English, we have started a new book called 'Beegu'. To begin with, we looked at a photo that Mr Joyner took over the Christmas holidays, where there was a mysterious cardboard box on the playground surrounded by tape, cones and yellow footsteps! There were lots of great suggestions about what it could have been, and who put it there. Was it Beegu?

Y3 - We have had a very exciting week. We have enjoyed listening to Chinese New Year music and have explored moving about to the music taking into account its rhythm. We have been on a Rock Hunt to St John's Church grounds to identify different types of rocks. It was interesting to see how some rocks are affected by the weather and lots of children were able to describe why different types of stone are used for different purposes.

Starting our DT topic this week was very exciting in Year 4. We had to perform our market research, which included tasting biscuits. The children are now looking forward to the rest of the unit. The children have also been working really hard during their English lessons and are really enjoying our new book 'Winter's Child'. We have written postcards to Nana from Tom and have been amazed by the illustrations in the text. Our times tables are still in big focus in Year 4 and the children have been using the iPads to support their learning and improve their pace.

This week in Year 5 we have started new and interesting topics.

In English, we are looking at The Lost Thing. The pupils have been working hard on their description skills and using different, complex sentence skills.

The children were fantastic at discussing, labelling and explaining river systems in Geography.

In Science, we began our Earth and Space topic by exploring Moon observations.

We will be spending the next 28 days looking up at the night sky and recording the different phases of the Moon. The children also shared their own interesting knowledge and facts during the lesson. We also discussed the links to our French topic!

What a great start to the Spring Term in Y6! We loved starting our new graphic novel, The invention of Hugo Cabret. We are hooked already! In Science, we are studying light and experimented using torches to create shadows. Y6 are very scientifically minded so knew all the technical vocabulary already and are looking forward to progressing further with this topic. In Geography we are studying fair trade. To start the unit, we participated in a role-play activity in which we have to barter and trade from a 'newly-discovered' island. The sweets they traded with us were delicious! Y6 drove a hard bargain. We are looking forward to learning more about The Silk Road next week.

Absence Messages

Please ensure that any messages regarding absences or appointments go to the Office as class teachers don't always have time to check their dojo messages during the school day. Thank you.

Step into Quality Out of School Clubs

We have been approached by the Local Authority as only two schools in the whole of Lancashire to trial a new Quality Mark for our Out of School Club provision. Our input and evaluation will then inform future assessments of other settings. We are thrilled to have been asked to take part in this! We will keep you updated with our progress.

School Admissions

Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school in September 2024 opened on Friday 1 September 2023.

Parents can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools - it's quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:

- **Monday 15 January 2024** for primary applicants.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

Spring 1 2024 'at a glance'

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 31 st January 9.30am	Archdeacon David Picken visiting school	David will meet Worship Leaders and then lead Worship
Thursday 1 st February	Number Day	We're celebrating a day early! Details to follow from Mrs Lumby
Monday 5 th February PM	Dance Group to Competition	
Thursday 8 th February 3.30-5pm	PTFA Movie Night	Details to follow
Friday 9 th February	School closes for half term	

Staff and children return to school on Monday 19th February