



Newsletter Friday 11th October 2024

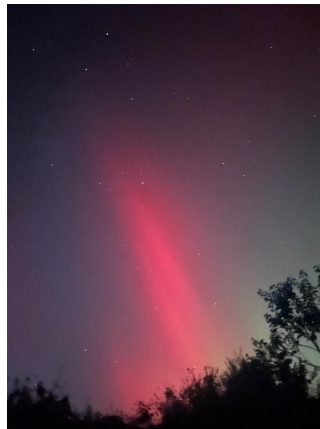
Genesis 12

The Lord said to Abraham, "Leave your country and your people. Leave your father's family and go to the country that I will show you."

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn is definitely here. The trees look stunning with leaves of red and orange. It is such a beautiful time of year...up to a point. Defrosting car windscreens, sweeping up fallen leaves, less daylight hours and putting the sandals away until next year, are things I'd rather not have to deal with.

Another feature of this time of year, and the particular weather conditions we had last night, was the appearance of the Northern Lights in our skies. These pictures were taken by staff in Burnley, Pendle and the Ribble Valley. Aren't they magnificent? The world around us is truly amazing, we just need to remember to lift our heads, look, notice and appreciate.



I wanted to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for the generous harvest donations you sent in for our school harvest celebration. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have truly made a difference. The abundance of food items you provided warmed our hearts and demonstrated your support for the whole school community. We were overwhelmed by the variety and quality of the produce, and we are so grateful for your generosity.

The children in Year 1 were especially delighted to see the plentiful donations, as their wonderful Harvest service was a real highlight. So well planned and delivered by all concerned. Harvest is a celebration where we can all remember about the importance of giving back and the joy of sharing with others. Thank you again for your continued support of our school.

With warm wishes and kind regards

Mrs M Underwood



This weeks Medal Winners are:

Leo	-	Year 2	- for wicked writing about lions
Wilfred	-	Year 2	- for amazing atlas skills
Riana	-	Year 2	- for amazing atlas skills
Isla	-	Year 2	- for amazing atlas skills
Olivia	-	Year 2	- for amazing atlas skills
Alice	-	Year 2	- for amazing atlas skills
Kaiden	-	Year 6	- for fabulous writing with a variety of sentence openers



MEDICINE

Medication

Friendly reminder - If you know your child requires calpol/ibuprofen please ensure you provide this to the school with your child's name on the box. This ensures that the school has the necessary medication for your child if they need it.

Parking

We have received several complaints from residents on Trent Road and the surrounding area regarding inconsiderate and at times dangerous parking from our parents. Please be considerate when collecting and dropping off your child. Do not block peoples driveways or block cars in. There is adequate parking along Barkerhouse Road and our school car park. Our school crossing patrol is situated at the entrance to Trent Road and is here to ensure children's safety both morning and afternoon.



Take what you need give when you can.

Can we remind all parents that Our foodbank is to support everyone. Our teachers and staff work hard to secure and stock items to keep this vital resource stocked to help any family who requires the support from our foodbank. There is no judgement for using this facility and everyone has access to this whenever needed. Can we please request that whilst using the food bank, that you are considerate and take only what you need. We have been made aware that several users are emptying the shelves completely on a daily basis and not taking into account other people.

Don't forget to register your child's place for High School by 31st October.

Use this QR to access the website to register for a place.





Year 6 have enjoyed their first half term as house and vice captains for the school. All of these students were voted into the role by their fellow house members.

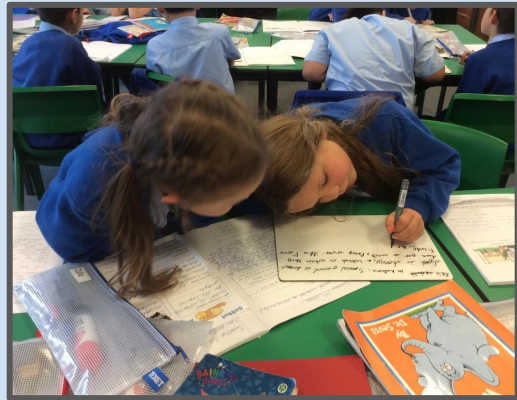


player of the match in football



certificate for swimming

In RE this week, Year 3 had a class discussion where we discussed the similarities and differences between the three harvest festivals we have learnt about - Harvest, Sukkot and Pongal. We used our own previous learning as the points we discussed.



