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## February Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023



Wow! What a whirlwind ten days it has been since my last newsletter! We have had an incredibly busy and exciting week and our children have really been letting their voices be heard from Year 4 choosing a faith in action project, to Year 5 girls creating a dance to express our Gospel values (in their own playtimes and without prompting. Watch this space for an upcoming video) to the whole school choosing fundraising activities to support the people of Turkey & Syria. Your fundraising total to date is £651. Well done St Bernadette's, we couldn't be prouder.



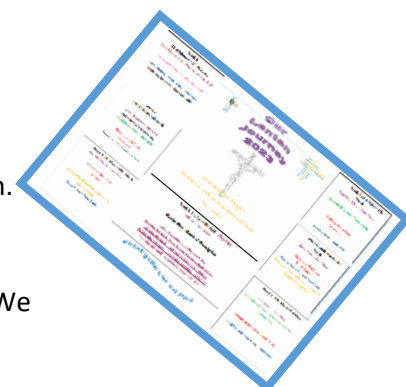
## Cathedral visit and celebration of Our Lady with our Catholic Cluster family.



Year 5 went to the Cathedral on Monday to celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes. Mrs Round tells us: ***'Together with the other schools in our Catholic cluster, we went to the Cathedral to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We all took a different joyful mystery and provided a reading, a meditation and a tableau. We had to prepare the joyful mystery of 'The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple'. It was a beautiful service led by Fr John Paul Evans, the students from Our Lady's Catholic College provided the music. Afterwards, we went into the Cathedral Primary School for some refreshments.'*** Grace in Year 5 said ***' My favourite part was all the singing and seeing all the other schools.'*** And Amy in year 5 added ***'I enjoyed seeing all the other schools come together for a worship and it was nice meeting other people after.'***

## Lenten Journey Planner

Mrs Bramhall has been busy organising our Lenten Journey plans for after half term. We will be joining CAFOD's walk for hunger and have set ourselves the target of walking to Jerusalem. We will be undertaking a sponsored daily mile; we will be undertaking a pilgrimage to the Cathedral, counting our steps to and from school. We will also be taking part in lots of fun Friday activities for a range of different causes.



This year we will see a full return to our Lenten preparations. We hope many of you will join us for our Lenten Masses on Wednesdays at 8am and for a cup of tea in the social centre afterwards.

## Art Club

Art Club has again proved very popular, Y3 and Y4 Joined for 3 weeks and have experimented with clay modelling, designing, marbling and paints. The children were able to explore the materials and explore their potential in a fun creative environment.

Miss Taylor and Mrs Bergus will be running an art club again in the near future so watch this space. 🎨✂️🖌️



## Mental health Week



This year our aims for our children were to enjoy new experiences, to learn about and experience relaxation techniques and breathing to help calm emotions and anxieties. We think the children have really enjoyed their activities which have included mini-tots rugby, learning first aid and having a go at Yoga!



## First Aid



## Rugby







## Yoga



## Online Safety Day!

Our aim was to refresh our children's knowledge of personal Safety when online. Our in school questionnaires told us that children in our school know what to do when they see something that worries them online, or when someone they don't know tries to talk to them online BUT they don't always tell an adult because they are worried about getting into trouble or having their device taken away. Christopher and Mia, our head pupils, did a great job in talking to everyone in assembly today but it would be really helpful if you could reinforce this message at home too. The following link is to NSPCC which offers advice to parents about starting the online safety conversation at home. Our local PCSO's came into speak with Willow and Sycamore classes about online safety too. As always, we are here to help and support you so please do come and see us if you need any advice.



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

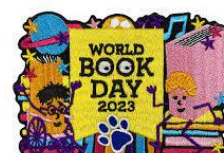
## World Book Day

### Story Map Competition

For World Book Day, we challenge the children to make a geographical map of an imaginary land. Many authors have maps at the front of their books and it is always interesting to see into their imagination. The children can take inspiration from books they have read and their own creative ideas.

We would especially like KS2 to also use their map drawing skills.

A few ideas of what the map may look like.



A winner will be chosen from each class. The Friends of St Bernadette's have donated a £10 book token for each winner.

**Closing date 8.45am on Thursday 2nd March.**



## Year 4 - Faith in Action & living out our Gospel Values

A letter from Hannah:

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Eucalyptus Class, we have decided to donate things for people in need. We are going to make kindness packages for The Olive Branch, a local charity who support vulnerable people and families in Lancaster. We would like you to donate:

- unwanted bags (not carrier bags but a small rucksack or drawstring bag would be ideal)
- a chocolate bar
- soap
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- shower gel
- shampoo
- conditioner
- woolly hat, scarf or gloves

We would like you to donate these by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**, please.

Thank you

### *A word from Mrs Lewis:*

*The children in Eucalyptus Class have been looking at the Gospel words of St Matthew (Matthew 25:40) and our school prayer during their RE lessons. They have decided they wanted to put these words into practice. They have worked extremely hard thinking about how they can help others, then designing posters, writing information to share their message and communicating this to others. Please support them in this project, if you can. Please donate as much or a little as you can. We do not expect you to buy all the items. We then hope to organise what we have collected into bags as care packages and to donate as many care packages as we can to The Olive Branch. Thank you for your support.*

### Friends of St Bernadette's

This half term we have welcomed new members into the PTFA team, a huge welcome to them. We have been getting ready planning future events and our first event will be a school prize bingo evening on the 24<sup>th</sup> March; we hope you can join us for an evening of fun. Lots of other events are in the pipeline such as 'Cultural Food Evening', 'Easter chocolate raffles', 'Sports Day' and a 'Summer fair'.

We are looking for donations for these events and would gratefully welcome any items such as an unwanted toiletry gift or chocolates, biscuits etc., if you can donate any of these please label for FOSB and drop off at the office. Can you offer sponsorship through your company? Would the company you work for or a company you know be interested in donating a raffle prize for the Summer Fair? If you can help please email [fosbchair@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:fosbchair@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk).

This term, we have as a group purchased book token awards for world book day and purchased new sheds for storing bikes for our children in Apple class. We will be purchasing a new notice board very soon, so watch this space. We look forward to seeing you all at our events and thank you all for your continued support.

Kindest regards

Miss Taylor FOSB Chair.

## Dates for your Diary

Function	Date
Half Term week	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
School reopens	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Ash Wednesday Mass – all are welcome	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February @ 9:15am
Own clothes day for the Friends of St Bernadette's Easter Chocolate raffle	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Day – go wild with your own creations!	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March – in person
Science Week	March 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Friends of St Bernadette Easter 'Bingo' - Save the date	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March @ 6pm
Holy Week Assemblies @ 9am parents and families invited.	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Palm Sunday – Apple & Oak Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – Last Supper - Willow Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April – Crucifixion – Sycamore Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April – Resurrection & Celebration Assembly - Elm
Easter production	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm & 6:30pm

Have a wonderful half term break, God Bless,

Mrs Shoulder.