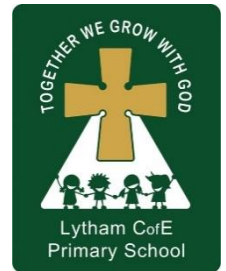




LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Together We Grow With God

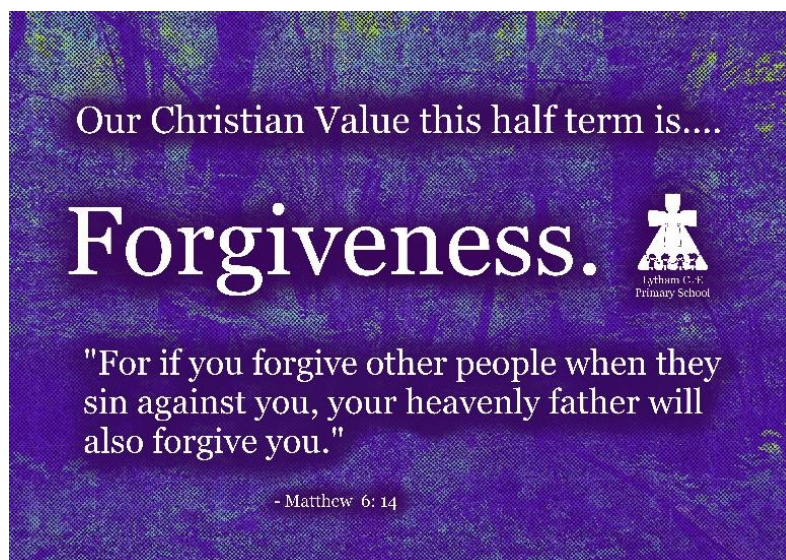





16th March 2024

Our Christian Value this half term is Forgiveness

Our Chosen charity is RNLI

Our Parable of the Talents Award will be awarded to children who think and talk like scientists.



<div>  Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 4th March  </div>		
Reception	Oliver N	
Year One	Luca	
Year Two	Phoebe	
Year Three	Matilda	
Year Four	Marley	
Year Five	Ada	
Year Six	Noah	



Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 11th March



Reception	Amelia	
Year One	Betsy Mc	
Year Two	Naya	
Year Three	Amari	
Year Four	Myles	
Year Five	Ivy	
Year Six	Lily-Mae	

Our Christian Values Superstars

(W/B 4 th March)	Esmail	Rory	Zakki
(W/B 11 th March)	Noah	Isla	Elena

Children who think and talk like scientists week beginning 4th March

Reception	Lewis
Year One	Freyja
Year Two	Harry D
Year Three	Emi
Year Four	Thomas
Year Five	Freya B
Year Six	Harry K

Children who think and talk like scientists week beginning 11th March

Reception	Henry B
Year One	Chloe & Aurora
Year Two	Monty
Year Three	Max BG
Year Four	Skye
Year Five	Eleanor
Year Six	Marshall

Snippets from the classrooms

Reception - For part of Science week we have been learning to be 'Space Explorers' and have made telescopes to look at the stars. In Maths we have been building towers of different heights and measuring and sorting objects according to their length. On Thursday we have dressed up and acted out the 'Last Supper' and 'The Great Parade' as part of our RE. The rest of the school were most surprised to find us parading through the school!

In Design and Technology, Year 1 have started an exciting new unit of work - Puppets! We began by learning how to attach two pieces of material together using three different

techniques (staple, glue and safety pin). This week, we designed our puppets and next week we will start making them. Year 1 have also been working so hard in their phonics lessons recently! We have been learning lots of new tricky sounds! Miss Harter saw some of our lesson on Wednesday and she was very impressed!

This week in English we finished writing our stories based on the Minpins. We worked hard to use lots of adjectives and similes to create atmosphere just like Roald Dahl did in the original story. We really enjoyed our Science work as part of Science week. We found out all about astronautical engineering and had a go at being engineers. We made balloon rockets and parachutes. In DT we completed and evaluated our moving monsters. We are very proud of our finished designs.

