St Michael and All Angels CE VA School Newsletter Friday 25th November



A Huge Thankyou!

This half term becomes increasingly busy as the Christmas activities begin. I would like to thank you all for your continued support, as particularly this year, there will be challenges to face in the run up to Christmas. We really do appreciate your help - from supporting children wearing different outfits for charities, helping with costumes for the nativity or plays, and supporting the church fair and attending services. As always, we do this to create memorable experiences for the most important people in school; the children. A huge thank you from all staff and governors at St. Michaels.

Bikability with Go Velo-Cycling Training with Year 5

Year 5 have spent this week with Go Velo. "Go velo is an established, dynamic and independent company born from a passion for cycling and a vision for education." Their mission is to get more people involved in cycling, through a range of different cycle training and bike-related activities. The children are assessed and then take part in different levels of training. For example

Level 2 takes place on local streets, giving trainees a real cycling experience. Trainees learn how to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or the local shops. Trainees are usually trained in small groups – up to 6 trainees per instructor. At Level 2 you can:

- Cycle safely and responsibly
- Identify and respond to hazards
- Start and stop on-road journeys
- Maintain suitable riding positions
- Share the road with others and communicate with other road users
- Comply with signals, signs and road markings
- Manage risk when cycling



More images please click <u>here</u>

<u>Christmas Holidays School Closes 1:30pm Friday 16th December</u>

The governors have agreed school will close at 1:30pm on Friday 16th December. As usual, there will not be After School club on that day.

Year 4 Math's Challenge Competition at Park Primary School



Last Friday (11thOctober), four of our fantastic mathematicians from Y4 went to Park Primary School for an afternoon of math's challenges against 10 other schools from the Pendle area. Tait, Corin, Nancy and Ben represented the school in this activity. The session was broken into four parts. Part one was a series of math's word problems that got progressively more challenging with teamwork being an essential ingredient for success. Round two was a series of logic problems where the children had to interpret the information. The third section was 240 times table questions in a speed round - the team scored full marks in this round!!! The final part was a countdown challenge with a series of numbers given to try and make a given three digit number total. The fab four represented the school impeccably and displayed lots of math's skills throughout the afternoon. Well done everyone!

Children in Need Day Friday 18th November



Thank you so much for your amazing efforts wearing yellow, spots or stripes and generous donations. We especially appreciate your contribution taking into account the current economic climate. Amazingly we raised £154.59. Children in Need help children and young people to overcome their challenges. This includes supporting children and young people living in poverty, providing emergency support to families in crisis, providing comfort to children feeling sad, lost and alone, helping children overcome social injustice and supporting children to feel safe and secure again. Thank you so much!

Curriculum News Year 3 Design Technology

Food Tasting













Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 14th November we marked the start of Anti-Bullying Week by wearing odd socks! The theme was "Reach out" and we spent the week celebrating what makes us all unique and spreading kindness!









Sports News

Inter-Schools Athletics Competition at West Craven High School with Five Other Local Schools



On the 24th of November at West Craven High School a group of Year 6's went to do an athletics competition. They had to do speed bounce, chest push, long jump, triple jump, verticle jump, javelin and some running races. In the first hour or so they did everything but the running and the boys won all of them and the girls won vertical jump. Once all the scores had been added up it was time for the running races. There was a 6 lap running race, 4 lap 2 lap and a relay race for both the grils and boys. Thankfully they didn't ruin their huge lead they won pretty much every race and drew one. After all that success the team are hoping they have done a enough to win the competiton.

By James Hulena

Mr Phillipson was extremely proud with amazing performances from the whole team. We secured many first-place finishes with standout performances from Louie in the javelin and James in the speedbounce challenge. Official results will be published once they have been received. Mention must go to our fabulous team spirit with everyone cheering on all our participants. Well done everyone!

Nelson Town Centre Warm Hub

Nelson Town Council have designated the Revive Café at the Unity Well Being Centre on Vernon Street, Nelson as a WARM HUB which will open to the public throughout the winter which opened on Monday 21st November at 10am. The Warm Hub offers-

- A warm space
- Newspapers
- Free wi fi
- Tea and coffee
- Microwave
- TOASTER
- Board Games
- Books

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Warm drinks and light snacks will be provided free of charge all day.



All Age Service at Church – 20th November







Thank you so much to the parents and children who attended the All Age service at St Micheals church on Sunday. We really appreciate you representing school. A special thanks to Marlow, Buddy, Louise and Elijah!

Please join us for the Christmas fair at church on Sunday. We are opening the fair with some carols and will be running our Jarbola stall.

Starting school - Reception 2023



If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, you must apply for a Reception 2022 place online. The deadline is **Sunday 15th January 2022**. Reception places are offered by the Local Authority. To apply, go to https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/

We also have places available in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4 – please get in touch with the school office for more information.

SEND News



Mrs Lamb is the school's SENCO. Ms Richardson is the Acting SENCO whilst Mrs Lamb is on maternity leave.

SEND Local Offer

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/

https://www.sendstation.co.uk/autism

This website is useful to support children with autism.



Friday Club

Friday club is running on the dates below at St John's Methodist Church, Albert Road Colne from 6.30-8pm. Includes team games, crafts and stories, £1 per child including refreshments.

25th November 16th December

Use of our School Hall.

If you know of any clubs or event that would like to hire our hall, out of school hours, please contact the school office for more information.

Thank you

Dates for your Diary

Please click <u>here</u> for latest diary dates and information.

Please click <u>here</u> for the Church services.



Reception Vision Screening Friday 9th December



East Lancashire Hospitals

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Vision Screening in Lancashire

Friday 9th December

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

An Opt-out consent form will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date. If you do not receive one and wish to Opt-out, please contact the school.





Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the governing board. We meet twice termly for approximately 1 hour per meeting. If anybody is interested, please contact Wendy Phillipson in the school office.



Breakfast/Afterschool Club

Please could any requests for late cancellations/late bookings be directed to Mrs. Stuttard via the school office number 01282861338 then select Option 3.

If there is no answer, please leave a short message with your child's name, class and date you want them to attend. Thank you

Health: Year 6 Heights and Weights

The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), also known as the School Height and Weight Checks, is a mandated annual programme delivered by local authorities, which involves measuring the height and weight of all school children in reception and year 6.

Year 6 had their measurements taken last week.

Safeguarding Concerns

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's designated safeguarding team.

DSL Lead Sara Richardson Deputy DSL Michelle Coffey DSL Amy Latham (Rebbecca Lamb)









"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

