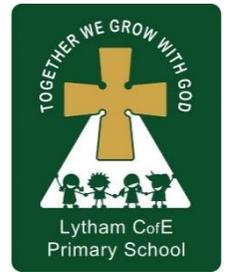




LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Together We Grow With God

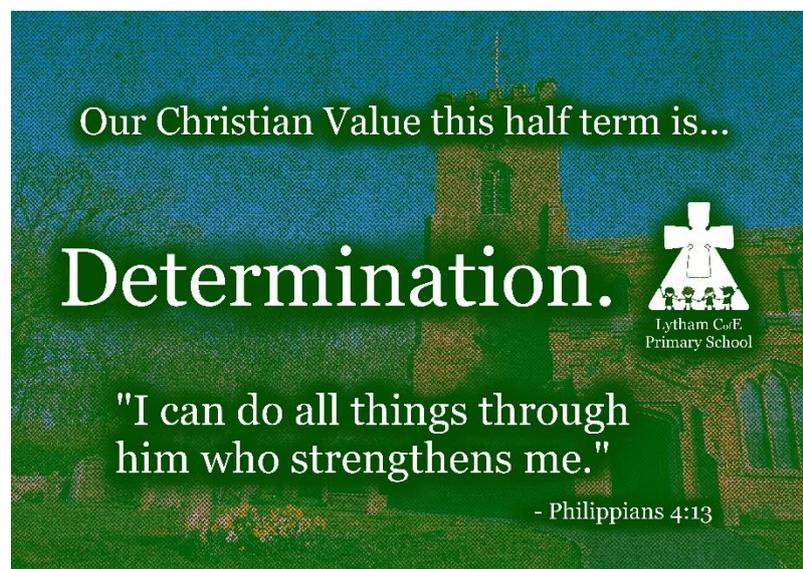


9th February 2024

Our Christian Value this half term is Determination

Our Chosen charity is NSPCC (we took part in the NSPCC Number Day)

Our Parable of the Talents Award has been awarded to children who are avid readers



Headteacher's Message:

This half term in school has been filled with so many rich learning experiences. The children have been on fire with their learning and have been talking about their learning and how this links to what they have learnt in previous year groups.

We have celebrated many sporting achievements alongside other awards and reasons to give great big hearty rounds of applause!

Whether you're going on holiday or spending time at home, have a wonderful week off with your children. We might even see some sunshine!

Mrs Wooldridge



Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 29th January



Reception	Posie
Year One	Elena
Year Two	Frankie
Year Three	Isla-Mae
Year Four	Declan
Year Five	Freya D
Year Six	Maisie



Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 5th February



Reception	Oliver N
Year One	Alex
Year Two	Grace
Year Three	Alice
Year Four	All of Y4
Year Five	Ellie
Year Six	George



Our Christian Values Superstars

(W/B 29 th January)	Lilly-Rose	Charlie	Marley
(W/B 5 th February)	Mylo	Ronan	Amari

Avid Readers week beginning 29th January

Reception	Molly-Jayne
Year One	Chloe
Year Two	Isabelle
Year Three	Joshua
Year Four	Lexie
Year Five	Dexter
Year Six	Mason

Avid Readers week beginning 5th February

Reception	Payton
Year One	Amelie
Year Two	Max
Year Three	Teddy
Year Four	Louie
Year Five	Violet
Year Six	Freddy B

Snippets from the classrooms

This week, the nursery children had a visit from a Fire Engine! The children were super excited and not phased by the rain at all. The children got the chance to hold the hose and squirt the water as well as sitting inside the truck. We also had our first football session with AFC Fylde and the children were amazing! Their listening skills and physical skills were just brilliant!

Reception - In phonics this week we have been reading compound words and in Maths we have been experimenting with the balancing scales to understand 'heavier' and 'lighter'. This Thursday was very exciting as we had a visit from Eve and Chloe who came from Kenyon's Dental Surgery in Lytham. They came to talk to us about how to look after our teeth and how we need to brush them twice a day. After school we were very excited to be staying for 'Movie Night'.

Year 1 loved taking part in number day last week. It was great to see all of their outfits! We completed lots of fun activities, including a 'number hunt' around school. This week has been schools' football week, and we have enjoyed two sessions where we have been able to learn lots of new skills and have lots of fun. In art, we have all created a 'tree of life' using techniques that we have learnt this half term. Mr Gray, Mrs Reams and Mrs Norman are all very impressed!

This week in Year 2 we have completed our Geography work about farming. We investigated where different fruits were imported from. We enjoyed using the atlases and globes to locate the different countries. In Art we painted our clay pots and tiles and we are very proud of the finished results.

