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January Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

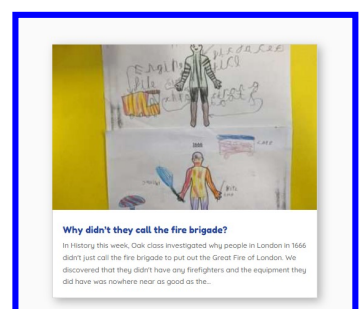
It has been a busy return to school and it has been delightful to see all the children return to school, happy to be with their friends, working incredibly hard and enjoying their learning. However, this first half term has not been without its worries and the complications in the continuing pandemic. Though this can be quite a balancing act, I am ever grateful for the flexibility of our staff team who continue to be flexible, adapt their roles and continue to deliver excellent care for our pupils. I am also grateful to you, our families, for without the wonderful support you have shown in your commitment to LFD and PCR testing and your support with wearing masks has most certainly helped to keep our community safe and transmission of the virus down.

Whilst we continue to hear in the media that the virus is in decline once more, we cannot be too relaxed too soon. For the time being, I will continue to ask you to wear facemasks at drop off and pick up times, to continue to LFD test your children twice weekly and to continue to be extra vigilant for symptoms in your children. It is fair to say that we have contained the outbreak in Apple class that many of you will be aware of and thankfully, our youngest children are now beginning to return to class. However, there continue to be cases in other classes in our school so we are by no means out of the woods yet. Should your child need to isolate, remote learning timetables continue to be available on the class pages of our website and should you need support or advice please do not hesitate to call school or email your child's teacher using the class email.

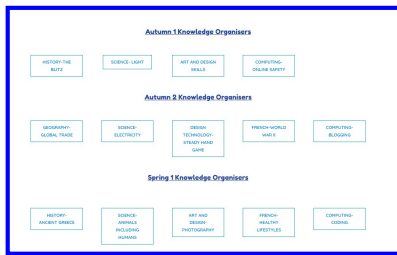
As we continue to navigate our way through these challenging times and as the effects of the pandemic begin to show themselves in other ways such as rising energy prices, food bills and the higher cost of living it is inevitable that some of us will feel the impact of this more acutely than others. If you find yourself struggling financially, need support with food or bills, please do not feel alone. I urge you to contact the school office and speak to either Mrs Maudsley or myself in the strictest of confidence and we will help and advise as best we can. In order to help our Local community, we have brought in our 'Food Bank Friday'. These will be every Friday up until Easter in order to support those in need. Please contact school if you need support from our own food collections and we will be happy to organise this for you.

Parent Voice

Last term we sent out survey via our school App, which asked your opinions on our school website, especially communication and class pages. Thank you to those of you who responded and it was wonderful to see that so many of you are accessing the web pages on a regular basis, that the information available is useful and keeps you updated.



Some of you asked for photos and examples of the work children are doing in class. Some parents asked for ideas so that you can support your children in their learning at home. In response to your requests, all teaching staff have now undertaken website training and will be regularly creating blogs and news posts on their class pages so that you can share what has been going on in school, please do have a look.



Over the next few weeks, you will also notice that there are knowledge organisers appearing on the class pages. These knowledge organisers will give you an overview of the key knowledge, facts and vocabulary the children will be expected to learn for each unit of learning.

Contacts, queries, questions and complaints

If you have any worries, queries or concerns about your child, in the first instance, your first point of contact is always the class teacher. If you approach the SENCO or the Headteacher and have not raised the issue with the class teacher, we will always refer you back to them.

<https://st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Formal-Complaints-Policy-1.pdf>

Dancing Superstars

Well done to our amazing Beech class! They gave a fantastic performance at the Our Lady's Catholic College Dance Festival. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the children and to Mrs White for the weeks of preparation that went into the performance and to Mr Karim for accompanying the children along with Mrs Wood who stepped in at the last minute due to Covid, what a hero! Year 3, we are all super proud of you!



Art Club



This term Art club have been learning about portraits, in particular the work of Pablo Picasso. I think you'll agree the children are really enjoying themselves. Just look at all those smiling faces!





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Dates for your diary

- Parents evenings – Tuesday 1st March & Thursday 3rd March. These are intended to be 'face to face' meetings so that you can view your children's work. However, dependent on cases and our school risk assessment we reserve the right to move these to online meetings. Confirmation will follow nearer the time.
- Fairtrade fortnight 21st February – Friday 4th March – Mrs Lewis will be coordinating this alongside the Laudato Si group and our school chaplaincy team. More details will follow.
- Own clothes day for Easter raffle Friday 25th February. Due to the popularity of our Christmas raffle, we will be holding an Easter chocolate for our Friends Association. On this day, children can wear their own clothes if they bring in some Easter themed chocolate.
- Spring 2 extra-curricular clubs KS1 and Apple class Construction club, Multi skills Year 3, KS2 Netball, Year 2 Ocarina club, Art club more details will follow.

Have a wonderful weekend,
God bless,
Mrs Shoulder



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