



Newsletter Friday 15th November 2024

Luke 11: 28

But Jesus said, "The people who hear the teaching of God and obey it—they are the ones who have God's blessing."

Dear Parents and Carers,

Interfaith Week in school has been a powerful experience for the children, providing them with a unique opportunity to explore the range of religions and cultures that exist in our locality and in Britain as a whole. By visiting mosques, synagogues, temples, and churches, children gained first hand insights into the distinct ways in which people of different faiths worship and pray. This engaging approach aimed to provide a deeper understanding and appreciation for diverse beliefs and ways of life. Meeting with people from various backgrounds allowed our children to become more aware of the deep similarities that exist between the different faiths. In today's diverse world, the only way to get rid of prejudice and tensions is to become educated to the things that bind humanity together. Basic concepts like love, care, compassion, respect, charity, prayer and many more are threads that run through ALL faiths and cultures. Please ask your child about their visit, I am sure there are things for us all to take away from this week of learning and discovery.

A thank you to those parents who contributed to Mrs Hollas' 'thinking of you' gift. With the money donated by parents we bought her a Cornish Cream tea delivered to her house. She is a fan of both tea and scones, so I am sure it has been gladly received, not just for the treat but also to know that she is in your thoughts.

Kind Regards

Mrs M Underwood



This weeks Medal Winners are:

Maxx	-	Year 2	- for brilliant understanding and vocabulary about naughty Red Riding Hood
Gustas	-	Year 2	- for being a wonderful historian
Sehajdeep	-	Year 4	- for excellent maths
Edward	-	Year 4	- for being a super strong writer
Mila	-	Year 4	- for shining brightly
Emily	-	Year 6	- for super Interfaith work
Amelia	-	Year 6	- for super Interfaith work
Daisy	-	Year 6	- for super Interfaith work
Jasmine	-	Year 6	- for super Interfaith work
Joseph	-	Year 6	- for delightful division
Evie	-	Year 6	- for delightful division
Harrison	-	Year 6	- for delightful division

Christmas Performances - It's that time of year again when we are busy preparing for our EYFS & KS1 Nativity and KS2 Concert. This year there will be a morning and afternoon show for each performance. Watch this space for a letter detailing information about tickets which will be sent home in the coming weeks. KS2 Concert Monday 9th December 9.15am and 2.30pm EYFS & KS1 Nativity Monday 16th December 9.15am and 2pm

Thank you for all your kind thoughts and wishes for Mrs Hollas. Your kind donations have been greatly appreciated and we have sent her a few special treats this week to brighten her week and we will be taking some flowers around this weekend.

Christmas Dinners

Our Christmas Dinner this year will be on Wednesday 11th December. In order to ensure we can cater for everyone's requirements, could we please ask all parents to complete and return the form we issued a few weeks ago with your chosen meal.

THIS NEEDS RETURNING BEFORE 3rd DECEMBER in order for the kitchen to order the food in time.



Cold and flu season is back! Can we please remind everyone, that should your child need medication whilst in school, we are happy to administer this, however, please do remember to bring in the medication in a clearly labelled bottle/box and complete a green form with the office. This ensures we have the appropriate medicine in school to look after each child.

If your child is too unwell to be in school, please remember to report this to the office before 9am either by ringing us or by sending a message via Class Dojo.

Now that the weather has turned cold, please remember to bring a coat everyday as we play out in all weathers. Can we also ask that if children are bringing hats and gloves, please ensure these are clearly labelled, this way they can be reunited if lost.



Remembrance Day
This week our Year 2 class visited the Cenotaph in Nelson for the remembrance service. They enjoyed exploring local history with the library team and observing a minutes silence.



Year 6 were welcomed into The Sriguru Gobind Singh Gurdwara in Manchester this week. We were lucky enough to observe special prayers, learn some history and taste some delicious home cooked traditional vegetarian food.



Interfaith Week



- Sikh Values**
- Ek Onkar - One god
 - Naam Japna - Vocal Chant & Devotion
 - ALL mankind is created equal
 - Simran & all Purigans
 - Tolarence and Respect
 - Adam and Women have the same rights
 - Faith, hope, work, love and charity
 - Service - Service to neighbours and community - seva



WHOOPS A DAISY MUSIC PRESENTS

Let's Go Sing!

AT THE OPERA HOUSE,
WINTER GARDENS, BLACKPOOL



MARCH 10, MARCH 11, MARCH 12

MARCH 13, MARCH 14 - 2025

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!



ALL CONCERTS START AT 6:30PM

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into theirs' by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful; assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folk asking to join you!

10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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