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Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News 27th September 2022 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

Yesterday, we looked at one of St Paul's letters to the Philippians in which he says, 'Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.' We used this to help us understand the role of being a School Councillor as this week, any child who wishes to become a school Councillor, must put together and present their manifesto to the rest of the class. We discussed the role of our new Prime Minister, Liz Truss, and what happens in the Houses of Parliament. The children will vote for their class School Councillors next Tuesday 4th October. Year 6 children



will also be voting for their Head Boy and Head Girl. We prayed together and set our mission for the week: To look out for each other and not just think of ourselves.

Y4 Class Mass

Y4 children will attend their class Mass in church this Wednesday at 9:30am. All parents/carers are warmly invited to share in this Mass with them.

St Francis Feast Day Mass

The Feast day of St Francis is on Tuesday 4th October. To mark this very special occasion we will be having a special Mass in school at 9:30am. This will replace the usual Mass of the day in church and all families and parishioners are all warmly invited to come along

Mini Vinnies

Three of our Mini Vinnies, Esther, Fabian and Eve will be representing the whole group at a Mini Vinnie Mass at Leeds Cathedral this Wednesday morning. They will be commissioned into their special work and carry our school banner in a procession. The Mini Vinnies have also been very busy lately preparing and leading worships in Y1 and in Foundation Stage. They will continue with this work for all the other year groups too.

50 things app

A new app has been launched, which is free to download, called '50 Things Primary'. It has 50 ideas of things for children to do before they leave primary school. It has a lot of exciting content on it and we are particularly proud that our very own Deputy Head, Miss Burgess, has written a lot of the content for it. Please do download it and have a go with your child if you can.



Y6 Residential

We wish Y6 well as they embark on their residential trip tomorrow. They will partake in many adventurous activities over at Winmarleigh in Preston, such as zip wire, abseiling and kayaking. We pray they stay safe and are blessed with sunny and dry weather.

St Francis Open Afternoon

This year we are holding an open afternoon for all prospective parents of children starting Nursery/Reception in September 2023. There will be a presentation by Mrs Haines and a tour of the school.



OPEN AFTERNOON

For new starters for September 2023

Tuesday 8th November 2022 1:30pm - 3:00pm

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Reading for Pleasure Parent/Child Workshops

Miss Britz is inviting parents & children to a Reading for Pleasure workshop. Reading for pleasure is vital to reading achievement and has lots of positive emotional and social benefits. This will be taking place on Thursday 29th September at 3:30pm or 5:30pm.

Maths Parent/Child Workshops

Miss Burgess is holding Maths Parent and Child workshops on Thursday 6th October at 3:30pm or 5:30pm for Y5 and Y6 children. This will be an opportunity to see how Maths is taught in school and how you can support your child.

Choir Workshops



It was a pleasure to welcome Maria from Great Yorkshire Chorus into school last week to lead singing workshops with both the children's choir and staff choir. We all availed of her trained musicianship and enjoyed some wonderful singing!



Gardening Club

Mrs Wright and her gang of merry gardeners are hoping to plant a very special tree in memory of our late Queen Elizabeth II. They would really like some advice from anyone knowledgeable about trees of where on our grounds would be best to plant it. Please contact the office if you can help in any way. Many thanks.

Staff/Parent Lending Library



In the reception area by the office there is now a small but growing lending library with books and magazines to borrow. This is for all parents and staff to use as we know many in our school community are keen readers. Simply take a book or magazine that you fancy and return when you are done - no need to sign anything out. If you have a few books to contribute to the area, please let Miss Burgess know.

Spooky Cinema fundraising event

On Thursday 20th October, Year 6 will be holding a Spooky Cinema Screening event, to raise money towards the blazer fund. Though organised by Year 6, this event is open to children from Reception to Year 6. We will be showing Hocus Pocus 2 (rating: PG) from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Tickets cost £5 each, and include a snack and a drink - these can be purchased through ParentPay (under 'Year 6 Fundraisers'). Before purchasing a ticket, please do review the trailer for the film on YouTube to check that it is appropriate for your child - although it is a PG rated film, it does contain content that children may find a little scary. Year 6, look forward to seeing lots of you at this spooktacular event soon!

