



Newsletter Friday 28th June 2024

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In the city of Joppa there was a follower of Jesus named Tabitha. Her Greek name, Dorcas, means "a deer." She was always doing good things for people and giving money to those in need.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This time of the school year always seems to creep up on me. One minute we are enjoying Easter eggs and the next we are a matter of days until the end of the summer term and another academic year has gone. Time just seems to disappear! To quote my 84 year old mum, 'It will soon be Christmas!'.

I am writing this before our Summer Fair but I would like to thank you in advance for the amazing contribution you have made by creatively filling those plastic pots. They have been sitting in the staffroom for a number of days and the temptation to have a rummage has been strong. I have resisted - just!

This time of year is very much about the two ends of school - Reception and Year 6. It is with great pleasure that we have had groups of our new children into school over the past week. The tears have been minimal and the smiles broad. Mrs Morton and Mrs Ruane have had the chance to meet them all in small groups and introduce them to their new learning environment. This year is actually quite a unique one, with 16 of our newbies having siblings in school already.

At one end we have children coming in, at the other end we have had children off to their new High schools on transition days. It is fabulous that they go off confident and ready for this next exciting part of their education journey. They come back with tales of sports halls the size of football pitches, science labs with bunsen burners and canteens that serve chips every day. On one hand it is sad to see part of our family slowly leaving us but it is also rewarding. Transition from the 4 year old just learning what school life is all about, to the self-confident, well-prepared young people that leave us, does not happen by accident. There has been hardwork and dedication from so many avenues along the way. I dare say a few tears will be shed before the final goodbyes, but the process of 'moving on' has definitely begun.

The Bible tells us that:

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Best wishes

Mrs M M Underwood





Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Towneley Park last week. We had a full day of river related activities led by the Ribble Rivers Trust and were able to see our classroom learning in real life. We walked down to the edge of the river and took some measurements to calculate the speed of flow and discharge of the river. Then we investigated whether the river was clean and healthy by looking for key indicator species (Mayfly and Stonefly). We used identification keys and magnifying glasses to view various species that we caught in the river. We even caught and held some Bullhead fish!



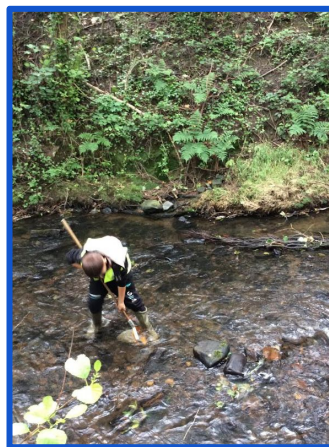
After lunch, we learnt about water safety and created presentations for how we can save water and protect our rivers more. We would like to let you know about various top tips: having shorter showers, putting the plug in the sink when you wash up, stop littering, stop using pesticides and chemicals near the river, use natural cleaning products, take part in a litter pick on the river bank.



Overall, it was a super day and we all had fun and enjoyed learning lots of new facts and seeing the learning we had done in class, in real life!



Year 4



Dates for your Diary:

Friday 28th June	- Food Fair
Tuesday 2nd July	- Friends Meeting 3.40pm
Monday 8th July	- KS1 sports day
Tuesday 9th July	- KS2 sports day
Wednesday 10th July	- Parents evening
Friday 12th July	- Reception trip to Fairhaven Lake
Wednesday 17th July	- Year 5 trip to Marsden park
Wednesday 17th July	- Year 6 Leavers Party 5-6.30pm
Thursday 18th July	- Year 6 Leavers service in church 9.30am
Friday 19th July	- School closes at 2pm - Summer break
Wednesday 4th September	- school starts 8.45am

Sports Day

Our sports day this year will be held on Monday 8th July for KS1 and Tuesday 9th July for KS2. We are hoping to continue with the good weather we have seen recently, but as always this event will be weather dependant and all parents, carers and guardians are welcome to attend.



Year 6 Leavers Party

Save the date! - The Year 6 leavers party will be held on Wednesday 17th July 5 - 6.30pm - invitations to follow.

Class Dojo

Please check your emails for a link to join our new communication platform 'Class Dojo'. The email should contain all the relevant information to login and access. WE will be utilising this in the office for all communications fully by september. Don't forget to set up your in app notifications so you can access messages when they are sent.

Parents Evening

Invitations have been sent out this week to book your slot for our next parents evening on Wednesday 10th July. Don't forget to book your slot.



Friends

Our next meeting of Friends will be held on Tuesday 2nd July at 3.40pm. All are welcome to attend and child care can be arranged in school.

Leavers Service

This years Year 6 Leavers service will be performed in Church on Thursday 18th July at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Our winners w/e 21/06/24 were:



YEAR 3 with 98.3%

Good News Announcements

This weeks Medal Winners are:



Gustas	- Year 1	- For very tricky maths work
Logan	- Year 1	- For fabulous improvement in working independently in writing
Sia	- Year 2	- For amazing addition when adding $9 + 19$
Noel	- Year 2	- For magical writing about a flying carpet
Harry S	- Year 2	- For magical writing about a flying carpet
Isla	- Year 2	- For magical writing about a flying carpet
Alice	- Year 2	- For magical writing about a flying carpet
Simon	- Year 2	- For brilliant reading comprehension
Zayaan	- Year 2	- For mastering -9 and -19
Hudson	- Year 3	- For an amazing group poetry performance and fabulous expression
Freddie M	- Year 3	-For an amazing group poetry performance and fabulous expression
Chloe	- Year 3	- For an amazing group poetry performance and fabulous expression
Aiza	- Year 3	- For an amazing group poetry performance and fabulous expression
Isla H	- Year 4	- For fabulous news report about Macavity
Hareem	- Year 4	- For fabulous news report about Macavity
Michaela	- Year 4	- For fabulous news report about Macavity
Harrison S	- Year 5	- For improved effort and presentation
Iraj	- Year 5	- For perfect presentation in maths

Parent Checklist



Absence - Please inform the office of any sickness or absences before 9am and try and arrange appointments out of school hours where necessary.

Contact Details - Have you updated your email address and mobile number with the office?

School Meals - Please remember to order your meal choices using Parentpay, these can be pre-ordered up to half term.

Is your child wearing the full and correct **uniform**? (Ties can be purchased via parentpay). Remember to send a suitable coat daily.

Is your **PE kit** in school and fully labelled? Remember Fitness Friday each week - Wear your Trainers.

Head Lice - Remember to check your child's hair regularly. There have been several reports of headlice in school recently.

KS1 - have you registered for **milk**? Use this link for more information and to register <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

Free School Meals - Are you eligible for **Free School Meals**? Use this link to check: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

Uniform - You can order school uniform online <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/greatmarsden> Please ensure that all clothing and belongings have your child's name in.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

PROMOTING PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Physical activity isn't only beneficial for our bodies; it also plays a role in promoting mental wellbeing. With both the Euros and the Olympics this summer, it's an opportunity to engage young people in regular exercise which can reduce stress, improve mood and boost self-esteem. Despite these benefits, many children face barriers to participating in physical activity.

1 MAKE IT FUN



Incorporate activities that children enjoy, such as playing games or dancing. Encourage participation in team sports or group activities to foster social connections and a sense of belonging.

2 MIX MOVEMENT WITH LEARNING



Educational settings can incorporate movement breaks and physical activities to enhance focus, concentration and cognitive function. Embedding exercise into the curriculum can also reinforce learning and stimulate creativity. 'Revision walks' with podcasts and flashcards can benefit older learners.

3 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

Provide clear chances for physical activity throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors. Schools can encourage active play during breaks and at lunchtimes, while limiting screen time at home can help keep children up and about.

4 PROVIDE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT



Praise and encourage children for their efforts and achievements in physical activity. Recognise their progress and celebrate their successes to reinforce positive behaviours. Educators could do this in several ways, such as applauding their efforts at assemblies or celebrating their accomplishments in newsletters.

5 VARIETY IS KEY



Introduce a selection of physical activities to keep children engaged and prevent boredom. From swimming and cycling to yoga and martial arts, trying different types of exercise can help children to discover what they enjoy most.

6 ENJOYMENT OVER COMPETITION



Encourage children to focus on the enjoyment of physical activity rather than winning or achieving perfection. Emphasise effort, improvement and having fun rather than outcomes, to minimise the amount of stress that children can sometimes associate with sports and other competitions.

7 SET REALISTIC GOALS



Help children set achievable physical activity targets based on their interests, abilities and preferences. Celebrate their progress and successes to maintain motivation and enthusiasm.

8 MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE



Ensure that children have access to safe, suitable spaces for exercise at home, at school and in the community. Advocate for inclusive environments which accommodate diverse needs and abilities. Be a change maker in your community if facilities aren't already available.

9 LEAD BY EXAMPLE



Parents and carers can be positive role models by prioritising their own exercise and involving children in their fitness routines. Gentle walks, bike rides or sports activities can be wonderful opportunities for bonding and staying active together.

10 ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE



Help children develop resilience and perseverance by encouraging them to overcome challenges and setbacks in physical activity. Teach them the importance of perseverance and the value of effort in achieving their goals.

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is a learning and development specialist who, as well as working for Minds Ahead, is associate vice principal for personal development at a large secondary school in Barnsley. He was asked to be part of an expert research group for the Department for Education, one of only three school leaders to be asked to do so.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period¹. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

**Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning
This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential**

¹ A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

Come along to our family event which is all about

How To **Keep** **Your Child Well**



Come along to our health event at
Whitefield Family Centre on the 15th of July, 1-2:30pm.
Join our activities, grab **goodie bag** find out about the
local support for your family.

Whitefield Family Centre, Maurice St, Nelson BB9 7HS



LOOK OUT FOR YOUR HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF) E-VOUCHER

- If your child is eligible for a funded HAF place you will receive an e-voucher by text or email on the 3rd of July
- This will be from **hello@holidays** who Lancashire County Council have commissioned to send out the vouchers.
- The vouchers will be issued by your child's school and sent to the contact phone number or email account held by them. This will only be used for holiday e-vouchers.
- The e-voucher will look like this and will have a link to the LCC webpage, from here you can go to your district HAF site, choose a club and book places for your child using the 16-digit HAF code at the bottom of the voucher. This is for you child only and is not transferable.

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THE NATIONAL
**FESTIVAL
OF MAKING**

**6 & 7 JULY
11AM—5PM**

**BLACKBURN
TOWN CENTRE**

A NATIONAL CELEBRATION
OF MAKING FROM
THE **KITCHEN TABLE**
TO THE **FACTORY FLOOR**

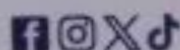
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LANCASHIRE BREAK TIME PROVISION

WHAT IS BREAK TIME PROVISION?

FUNDA's Break Time provision allows SEND children access our mainstream activities in a safe and EMPOWERING environment. Our On Site SENDCO works on a 1:5 ratio to support when needed. Children are encouraged to access our provision to benefit from a diverse and enriching environment.



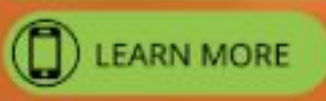
ACCRINGTON COLLEGE
22nd July-23rd August

BRITANNIA PRIMARY SCHOOL
29th July-2nd August | 5th August-9th August
19th August-23rd August

BURNLEY COLLEGE
22nd July-23rd August

NELSON & COLNE COLLEGE
29th July-1st August
12th August-15th August

RUNSHAW COLLEGE
22nd July-23rd August



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GIANT INFLATABLES



WHEN

22nd July – 16th August



WHERE

NELSON & COLNE
COLLEGE



WHY?

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MOTIVATE-EMPOWER!

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