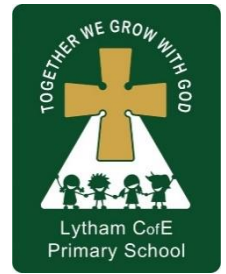




LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

*Together We Grow With God*



17th March 2023

***Our Christian Value this half term is Friendship***



**Headteacher's Message:**

We have had a fabulous fortnight in school. We have had snow, visiting speakers and a whole range of experiences for the children to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter Chocolate today. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and these will make some fabulous prizes for the PTFA Easter Bingo event. Tickets are still available and we would love to see as many families as possible coming along to join in the fun.

This week has been Science Week in school and I must give a special thank you to Mrs Patterson for all of her hard work both in school and behind the scenes too. She put together a fabulous week of experiences for the children and I am sure you have heard lots about our visiting speakers as well as our school science experts who have been visiting classes to demonstrate their scientific knowledge.

Have a lovely weekend with your children and don't forget that Doug Horley is at Lytham YMCA tomorrow afternoon (ticket details on School Story) and at St Cuthbert's Church on Sunday morning.

*Mrs Wooldridge*



## Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March



Reception	Sienna
Year One	Grace
Year Two	Whole of Y2
Year Three	Louie
Year Four	Liia
Year Five	Harry K
Year Six	Georgie



## Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March



Reception	Amelie
Year One	Maisie
Year Two	Kacey
Year Three	Charlie C
Year Four	Eva Mc
Year Five	Lily-Mae
Year Six	Ethan



## Our Christian Values Superstars

<i>(W/B 6<sup>th</sup> March)</i>	<i>Leale</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Berchin</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 would be for those children who show beautiful manners at lunchtimes.

### *Beautiful manners at lunchtimes* - week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March

Reception	Luca
Year One	Max
Year Two	Max B-G
Year Three	Stanley
Year Four	Dylan
Year Five	Gaia
Year Six	Evie H

<i>Beautiful manners at lunchtimes</i> - week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> March	
Reception	Aurora
Year One	Phoebe
Year Two	Garrad
Year Three	William
Year Four	Max
Year Five	Xander
Year Six	Phoebe

### Snippets from the classrooms

We have had a fantastic Science Week in Nursery. Some of the children from STEM club came and did a melting chocolate activity. We loved drinking the hot chocolate we made. We have also made bubble pictures and glittery slime. We ended the week with an exciting volcano activity.

This week in Reception we got to show everyone our amazing 'Mother's Day worship. We had to speak on the microphone and we learnt a beautiful song with sign language. Our mums were so proud of us and they loved all the special things we had made for them. We hope you all have a lovely 'Mother's Day' on Sunday.

To celebrate British Science Week, Year 1 searched for bugs and then worked in teams to make bug hotels. Two members of our STEM club came from Year 5 to deliver this lesson to Year 1. Everybody had so much fun in this outdoor learning lesson!

In Year 2 we have had a super Science lesson led by our STEM Club members. The children had great fun investigating which powder gave us the clearest fingerprints. We have made some beautiful cards for our Mums and have really enjoyed dancing and singing in the Doug Horley workshop.

Year 3 have loved science week! On Wednesday we had a very special visitor talk to the class about the world of geology which linked in perfectly with our Science topic of rocks and fossils. We also had some lovely students from our STEM club come in and teach a lesson all about the oxidisation of coins, it was a real treat!

Year 4 have had a great Science week with lots of exciting in-class and out-of-class opportunities. As part of the cross-curricular link to PSHE, the children have been writing raps about staying safe around different types of substances. They loved performing them to their class mates.

British Science week has been AMAZING for the children in Y5. Here are some of our highlights:

- 4 amazing assemblies. We cannot believe how many local scientists there are! We had lots of questions for Dr. Sheila Kanani.
- Trying to rescue our 'eggonauts'.
- Doug Horley!
- Reverend Graham showing us lots of cool science tricks.

Not only this, Year 5 have entered a 'Coronation Competition' by designing benches. The winners should be announced next week so we are keeping our fingers crossed for good news.

In Y6, we have absolutely loved Science week. Our special visitor, Alex, taught us all about geology and how exciting it can be.

Unfortunately, our classroom has been taken over by strange, mysterious vines! We made descriptive, warning posters and are wondering if they are linked with the book we are studying in class...