Art Club

There has been a fantastic level of interest in the new KS2 Art Club. In order to ensure that all children who want to participate are able to, we will be putting a rota in place. This will be communicated to families this week. We can't wait to produce some masterpieces soon!



Year 6 Antarctic Hook Day

Last week, Year 6 spent a day immersing themselves in their Geography topic of 'Polar Exploration'. We learned all about Ernest Shackleton's expedition to the Antarctic on board the Endurance, and



how Shackleton managed to get all of his crew to safety when the ship became trapped in the ice. We practised our decision-making skills when

evaluating Shackleton's options as a leader, before getting outside to try and relive some of the challenges faced by the crew in 1915. We built shelters, wrote our last letters to our loved ones in case we did not



survive, transported an "injured" crew member across the pack ice to safety and sampled expedition food (potato cakes and hot bovril!) Year 6 were resourceful, creative problem-solvers and a fun day was had by all!



Merit Worship

Our Merit winners last week:

FS2	Eliiah
F32	Elijah
Year 1	Seb
Year 2	Sophie
Year 3	Jonah
Year 4	Willow
Year 5	Nate
Year 6	Lucia





Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Harper for being so grown up, polite and hardworking. Harper is a shining star and a wonderful role model.

Big Cat Merit: Alfie (Year 1). He has shown an amazing effort in guided reading this week and it is lovely to see his true enjoyment in books.

Christmas Card Competition 2022

We are delighted that once again we will be running our Christmas Card Competition with the winning design used for the electronic card that is sent to hundreds of businesses, organisations and individuals in the District.

This competition is open to all schools in the Bradford District. Pupils are asked to represent the theme of A Child's Christmas in Photography, Drawing, Painting or Collage, suitable for publishing as a Christmas card. Judges are looking for an image only, please do not include text or make into a card shape.

Judges will be looking for imaginative and eye catching designs that interpret the theme of A Child's Christmas which will represent what this special time of year means to the pupil. This could be a winter landscape of our area, a portrait with a festive scene, a still life with a festive theme or something of the pupil's own imagination! Try to give that special local touch to the design.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE EMAILED DIRECTY TO anthony.bullock@bradford.gov.uk

Wednesday 19 October 2022: All Entries must be received Week beginning 7 November 2022: Winners and runners up informed

Breakfast and After School Club Payments

We respectfully ask all of our parents/carers to keep up to date with payments for both clubs and not run into arrears. If you could please clear these arrears as soon as possible. Please log on to ParentPay and check your account.

Dates for Your Diary

Day	Date	Time	Year group	Event
Wednesday	28/09/2022	8:30am to 9:40am	Year 1	Year 1 Breakfast
Wednesday	28/09/2022 to 30/09/2022	All Day	Year 6	Winmarleigh Residential Trip
Thursday	29/09/2022	3:30am to 5:30am	Whole School	Reading for Pleasure Parent/Child Workshop
Tuesday	04/10/2022	9:30am	Whole School	St Francis Feast Day Mass
Thursday	06/10/2022	3:30pm to 5:30pm	Year 5	Maths – Parent and Children Workshop
Tuesday	11/10/2022	3:30pm	Whole School	Mini Vinnies & SVP Cafe
Wednesday	12/10/2022	11am to 12:30pm	Year 6	Come Dine With Me
Thursday	13/10/2022	9:00am	Year 6 & FS2	Buddies Assembly
Friday	14/10/2022	All Day	Whole School	Book Fair - In School for 1 week
Monday	17/10/2022	3:30pm to 7:15pm	Whole School	Parent Consultations
Wednesday	19/10/2022	3:30pm to 5:15pm	Whole School	Parent Consultations
Friday	21/10/2022		Whole School	Break up for half term holidays
Tuesday	01/11/2022		Whole School	Return to School
Tuesday	08/11/2022	1:30pm to 3:00pm	New Starters	Open Afternoon

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs. Haines or Miss. Burgess