In Year 3, we are enjoying learning about branching databases in Computing. We are very good at thinking of questions with Yes/No answers in order to sort, and this week we used these skills to create our own branched databases online. This will really help us to classify in Science when we reach Year 4! We are learning a lot from our guided reading text, Africa, and we have been using Google Maps to support our learning about how diverse the countries of Africa are in landscape, temperature and people. Ask us what the presence of tropical fish in Lake Malawi teaches us about where Malawi is! We have also been getting creative in PE with our Creative Games unit. So far, we have behaved like Ghostbusters, defeated dragons and levelled-up our challenges as we have perfected our aiming and dodging skill

This week in Year 4, the children have produced some excellent tourist brochures linked to our 'Baker by the Sea' book. They have been working hard to include their writing targets and explore the grammar techniques we have been learning about. Everyone has also put so much effort into their fraction lessons, I have been so proud of the progress they have made. We have been making the most of our new reading area and the children have been enjoying their reading for pleasure time.

Science week has been very exciting, with great STEM club activities. We loved learning about engineering and its roll in space exploration. Year Six have been having early morning boosters this week in preparation for their SAT's in May. We are always so impressed by their enthusiasm to learn. In History we have been exploring aspects of Ancient Greece. The children have been investigating areas which particularly interest them.

Ju-Jitsu

There are currently places in the Ju Jitsu Group run by Nippon UK.

Please contact Kathy Sharples Operations Manager on [01772 497838](tel:01772497838) or [07861 391371](tel:07861391371) if your child is interested in a place.

Thank you.

Life Education

We were thrilled to welcome Steve and Harold the giraffe into school to deliver an information session to each class to enhance our PSHE curriculum. The children thoroughly enjoyed the class visits. We were very fortunate to receive sponsorship from the Lytham Rotary Club meaning that the cost of this visit could be subsidised for all families.

British Science Week

We have enjoyed a wonderful British Science Week in school, with a number of 'Time' themed activities. All members of STEM Club kicked-off the week with a trip down Memory Lane, recalling their favourite Science lessons, trips and visitors over their years at our school. All classes have also taken part in a Memory Lane activity with their teacher. As a school, we considered how important time is to scientists in their daily work.

Every year group has also enjoyed an interactive Inventors and Makers session in class during the week. Nursery and Reception children have become Space Explorers and created their own star gazers; Years 1 and 2 have travelled through space and time and created balloon rockets and parachutes; Years 3-6 have been on mankind's cosmic engineering journey and built landing and roving equipment. What a week!

STEM Club are taking part in the BBC's Playground Survey. As part of this, the children will be programming MicroBits to measure temperature so that they can measure the temperature of different areas of our school at different times of day. We will then upload our results to be included in the data collected nationally.

All children are invited to take part in the British Science Week poster competition which was shared on School Story on Monday. Entries should be handed into Mrs Patterson by Monday 25th March.

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.

Mid-Year Progress Reports

On Monday 25th March your child will bring home their mid-year progress report. This contains grades for effort, attainment and behaviour. There will be targets for reading, writing and mathematics which will form the basis of your conversation with your child's class teacher on Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 9th April or Wednesday 10th April 2024. Appointments will be available to book before we finish for the Easter holidays.

Parking

Please remember to park considerately when collecting or dropping off your children. We are having continued 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. We have also had a report of an accident on Friday on the junction of Ballam Road and Park View Road. Please do take care.

Communication - reminder

We post a lot of information on School story so please do check this regularly for dates and events etc.. Please ensure that any messages regarding a child's absence, appointments or After School Club bookings are sent via the school office and not just through Class dojo. Teachers are busy teaching the children during the day so cannot always see and reply to messages until the end of the day so this will be more efficient for everyone.

Also, if you need to speak to a teacher, please arrange to speak after school as the mornings when the children are arriving into school are very busy times.

Thank you.

Spring 2 2024 'at a glance'

Date	Event	Notes
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 with a special appearance by a donkey!	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



In Williamson Park this Easter holiday!

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS



8th – 11th April

Get your tickets from The Dukes Theatre

A Three Left Feet production in association with Funecast Character Company

Coastal Collective Community Drop ins at St Cuthberts

On April 18th we have Lancashire Adult Learning offering Introduction to Paediatric First Aid – numbers limited

Paediatric First Aid – April 18th

Grandparent's group – we have discovered we have several Grandparent carers across our schools who are not aware of each other but would like the support of carers in a similar situation. Once a month will be a dedicated Grandparents group –

Grandparent's group March 21st, April 25th, May 16th, June 20th

Sensory Messy play – to encourage young families who do not feel comfortable at a 'normal' playgroup, parents or carers of EYFS SEND children, and those who want to experience this with their little ones but cannot access the financial costs of the usual messy play sessions we will have a monthly messy play.

Sensory Messy Play – April 11th, May 2nd, June 6th

Any questions – please do email or call me.

Thank you,

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Coastal Collective

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