### **British Science Week 2023 (Mrs Patterson)**

Wow! What a week! We have enjoyed a fantastic week of Science across the school, with a range of inspiring visitors and some wonderful teaching by members of our STEM Club. The national theme has been 'Connections', and we have certainly connected - with each other, as well as scientists from our local community!

The week began with our Science Leaders leading an assembly which opened our children's eyes to Science and scientists. Within the space of 20 minutes, we challenged our children's perceptions of scientists and opened their eyes to how often we use science in our daily lives, as well as the number of scientists we have in our local community.

On Tuesday morning, we had a visit from Dr Sheila Kanani MBE, an astronomer with the Royal Astronomical Society. Sheila was so engaging and explained the numerous ways we are connected to space. She used an exciting dry ice experiment to create a representation of a comet, which all of the children loved!

On Wednesday, Neil Trickett - owner of Wild Discovery Zoo - came to speak to us to explain how Science is used on a daily basis in his work at the zoo. He talked about the impact of his job within a world context, and really made us think about the impact we have on the planet.

We have also had class visits from Rev. Graham Young, who wowed Year 5 with Science tricks before challenging them to protect their own Eggonauts landing from space. Year 3 and Year 5 enjoyed a visit from a geologist, Alex Boylan, who made us realise that geology is everywhere - and has been for many millions of years, forming the planet that we live on today.

Throughout the week, our STEM Club members - our Science Leaders - have visited each class to share their love of Science. They have independently planned and led their own Science lessons, which children from Nursery through to Year 6 have fully embraced.

This morning, the week has ended on a high with a Doug Horley Science Show!

Science isn't just for Science Week here at Lytham CE, and we will continue to work with our local community to challenge our children's perceptions of what a scientist is and the plethora of opportunities available to them in Science-linked careers.

**Entries for our British Science Week Poster Competition - shared on School Story - should be completed at home and handed in to Mrs Patterson by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

### 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

Easter Bingo is our next event and this will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm. Tickets are still available – details on School Story.

### Promotional Lunch

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March there will be a promotional Easter lunch. Please pay on Parentpay if your child would like to have a school lunch on this day.

### School Meals

Please ensure your child's school meal account remains in credit and do not to allow it to fall into arrears. Thank you!

### Jiu-Jitsu Jacket

Please can you check if your child has accidentally brought home an additional jacket as one was mislaid on Tuesday morning after the club.

### Spring Parents' Evening (Nursery-Year 6) Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Thank you to everyone who attended our Family Consultation meetings either online or face to face. If you raised any queries, please be assured that these will be dealt with as soon as possible.

If you attended in the evening you will have been told that we are in the process of updating our Vision and are keen for parents to contribute to this. Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms but if you didn't get a form there will be spares in the classrooms and School Office. Please return these FAO Mrs Wooldridge by 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## Safer Sleep Week

This link has sent to schools to share with our families and communities.....

The Lullaby Trust has issued their digital display pack: <https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Safer-Sleep-Week-2023-Poster-Pack.pdf>

## Scholastic Book Fair is back!

The book fair will be open for browsing and purchasing on the following days and time slots:

Wed. 22nd March 3:30-3:45pm only  
Thur. 23rd March 8:45-9:00am and 3:30-3:45pm  
Fri. 24th March 8:45-9:00am and 3:30-3:45pm  
Mon. 27th March 8:45-9:00am and 3:30-3:45pm  
Tue. 28th March 8:45-9:00am and 3:30-3:45pm  
Wed. 29th March 8:45-9:00am only

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Advance notice re End of Year Assessments

	When will they take place?	Information Meeting for parents
Y1 – Phonics Screening Check	Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> June	30 <sup>th</sup> March 3.40pm in Y1 classroom
Y2 – End of Key Stage Assessments	Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 3.40pm in Y2 classroom
Y4 – Multiplication Tables Check	Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Date to be confirmed
Y6 – End of Key Stage Assessments	Tuesday 9 May 2023 English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2  Wednesday 10 May 2023 English reading  Thursday 11 May 2023 Mathematics papers 1 and 2  Friday 12 May 2023 Mathematics paper 3	Date to be confirmed

*Spring 2 2023 'at a glance'*

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y2 trip	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair arrives	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 6pm	Easter Bingo	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am	Y5 to lead Easter Service at St John's Church	Rec-Y6 to attend. Families welcome
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of term reports to go home	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes at 2pm	

***Children return to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April***