Be Kind, Be Fair, Be Honest

St. Gregory's

Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher's Message

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As another busy and rewarding week comes to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. This week, our collective worship and classroom discussions focused on the importance of treating others fairly, linked to the British Value of **Individual Liberty**. The children explored how our freedoms come with responsibilities and how we can use our choices to show kindness, respect and fairness towards others.

It has certainly been an eventful week across school. Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a wonderful visit to **Quarry Bank Mill**, where they brought their learning to life through a fascinating and memorable experience. We were delighted to welcome them back safely after what was a thoroughly successful trip.

School Extension Update

I am also pleased to report that work on our new school extension is almost complete. We are now entering the final stages, with only a few minor snagging issues remaining. We are hopeful that the project will be formally signed off next week. The finished extension looks fantastic and, although there have inevitably been challenges along the way, it has certainly been worth the wait.

As we move into this next phase, may I politely remind parents that from next week onwards, only staff and authorised visitors should access the school car park. All other visitors and parents should use the pedestrian entrance into school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Year 4 Holy Communion:

I was delighted to hear from Fr Graeme this week regarding the First Holy Communion Programme. Fr Graeme was thrilled that 17 Year 4 families have registered to take part this year's programme and asked me to pass on his sincere thanks to all the parents and children who attended the first session, held in school last night.

The strong turnout reflects the commitment of our families to supporting their children's faith journey, and we look forward to continuing to work together with the parish in the months ahead as the children prepare to receive this important sacrament.

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Achievements and Talents

On Thursday, Mrs Markham and I had the privilege of accompanying six children to the **Panathlon Challenge** at Clayton Brook Sports Centre.
Twelve schools took part, and I am incredibly proud to say that St Gregory's returned home with a **bronze medal**.

More importantly, our children demonstrated determination, resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.
Having attended many sporting events over the years, I can honestly say this was one of the most memorable and inspiring experiences I have witnessed.

Looking Ahead

Finally, as we reflect on another successful week, I am reminded once again how fortunate we are to belong to such a caring and supportive community. Thank you for all that you do to help make St Gregory's such a special place.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr D Darbyshire

Headteacher

ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK: WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATION Y4 - EXTRA BREAK!

Class	Attendance	Authorised Sessions	Unauthorised Sessions	Lates	Ranking
Reception	95.00%	14	1	2	5
1	95.96%	12	0	3	4
2	98.76%	3	0	2	1
3	94.13%	17	3	5	6
4	97.25%	0	10	6	2
5	96.79%	10	2	5	3
6	88.77%	31	11	8	7



This Week's Weekly Wonders are:



	Merit	Star	Value
EYFS	Adam	Toby	Darcy
Year 1	Ollie	Archie	Archie C
Year 2	Sophia B	Reuben	Mabel
Year 3	Darcey	Alice	Noah
Year 4	All Year 4 for their wonderful behaviour at Quarry Bank Mill		
Year 5	Lacey Lee	Stanley	Tom S
Year 6	Jack	Ben	Holly

Congratulations Holy Cross

We would also like to extend our warmest congratulations to Holy Cross Catholic High School, our Catholic feeder school, on their fantastic Ofsted report.

This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of staff, pupils, governors and the wider school community.

We are proud of our strong partnership and look forward to continuing to work together to support the children and families we serve in Weldbank, Chorley.

https://www.holycross.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/ofsted/

We Remember at St Gregory's

This week also provided an important opportunity for reflection and remembrance.
As a school community, we marked **Remembrance Day** with a two-minute silence, which was observed with remarkable reverence and respect by all of our pupils. Their maturity and understanding were a credit to themselves and their families.

Yesterday, Mr Slater and I were honoured to attend a Remembrance dinner with four members of our School Council and Eco Council at The Lychgate, Standish.
Our children played an important role in the event, helping provide desserts made from produce grown in our school grounds, including apples and blackcurrants.
The children also had the opportunity to handle historical artefacts and sit inside vehicles used during the Second World War, bringing history vividly to life.

It was such a valuable experience that I have already decided to invite the organisers into school next year so that all of our children can benefit from this wonderful opportunity.

Mr D Darbyshire
Headteacher