Year 3 have done a fantastic job of writing their newspaper reports about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. They really showed off their knowledge of the features of a report. We had great fun in Science when investigating different types of soil. We found quite a few live creatures and used good observation skills when working out what our soil samples were made up of.

We have had such a busy week in Year 4. The children were brilliantly behaved when we went to see The Lion King. Our biscuit project has also come to an end this week, with the children producing their final products to share with their visitors. The children worked on their market research, budgeting and packaging designs before producing their final biscuits (they were delicious). I am so proud of how hard all the children in Year 4 have worked this half term. We have managed to fit so much in and they have shown such determination towards their learning. Their sequels to 'Winter's Child' are amazing and we have them proudly displayed outside our classroom. Well done Year 4.

Year 5 have been Science Superstars!

In English, we have been reading about Curiosity - the Mars Rover, and discovering the journey it has taken from creation to exploration of The Red Planet. We have even listened to the story being read by astronaut Nick Hague from the International Space Station.

In Science, the children explored how long it takes different planets to orbit the Sun by conducting their own experiment, timing how long it takes them to 'orbit' each other at different distances.

In computing this half term, Year 5 have been fantastic at working with databases. They have built up skills each week by organising information, conducting database searches and ways to display their findings.

We have also been having fun in French, learning about shopping, using prior knowledge of numbers, days of the week and different foods.

Staffing Update

Following interviews held this week, the Governors have appointed Miss Hannah Davies as our new Deputy Headteacher. Miss Davies is currently Acting Deputy Headteacher at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School in Fulwood and she will formally take up her position at the start of the new academic year. She will be visiting school in the Summer term and I know that she will receive a warm welcome from all.

Also, you may have spotted that our lovely Mrs Allison is expecting a baby! We are all incredibly excited about this and look forward to meeting baby Allison in the latter part of the summer term.

Punctuality update

The school gates are open from 8.45am to 8.55am. If a pupil arrives after the gate is locked they must sign in at the school office and will receive a late mark.

So far this academic year there are 57 pupils with late marks and a total of 192 lates recorded.

Should you feel you need any support with this or any aspect of your child's attendance then please make contact with Mrs Reams.

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.

After School Club Charges

Please be aware that after the half term holiday the cost for an after school place will be £8. After school club closes at 6pm so please ensure that your children are collected before this time. Thank you.

Art Exhibition

Some children from Nursery all the way to Year Six, have had their art work selected for an exhibition at Lytham Heritage centre on the corner of Henry Street. The exhibition will take place between the 6th and 25th of February, Tuesdays - Sundays 10am until 4pm. Our School theme is light. It's wonderful to see how this has been interpreted in each class. If your child has been successful, they will receive an invitation to a special prizegiving event where they may win a prize.

Mrs Barras

NSPCC Number Day

On Thursday 1st February we celebrated Number Day in school. Thank you for all of the generous donations; we raised over £300!

Thinking Day

All children who attend uniformed organisations may wear their uniforms on Thursday 22nd February to celebrate Thinking Day.

Parking

Please remember to park considerately when collecting or dropping off your children. We are having reports of cars parking over driveways and residents then not being able to get out to collect their own children or get to medical appointments. Thank you.

Movie Night

Thank you to all of those children who attended Movie Night last night. We had a great time and thanks must go to our PTFA members for organising this and our staff for manning the 'cinemas'! We'll let you know how much was raised in due course.

We are also looking at the payment platform and whether the transaction fee can be changed or amended so that this is not an additional charge to families. We will update you when we know more.

Spring 2 2024 'at a glance'

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 19 th February	School reopens to staff and children	
Tuesday 20 th February 6.30-8pm	Art Exhibition Awards at Heritage Centre	
Wednesday 21 st February	Y3/Y4 trip all day	
Thursday 22 nd February 10am	BSYW Worship	
Thursday 22 nd February	Children who attend uniformed organisations can wear their uniforms	
Monday 4 th March	Big Sing – children out all day	Miss Harter has sent out details for this
Monday 4 th March	Greg in creating planters with children	Details to follow from Mrs Lumby
Wednesday 6 th March	World Book day celebration	
Thursday 7 th March	Life Education visit	
Thursday 7 th March 9.15am	Reception class to lead Worship	Families welcome
Friday 8 th March	Life Education visit	
Friday 8 th March	Non uniform day in exchange for Easter eggs for Easter Bingo	
Monday 11 th March	Science Week!	
Thursday 21 st March 6pm	Easter Bingo	All welcome
Monday 25 th March	End of term reports go home	
Tuesday 26 th March 6pm	Easter celebration at St John's Church	All children involved. Y4 to lead
Thursday 28 th March	Wear your wellies for the day – fundraising for RNLI	
Thursday 28 th March 2024 2pm	School Closes for Easter break	

Staff and children return to school on Tuesday 9th April