



St Mary Magdalen's

Newsletter

2nd February 2024

Reflection,

When we get clothes new to us, we should think about where they come from and their impact on the wider world.

Lord God,

The earth is yours and you have provided us with all we need. Help us to share our precious resources fairly and treat them with respect. Not us to not be wasteful or selfish. Help move towards behaviours that are environmentally healthy. Help us to think of others and ensure all workers are paid a living wage. Help us to follow your lead in caring for the world you love.

In Jesus' name, AMEN

Amazon
Birthday
Booklist:



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Emily DS, