

St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter





Spotlight on Year 2

This week the children in Year 2 have been continuing their study of Traditional Tales with a Twist. They have been reading some wonderful versions of 'The Three Little Pigs' and have written some brilliant book reviews about their favourite one. They are also working hard towards writing their own innovated version of the story. In preparation, they have been retelling the story in groups and acting it out with the use of stick puppets. What an amazing group of story tellers we have!

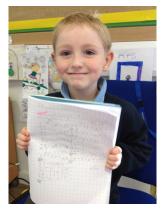




Maths has been a challenging week. The children have been adding two 2-digit numbers when crossing 10, so they have learned the skill of exchanging 10 ones for a ten. They showed great resilience and determination to succeed!

In the wider curriculum, the children have continued their study of the artist Keith Haring by taking action photos of each other and sketching them in proportion. We were so proud of their efforts!





Their RE topic of 'Signs and Symbols' has come to an end. The children finished by looking at the symbol of the candle, signifying that they are children of the light. They could describe the many ways that they live this in their daily lives. The topic finished with a beautiful Collective Worship celebration planned by the children themselves.

PE has been so much fun this half term! Sophie from WLSP has been working hard to develop a dance based on the story of 'Alice in Wonderland'. Each week the children have been introducing new characters into their piece. It has been amazing watching it all coming together!





Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

Super sports people this week – Well done to all the footballers who came third in their competition this week. Thanks to Miss Bailie for managing and supporting this event. As we would expect when representing St Anne's, the children were excellent, and we are very proud of your achievement.

Well done to all the Year 5 children who, over the past two weeks, braved the elements and completed their Bikeability. Unfortunately, we have no control over the weather! Try as it may, the persistent rain did little to dampen the children's smiles and superb attitude throughout.

Next week is Road Safety Week – Please discuss with your children the need to take extra care on dark and wet mornings/nights when arriving and leaving school. Polite reminder to all adults that the school car park is only accessible after 5pm at night and that 5mph is plenty fast enough on school grounds!

You will find a short video on the school website https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/ titled 'Life at St Anne's'. We hope you like this insight into school life.

Primary School Admissions

You may know a family friend whose child is due to start school in September 2024. We need your help to remind them the application window for primary school admissions is open. The following link will take your family and friends to the 'Admission Page' on our school website:-

https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/admissions

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Mr P Bates

Headteacher



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Curriculum News

Nursery The children have been exploring the role of an astronaut, we have been looking at what they do and how they get there! The children have created their own rockets using 2D shapes and have been discussing what they would take with them to Space and why. The children thought carefully about what they would take, "favourite food fruit, I might be hungry", "My brother coz I love him", "My blanket there might be a bed". We are looking forward to exploring Space further next week.

Star of the week: Jack M Mission Statement: Henry B

Reception In Reception this week we have been continuing with our 'People Who Help Us' theme. We have been reading Superworm by Julia Donaldson and then using positional language to write about where Superworm is. In Maths this week we have been learning about numbers up to 5 and then finding one more than a given number up to 5. In music we have been learning about the festival of Kwanzaa. 'Kwanzaa' means 'first harvest' and is a special festival held on the day after Christmas Day to celebrate African culture. We found items around the classroom that we could use as drums and enjoyed drumming along to an African drumming performance.

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we have become authors and written our own versions of the ending to Zog. Each of us then read our alternative endings to the class. In maths we have been adding and subtracting using a number line as well as comparing number sentences. In Religion we have learnt all about another faith, Judaism. We have listened and learnt about the story of Abraham and Moses. In the wider curriculum we have been locating the different countries that make up the Uk on the map and we have been discussing Anti- Bullying week.

Year 2 See Spotlight

- **Year 3** The Year 3 children have been in the computer suit this week going on the Century platform and practising their timetables knowledge. While we have also begun looking at their timetable knowledge in Maths. They have learnt how to draw faces using proportioning in their Art lesson and have created their own amazing self-portraits.
- **Year 4** This week, Year 4 have been learning about the countries involved in the Slave Trade. The children have focused on how to use an atlas to find the location of those countries. In Art, the children have been experimenting with different symbols and colours to create an African Kente pattern. Serving of the ball and returning the ball has been practised in the tennis sessions.
- **Year 5** We are deep into our learning on biographies, looking at the fascinating lives of famous people will someone in St Anne's be the subject of a biography one day? We have started looking at thermal insulators we needed them at playtime this week...brrrr. Class 11 did their Bikeability and got soaked, but learnt how to stay safe on the roads and we were learning to add and subtract fractions tough stuff!
- **Year 6** The children have begun their new English topic of novel on a theme by reading Michael Morpurgo's, Running Wild. This is based around the event of a tsunami and ties in very well with our geography work and our overall school topic of 'Our World'. We have also concluded our Vocation topic in RE by learning about a priest's Holy Orders and their ordination.



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Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week Will C Ellie-Mae S

Max W Jake C

Tess F Penny S

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Florence HM Kenny M

Nathaniel McC Ethan C

Eve S Joe W

Avary B Max G

Leyton B Alex T

Ruby W Alfie MS

William McD Molly W

Isaac M Aaron P

Joseph MW Oliver J

Jack B Emily W

Primrose McN Amelia W

Attendance for Week Ending 10/11/2023 Sessions **No Pupils Class** Rank **Attendance** Missed Class 1 22 92.70% 16 5 Class 5 are the winners of the Class 2 23 91.70% 19 6 Attendance Award for this week in Class 3 24 17 92.90% 4 Key Stage 1 Class 4 24 97.20% 7 2 Class 5 26 97.70% 6 1 Class 6 26 95.80% 11 3 Class 7 22 95.50% 10 6 Class 8 24 96.30% 9 4 Class 9 32 96.90% 10 3 Class 13 are the winners of the Class 10 25 31 91.90% 7 Attendance Award for this week in Class 11 24 95.80% 10 5 Key Stage 2 Class 12 24 90.80% 22 8 Class 13 99.00% 31 3 1

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School News — Coronation Garden



St Anne's Catholic Primary School would like to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful parents and children who brought in amazing plants, shrubs and flowers for our incredible Coronation Garden. We are all set up for the Autumn and Winter - we are just waiting for our plaque to be completed. All the children will know where they planted their own personal plant, so if you get time, go and share their hard work by looking at the fruits of their labours.

Warm regards, David Batchelor











School Football News



Our girls represented St. Anne's brilliantly at the West-Lancs, Large Primary Schools Football Competition this week at the JMO. They finished top of their group unbeaten, with a goal difference of 20. They were unfortunate to lose out in the final stage and came away with 3rd Place. All the girls showed real resilience and put in a gutsy performance in the final, which they should be proud of. They were an absolute credit to the school. Congratulations to them all!





PTA News







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Christmas Advent Calendar Raffle 🖍

We have a wonderful selection of advent calendars in the raffle. There are 2x Smiggle, 2x Lego, 2x Lindt and 4x Dairy Milk to be won! Ticket sales are between Mon 20th - Fri 24th; £1 a ticket - buy as many as you like! Please put raffle money in named envelope and bring into class. Our wonderful children from the School Council will be facilitating the ticket organisation in the background; and will also be choosing where the proceeds of the raffle will go. The draw will take place on Monday 27th November at school assembly. Good luck children!

Christmas Jumpers Donations **

We are still taking children sized clean Christmas jumper donations until Friday 24th Nov. These can be placed in the PTA donation box in the main reception.

Christmas Jumper Sale 🗟

We will be holding a Christmas jumper sale on Friday 1st December - just in time for the festive season! (And Breakfast with Santa!)

Dates for the Diaries [1]

Christmas gifts chat and wrap - Friday 1st December 9:00-11:30am, St Annes Pastoral Centre

Breakfast with Santa - 19th and 20th December -, 07:45-08:45 - further details to follow soon

Thank you for your on-going support

St Anne's PTA Volunteers, Registered charity number 1041684

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Parking at Drop off & Pick up Times

We understand that the vast majority of parents are considerate when parking near school but, unfortunately, we have received more concerns from local residents about parking in residential roads near school at drop off and pick up times, this is causing safety issues and would prevent emergency vehicles gaining access. Please be aware that residents are now reporting number plates to the appropriate authorities. We do understand the difficulties of parking around the school area but ask that as adults, we all understand and work together to ensure the safety of all our children by parking in appropriate places. Please be mindful that all children and families represent the reputation of our school and any negative parking concerns could cause damage to our school's excellent reputation.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

St Anne's Toddler Group

St Anne's Toddler Group meets every Thursday morning during term time. It is open to all families and it is a great opportunity to meet new people whilst your children play. Each week there is a different activity including Creation Station, a local craft activity company, offering lots of different crafts for children to do. We also offer fun with food activities, messy play, stories, singing and lots more.

There is no need to book just come along to St Anne's School on a Thursday morning, 9am - 11am. A small charge of £2.00 for the 1st child and 50p for each other child is required.

St Anne's Church Bulletin

The Bulletin is available on the Church website: <u>stannes-ormskirk.org.uk</u>
A link is available at the bottom of every page on our school website also.