Thursday 11th July 2019

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

Worship Reflections

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for teaching that everyone is our neighbour. Thank you for teaching us how to be good neighbours. Help us to show our love through our actions and so to be respectful and caring to all we meet.

Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: Christian Bly & Finley Hogarth

School Meals

We will be on **Week 2** of the menu next week. Remember on Tuesday 16th July it will be the Y6 Leavers Lunch.

Meals for Y₃ in September

To the parents of all current Year 2 children, you will have received a form on Parentmail asking if your child would like to remain on meals for the new term in September. The menu will remain the same as now until the new one arrives from Lancashire County Council, usually about October time. Please remember that as they are going into KS2 they will no longer be entitled to a universal free school meal and the cost per is £2.30 per day. We would be obliged if you could kindly complete and return asap. Nothing will change if you are in receipt of free school meals.

Year 6 Leavers

Can you please make sure, before your child leaves Year 6 that all accounts are fully up to date, e.g. trips and meals. Thank you. SM

Letting the Light of Jesus Shine Through

Today you will be receiving your child's report, a summary of how hard your child is working, how well they are behaving and how they are achieving. I know that most of you will be thrilled to bits with the report, as I certainly was when I read them. For some children learning comes easy and for others it is a challenge. We pride ourselves on ensuring that all levels of ability are challenged and that pupils are supported when necessary. This week Year 6 got their SATs results, they are guite simply stunning results and a testament to the hard work of pupils, parents and staff. They are also the result of us not putting limitations on what children can achieve; even children who have found learning challenging have done very well. You will see the overall statistics next week in my Headteacher Report to Parents.

However, education is about far more than SATs results and we hold strongly to the principle that there is an occasion for every child to shine. This maybe in an art exhibition, in dance or on a sports field. This week we see children in choir and Year 6 sparkling at drama and singing in Cinderella Rockerfella but at the other end of the curriculum we had four Year 6 children representing us at a Technology Showcase at Penwortham Primary. They showcased a musical instrument that they had computer coded to play tunes using foil and electrical circuits. So clever! Intelligence can be so many different things; emotional, creative, scientific. It helps if we reframe children's thinking from "how intelligent am I?" to "in what ways am I intelligent?" At St Mary Magdalen's we have a wealth of intelligence!

Mrs Gallagher

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Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – **Iyla Marsden-Cartwright** for her amazing focus and determination to finish her writing about the butterflies & **Henry Belshaw** *for creative ideas using the 3d outdoor shapes.*

Year 1 – Jessica Whittaker for her fantastic story writing & Ethan Andejeldkovich for writing a super robot story.

*Ye*ar 2 – **Rhys Roberts** for great enthusiasm in history discussions & **Jack Turner** for being an all round sporting superstar.

Year 3 – Harry Weston & Aleksandra Lesniewska for both creating a wonderful Roman mosaic.

Year 4 – **Jacob Burns** for super thoughtful answers during our 'Hot Seating' activity in RE & **Ciaran Lester** for always being a kind and thoughtful friend to others.

Year 5 – Konya Sonnah for her great work in Maths & Jak Hodges for his thoughtful RE work.

Year 6– Liam Straker for displaying fantastic cricket skills at this week's tournamens, Felicity Tassiker-Quick for showing real determination during our cross country trials & Ethan Walker for his positive can do attitude around school.

Words of the Week

This year we are all seeking to expand our vocabularies to help our children to be even better writers. Please encourage them to use these words. Older children may well be motivated to learn the adult words.

Back by popular demand:

'Magdalen's Marvellous Mathematicians Summer Sumdog Competition'

Over the summer holiday see how accurate you can be at answering maths questions on the fun ICT games. These questions will be designed to be at your level, the more you get right, the harder they will get! For those of you who have never played before the first 50 questions or so will be too hard for you. The computer is just working out what level you are. Once you are awarded a pet, then the questions will then be at your level. Don't be afraid to get questions wrong if you cannot do them, as this makes the game give you easier questions that you can attempt. Year 1-6 should already know their user name and

password. If you have forgotton these, then please ask your teacher for it. Reception children will have already been sent a letter home with these on. You will not need a school code, if it asks for one then please reload the website, <u>www.sumdag.com</u>. If you have any problems logging on then please ask either your teacher or myself. The competition starts after school on the last day and finishes on Sunday 1st September. If you have a rainy, bored day why not give Sumdog a go? Have fun! Mrs Briscoe.

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unused
fresh
pristine
current
modern
contemporary
topical

