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## May Newsletter

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)*

Dear Parents and Carers,

These past five weeks have flown past, it has been a super busy half term indeed. The children have worked super hard and enjoyed lots of new learning. Year 6 completed their SATs and together we celebrated making 'real history' with the coronation of King Charles III.

I would like to thank you for your patience with the ongoing fencing works. There is currently a delay on the delivery of the automatic gates. We hope to have the works completed very soon.

When we return after the break, we will be enjoying a 'Faith Enrichment Day' based on Creation. As part of our dedication as stewards of Creation, we will be weeding and planting in our garden. Our hope is to create a haven for wildlife. If you would like to contribute or perhaps you can convince your local garden centre to donate some plants, we would be most grateful for the following: Hostas, Buddleia, Common Lilac, English Lavender, Common Honeysuckle, Asters and Phlox.

As we go into another bank holiday weekend, the sun is shining and summer seems to have arrived. We wish you a safe, happy and relaxed half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### May is the Month of Mary



May has been a special month in school, dedicated to Our Lady. During lunch times, Mrs Bramhall has been leading our children in praying The Rosary. These prayer times have been well attended with our Oratory being completely full. We also held our Marian Service to celebrate Our Lady in her special month. Though it was a little different this year; we held our service in the hall due to the fencing works. It was a beautiful gathering where all classes contributed. Apple class painted beautiful pictures of Our Lady; Oak class drew portraits of their own mums and talked about why their mums were special; Elm class

welcomed everybody to our service for Mary and placed flowers around our Lady, Beech class acted out the Gospel accounts of the Annunciation and the Visitation; Eucalyptus class prepared and read aloud our bidding prayers; Willow and Sycamore classes told us about the meaning of the words we say when we pray The Hail Mary. We must say a special thanks to our oldest pupil Ava in Sycamore and Hugo in Apple class who crowed our lady most reverently. Thank you to those of you who joined us.





We celebrated the coronation of King Charles III dressed in red, white and blue. Though our big plans for a picnic lunch were scuppered by a very wet field, we decorated our hall with Union Jack bunting, played coronation music, enjoyed our celebration lunch and cheered in the reign of our new king. We



hope these memories last a lifetime for our children.

To mark this historic moment we enjoyed a day off timetable learning about kings and queens, coronations and creating images of our king inspired by some of our favourite artists. Oak class even put their scientific knowledge of materials and joining skills from design technology to good use by created 3d replicas of the king's crown. In our KS1 library we have a fantastic display dedicated to this historic moment.



### Apple Class Scientists

In Apple class our children have been bringing their knowledge of the seasons and the world around them; together with their excellent fine motor skills; knowledge of joining (learnt in design technology) and applying their writing skills and phonics to produce theses wonderful seasons wheels. Mrs Bramhall, Mrs Hegarty and I couldn't be prouder. It seems 'just like that', they are ready for the challenges of Year One!





## PE Superstars!

Our active summer of sports began early this year during the Easter holidays. On Easter Monday, Mr Karim, Mrs Wood and Mark Bateson (school governor) attended The Easter Field Football Tournament which was attended by 22 teams from Lancaster and Morecambe and the surrounding district. The tournament took place at Lancaster City Football Stadium. St Bernadette's entered a girls' team made up of girls from Years 3,4,5 and 6 and a boys' team made up of boys from Years 3,4,5 and 6. Both teams did amazingly well and achieved way beyond the expectations of a school of our size.



The girls' team won all 5 of their group games and then overcame Willow Lane in the semi-finals to then face Lancaster Road in the Final, the match ended 0-0 after normal time and extra time. Unfortunately, they were just pipped to the post losing 3-2 on penalties.

The boys team comfortably won their group and then beat Slyne with Hest on penalties in the semi-

final. After a very entertaining and tough match in the final they narrowly lost out 1-0 to Moorside who were an extremely strong side all consisting of Year 6 boys. For the children to achieve runners up position in both the girls' and boys' tournaments is an incredible achievement. Well done to all involved; your attitude, dedication, team spirit and hard work mean that you should all be proud of yourselves. You made all of your parents, families and school very proud. The experience of playing in front of hundreds of people, in a proper football stadium, is a memory that you and your family can cherish.

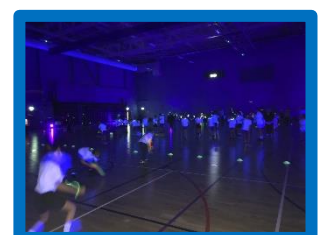


Our sporting endeavours this term have also included attending the Active 60 event. Eucalyptus Class took part in this event organised by students at The University of Cumbria. It was a fantastic event involving lots of engaging physical activities that got the children thinking about the importance of being active for at least 60 minutes every day. They took part in a daily mile, tri-golf, invasion games and all received a medal and tennis ball for their fantastic effort during the afternoon.



