



Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 8th October 2021

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www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started this week with a beautiful Harvest worship and were led in our readings and prayers by Year 6 children, who did so well. We were also treated to brilliant singing and actions from our Blackbirds. It was wonderful to be able to worship all together in church and to be joined by so many family members too. Thank you for all your wonderful donations to our Harvest appeal– this will make a huge difference to those less fortunate. In addition, our recent Macmillan cake sale raised in excess of £200. Thank you for supporting with this – we will be arranging another cake sale soon. The week has continued with so much super learning and the children's smiles around school have been so plentiful! Listening to stars of the week was wonderful yesterday morning, our children continue to make us very proud.

Please see below for important information, our weekly class updates and of course our Stars of the Week!

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley

Homework

This week the children were able to bring home their new homework diaries and homework books and we sent out our new policy via email and it is also available to view on our website. This system is designed to make homework clear, easily accessible to families and provide meaningful practise opportunities for the children. We hope this helps at home and that the children enjoy using their new books.

Christmas Cards Reminder - Artwork and payment must be returned by Monday 11 October 2021

This term we are again using Art Screen Prints to print our Christmas cards. The aim is to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school.

Your child has created and brought home his/her own design for a Christmas card that can be professionally printed to produce a pack of 12 cards with envelopes.

Card packs can be ordered by completing the order form attached to your child's artwork.

PLEASE DO NOT FOLD THE ARTWORK.

Payment should be made via Parentpay (sorry, no cash or cheques can be accepted).

Staff absence

If an employee is ever absent from school, we make sure the absence is adequately covered either by using internal staff or external supply staff. Due to confidentiality, reasons for absence will not be divulged to parents. Thank you for your understanding and we respectfully ask that you don't enquire with other staff members about the reasons for absence. It may be necessary to inform parents about arrangements for class cover, should an absence become long term. Please be reassured that this will be done if it becomes necessary.

Communication with school – procedures for parents/carers to follow

Reason	Contact method
Sickness Absence	Sickness/Absence Contact form on the website https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/contact-us
Informing the teacher of something about your child that doesn't require a discussion (Eg lost clothing, if they're likely to be tired that day, lost reading books/homework etc...)	Contact form on the website https://www.langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/contact-us or
Request for a discussion/phonecall/meeting with a teacher about your child's learning or other queries/issues that need to be discussed.	Office email address info@langho-st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk or
Request for a discussion or meeting with the Headteacher if issues have not been resolved with the teacher and you wish to escalate your query or if the query is about something of a serious nature such as safeguarding. Please note: this may be delegated to the Deputy Headteacher if the Headteacher is not available.	Phone – 01254 247156 (Please leave a message on the answer phone if your call is not picked up straight away).
<p>Teachers and school leaders may not see or be able to respond to direct emails due to the nature of their work, and therefore there may be a delay in resolving an issue, especially if there is a need for leaders and teachers to forward emails on to the most appropriate person to deal with enquiries. Any mails sent on an evening or weekend will not be responded to out of working hours.</p> <p>Thank you for your understanding.</p>	

Punctuality

Unfortunately, children arriving persistently late at school is on the increase at the moment.

Please be reminded that our gates close at 9am every morning. They are open from 8.45am. Lateness results in unauthorised absence marks on the school register. Do let us know if you are struggling to get your children to school on time and if there is anything we can do to support you.










Outdoor Learning environment

Thank you so much to the volunteers who have already begun our improvement project in the woods. If you know of anyone in our school community such as parents, grandparents or family members that have any spare time and would like to become involved in volunteering to tidy and maintain our woodland area, we would be very grateful to hear from you! Equally, if you have your own business and would like to donate time or resources to help us to develop our school outdoor environment, this could make a huge difference to us and the quality of what we are providing for our children. Many thanks in advance for your support!

Upcoming Dates for your diary

- Harvest Festival Service – Sunday 10th October 9.15am or 10.30am in St. Leonard’s Church
- Parents’ Evening – Wednesday 20th October and Thursday 21st October (Further information to follow)
- Blackbirds Mini-Concert for parents and carers – Friday 22nd October 2:30pm (Further information to follow)
- School closes for half-term – Friday 22nd October **3:30pm** (apologies for the error on last week’s newsletter)
- School re-opens after half-term – Monday 1st November 8:45am

Class Updates

<p>Little Lennie’s</p> 	<p>The activities this week have mostly been on the theme of animals or rainbows. The children have been doing lots of arts and crafts, including using lots of different colours to paint rainbows and making some beautiful glittery jellyfish with paper plates and ribbons. We have been describing different animals and talked about where they live. Another lovely week in Little Lennies.</p> <p> Violet! <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i> </p>
<p>Blackbirds</p> 	<p>This week we have listened to the story of Noah's Ark. Our learning has focused on animals, and we have enjoyed using a new water and sand space in our outside classroom to discover more about where certain creatures live. In PE we have moved like different animals and were so good at it, that others could correctly guess which animals we were just by movement alone. We have also been scientists this week - growing our own rainbows using kitchen towel and felt tip pens - we watched the pen ink move up the towel using water. We have learned to sing the song 'I can sing a rainbow' using sign language. As always, we continue to be keen learners and have been very busy! Well done everyone. 😊</p> <p> Penelope! <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i> </p>
<p>Doves</p> 	<p>Well done Doves on your super learning this week. You were PE superstars especially when you were playing the beans game! In Computing we learnt how to log on to the Chromebooks for the very first time! In RE we acted out some Bible stories and did really well at speaking in front of an audience.</p> <p> Sophie! <i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16</i> </p>

