

## Our Lenten Journey



The Lenten Journey is a long standing Christian and Catholic tradition. During the 40 days of Lent we encourage each other to take up activities that will make the world a better place and bring us closer in our relationship with God.

As a school we are focusing on a shared Lenten journey to give through positive actions to others to act justly and kindly and pray together.



Each child has been making Lenten promises and all children will take part in sponsored walks.

Monies raised will go to CAFOD.

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# THE BIG LENT WALK



**Care for our Common Home** is our whole school theme for making positive changes across school and actions we can make to improve lives of others.

### **Small changes to make our world a better place**

We are planting 210 saplings in school this week.

Pre Loved clothing: We continue to encourage parents to consider purchasing pre loved uniform items. These are available in the KS2 entrance area each Thursday and Friday. Donations can be made to the office. All donations will go CAFOD.

Battery Recycling: These can be dropped off at the school office.

Paper straws: every day lots of our children access daily milk. We are switching to paper straws.

Our school council are busy thinking up new projects for us.

Let us know if you have access to any contacts that could further develop our work.

### **KS1 Play resources**

This year to develop and improve the quality of play and levels of activity at break and lunch we have purchased resources to support this.

It is lovely for the children to have more to do and also to be responsible for their equipment.

After only a few days we were finding that the Year 1 and 2 resources were getting tangled up so Mr Arthur made some bright and practical hooks for the resources. Another example of a small change that is having a big impact.



## **What have we been up to**

### **Science Adventure**

To launch science week for Reception, Year 1 and 2 they had a morning adventure using virtual technology. This was very exciting and the children and teachers gave very positive feedback.



Thank you to those parents who made a voluntary contribution. This was a school funds and PTFA supported event but your contribution of £2 was important to ensure that the event could happen. If you haven't yet made a payment please consider doing this via Parent Pay.

### **Blackpool Catholic Schools Lenten Liturgy at St Kentigern's**

Last week a group of Year 3 and 6 pupils represented our school at this annual Lenten event. I was not sure what to expect as I'd been told each school had up to 5 minutes to share an agreed focus. We were asked to consider the Last Supper from the point of view of the disciples – in 5 minutes!!

In the few days before the event I started to hear that in the past schools had for example a real donkey. I was feeling nervous. Had we done enough? Had I pitched the event too low?

In fact our pupil's reflection was beautiful. They spoke with clarity and meaning and were so thoughtful. It was good to be a part of an event with our wider family of Catholic schools.

Thank you to the children who were a credit to our school and to their parents for supporting this event.

### **Shakespeare Ambassadors Day**

We are very fortunate to be the Lead Shakespeare school in the area. Work from staff and pupils over the years has earned our school this important role.

In each year we access lots of training and opportunities to perform with Shakespeare players as well as to access professional performance.

In addition we have children selected to sit on the executive Shakespeare panel and to share their ideas and viewpoints on ways to develop opportunities for young people.

### **New After school activities**

I have been working to re develop partnerships with agencies that might offer after school clubs and also to find new partners. Our new martial arts offer for Year 2, 3 and 4 is going well.

Mrs Ormerod is working on a dance offer for next term. Details to follow soon. Next term Year 4 will take part in a set of workshops with Fylde Rugby Club and Year 6 will be taking part in a powerful transition project about peer support and challenge to help with their journey to secondary.

### **Open Afternoon Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

I am very aware that some of the families of our younger children have not been into school and visited classrooms in recent years. So it seemed a good idea to offer parents the chance to come into your child's class and see their class base, see their class work and to talk to them in their own class about their learning. School will be open from 2pm until 4pm to give as many parents as possible the chance to drop in. We hope that parents will call in for 20 mins to half an hour. Enjoy reading a book with your child or just being in their class with them.

At the end of this term Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils will be writing their own reports and sharing examples of work that they are pleased with.

### **Being a Parent groups** running next term.

There will be two 9 week groups starting on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00am-12.00pm	The HealthWorks, 1 Clifton Street, FY1 1JD
6.00pm-8.00pm	Online using Google Meet.

The group is suitable for parents of children aged 18 months – 11 years (priority is given to parents with children under 4 years) and is led by parents. It looks at communication, behaviour management and listening techniques. The group is free and childcare can be paid for to attend the group.

Parents can book their place by contacting Blackpool Learning Rooms on 01253 478131 or [learning.rooms@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:learning.rooms@blackpool.gov.uk) .

### **Dates for the diary**

Every Tuesday morning during Lent Fr Frank will be leading Lenten Reflections in the school hall at 8.30am– all children and families are welcome.

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March 2.30pm - Palm Sunday Liturgy led by KS1 in Church

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9am - Last Supper Liturgy led by Year 3 in the school hall

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April 9am - The Garden of Gethsemane Liturgy led by Year 4 in school hall

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April 9am - Good Friday Liturgy led by Year 5 in school hall

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> April 9am - The Resurrection Liturgy led by Year 6 in school hall

### **School trips this term**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 4 visit to Fairhaven Lake

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 visit to Ribchester Museum

### **End of term**

We break up for Easter on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 3.15pm

### **Start of term**

We return for the Summer Term on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 8.45am

### **PTFA events**

Our PTA are organising a Horse Racing night for adults, in the school hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Tickets will be £6 per person and will include a hotpot supper. BYOB. More details will follow. We hope you can join us to raise fund for our school.