On the 11th May, three teams of children took part in a netball tournament at Moorside Primary School against teams from Moorside, Bowerham and Ellel. There was some fantastic netball played during the afternoon and all of the teams played brilliantly. They really showed off their netball skills and excellent sportsmanship. Overall, the boys' team finished in 2nd place and the girls 1st and 5th place. Well done to all of the children involved!

Some pupils from Year 4 took part in a Glow Dodgeball Festival with other local schools at Lancaster University. It was a great opportunity for the children to display some of the school games values of honesty, teamwork and determination. They all had a wonderful time!



In other PE news, Year six have undertaken 'Bikeability' training this week in preparation for travelling to high school.



Mrs Wood has been leading a 'much requested' afterschool gymnastics club



Just yesterday, a group of children from Willow Class, along with Mrs Wood and Mrs Lambert, had a fabulous day taking part in the Lancaster and Heysham School Sport Network Festival at Salt Ayre. The children took part in Korfball and Orienteering and were all absolutely fabulous. The korfball team finished in 5th place overall and the orienteering team in 3rd place. All of the group really showed off our school Gospel values and school games values throughout the day. We are really proud of their achievements. Ysandre told me 'The orienteering was exceedingly good fun because it was a very natural area and a very big space.' Lev and Sophie said, 'It was very good fun, especially as it was a large area and we were constantly running through the bushes.' Lily played Korfball and she had this to say: 'The best bits were that we got to pass the ball and that we worked hard as a team.'



Thank you to the staff and volunteers who make it possible for us to attend so many rich and diverse sporting events. Your dedication and support is truly appreciated!

### Year 6 celebrations



Year six celebrated completing their SATs with ice cream and a Golden Time afternoon. We are always impressed by the maturity of our Sycamore pupils and couldn't be prouder of them all. This celebration marks the beginning of their transition to high school. Upon our return after half term, they will be off on their residential adventure and preparations will begin for their leaving events.

### Uniform

As always, our children have looked super smart in their summer uniform. As the warmer weather is here, we would ask you to make sure that your child has a sun hat and should they need it, a bottle of sun cream with their name on it. These are kept in their classes and children are able to apply it as needed before breaks and outdoor PE sessions. Please help your child to learn how to apply it themselves so that they can be independent.

As the warmer weather has arrived, we have seen more and more children wearing their trainers with their normal school uniform. Trainers should only be worn on PE days with the PE kit. Ordinary school shoes must be worn and boots of any kind, including ankle boots are not permitted.

The school PE kit is a compulsory part of our uniform and consists of:

- **Navy blue shorts/Royal Blue Joggers**
- **Yellow polo shirt with the school badge/Royal Blue School Hoodie with the school badge (generic non-badged items are not acceptable)**
- **Black elasticated pumps / trainers for outside**

Variances from this are not permitted because our children tell us they feel safe in their uniform because they are identifiable by our school badge and that in their uniform everyone is the same. Should you need support with providing the correct and appropriate uniform for school, please contact us in the school office where we will do everything we can to help you. Visit our uniform page for our pre-loved uniform shop @ <https://uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=11504>

It has been brought to my attention that the yellow PE tops are not always of an acceptable quality and that the back of the badge has in some instances caused chaffing. School have liaised with the uniform shop and we have been assured that the back of the badges will be covered and that they will look into alternative suppliers to provide an improved quality shirt.

Some other reminders:

- girls or boys should not be routinely wearing earrings, these are a health and safety risk especially on PE days they **MUST** be removed before school
- Please make sure that hair accessories are in the school colours. Large bows and overly decorative headbands are not suitable for school.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

### **A Prayer to the Holy Spirit as we celebrate Pentecost this weekend.**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us all the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us all find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.



### Dates for your diary

Date	Function
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Faith Enrichment Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Residential trip to Winnmarleigh
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Friday June	Willow Class Bikeability
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Elm Class Trip to Brockholes
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Apple Class Blackpool Zoo Trip
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Oak Class Trip to Morecambe - RNLI
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Mass SS Peter & Paul
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Own Clothes Day for filled jars for the Summer Fayre
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Willow Class trip to Woodmatters
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Willow Class taster day at OLCC
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Production @ 2pm & 6:30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Final Assembly in School – All Welcome
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Service in Church – 6:30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Mass – All Welcome @ 9:15am

Please have a happy, safe and fun filled half term!

God bless,  
Mrs Shoulder