Eagles



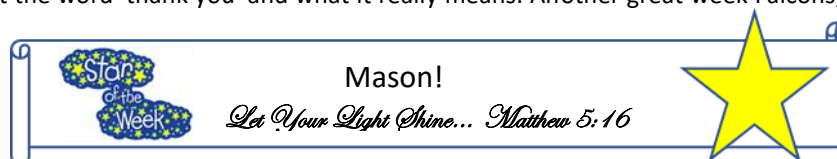
Our Eagles have had another busy week of learning. We have continued our geography learning by using our messy maps to create a map with labels and symbols using a key to identify features. We have also thought carefully about our favourite Bible stories and used role play to act them out. In PE we have started to become experts and throwing and catching as we continue to work as a team. A super week for everyone!



Falcons



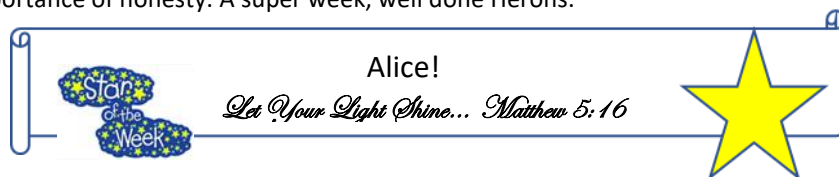
We can't believe how fast these weeks are flying by in Falcons! This week, we found out all about the inspirational Mary Jones in RE and how the Bible Society was founded through her determination and dedication - this encouraged us to think about our own precious possessions at home. We've also had time to reflect this week on our celebration of Harvest festival, thinking about how lucky we are to have yummy food and our tummies full, we talked a lot about the word 'thank you' and what it really means. Another great week Falcons, keep soaring.



Hérons



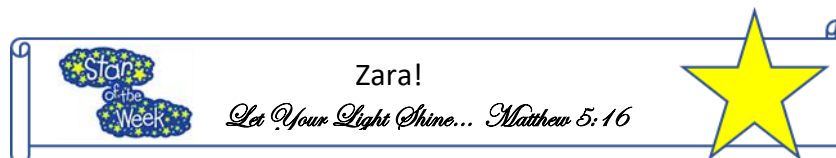
This week the Herons children have been full of enthusiasm for learning. In Science, the children predicted, tested, recorded and explained their findings when investigating strengths of magnets. In DT they planned their designs for a desk tidy that would reflect their personality. In PE the children practised attack and defence tactics and focussed on the importance of honesty. A super week, well done Herons.



Kingfishers



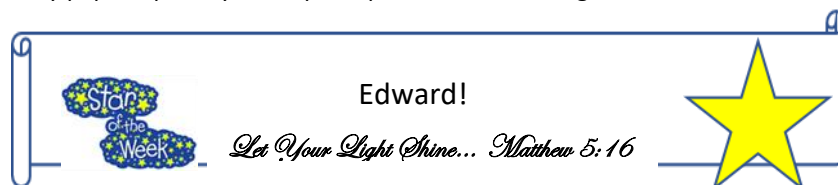
Kingfishers have had a great week full of exciting learning. They have enjoyed looking at our local area on a map and locating the points on a compass. In RE we thought about the harvest and the importance of helping people within our community. Well done Kingfishers.



Owls



Owls Class have been working hard on their learning this week. They have planned their designs for their desk tidy in DT with detail and care. They worked hard in PE, practising their stamina and control when using equipment and in RE focused on learning about the importance of Harvest. The children also enjoyed experimenting with magnets in science to see how many paperclips they could pick up with different magnets. Good work, Owls Class.



Robins



Robins have continued enjoying Netball in PE lessons as we have moved from practising the skills to putting them together in a game and some children have shown that they are very competitive. Science involved lots hands on experiments to find out which solids dissolve in cold water and which do not. We also looked at some aspects of physical geography in Scandinavia such as mountains, glaciers and fjords to see how nature carved out the landscape.

Star of the Week

Ben!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16

Swifts



This week Swifts have enjoyed learning about the culture of Scandinavia exploring the festivals that they mark as well as other customs and traditions. In Science we enjoyed conducting investigations observing to see if materials were soluble or insoluble. This afternoon we have enjoyed using the watercolour paints to recreate parts of artwork.

Star of the Week

Mia!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16

Wrens



This week we have had a super week of learning. The children have enjoyed finding out about the Human Geography of Scandinavian countries and drawing a Scandinavian pattern in art. They have enjoyed a great game of Bench Ball in PE and demonstrated their excellent singing voices in music - well done Wrens!

Star of the Week

Elijah!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16