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- They dress cows on the 9th day
- On the first day they clean the house
- on the first day they make a rug out of rice
- on the 4th day they have a meal
- on the 3rd day they clean the cows and feed them
- They have every meal in a tent
- They worship in the tent

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



Certificate Winners

Kierson Year 1

1st

Tobie Year 1

2nd

Camila Year 1

3rd

Logan Year 2

1st

Nikolasz Year 2

2nd

Ayaan Year 2

3rd

Rodrigo Year 3

Hudson Year 4

Harrison-James Year 4

Muhaymin Year 5

Michaela Year 5

Emily Year 6

Abdul Year 6



Messy Church Sun 13th Oct

the fun starts at 4pm

crafts

Bible story



Yummy hot meal

make a mess!



all children must be accompanied by an adult, entrance is free

St John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road

following Jesus together as family



Pendle

Mystery Beat Box Weekend

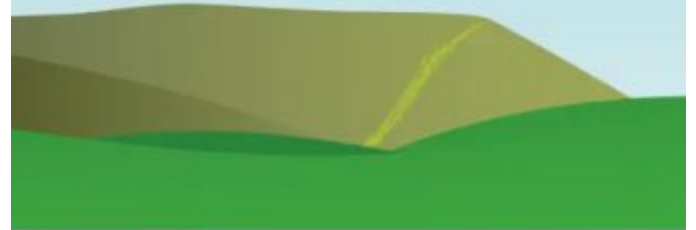


Mystery Beat Box Weekend

Sat 12 Oct - Sun 13 Oct

This weekend, random Beat Boxes across the area will be giving out triple points! How many can you find? Go explore!

Pendle Hill First Timers Walk



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Sat 12 Oct 9:00am - 2:00pm

Never been up Pendle Hill before? This one is for you!

A guided walk from Barley Picnic site to Pendle Hill trig and back, with the aim of walking as far as you want to.

The Good Life Project - Free family fun



Sun 13 Oct 9:30am - 11:30am

Attend the Good Life Project's free family fun day!

- Harvest and take home fresh food
- Pumpkin giveaway (limited amount of pumpkins, first come first served maybe?)
- Plant and take away a broad bean OR tray of pea shoots to grow on at home
- Discover pond life

Located at Hodge House Allotments, BB9 8HD (opposite Holy Saviours School where the Beat the Street box is). Double points on Box 37!



East Lancashire Hospitals
NHS Trust

Vision Screening in Lancashire

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.

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date.

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Vision screening will be taking place for the reception class children on

Tuesday 15th October



An Opt-out contact 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.

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Break Time

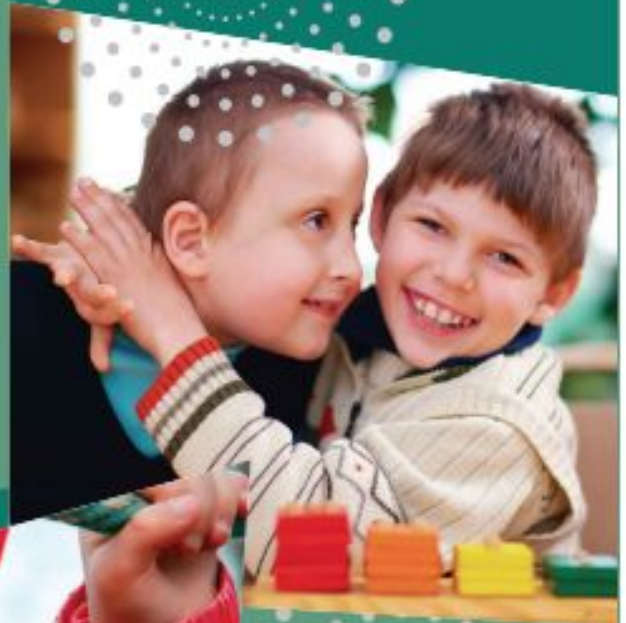
Fun group activities for children and young people with SEND in Lancashire

Don't forget!

**Registrations will be open from
21st October 2024
to
12th January 2025**

**Both new and current
members must register!**

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Free School Meals

If you believe that you are eligible for free school meals, please scan the QR code at the bottom of this page. This will take you to the Lancashire County Council application page.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, not only does this mean you won't have to pay for lunches, but will also mean your child is a Pupil Premium recipient and will give the school extra funding for a variety of materials and activities.

If you require any assistance with the application please do not hesitate to ask one of us in the office for support. We are more than happy to help.



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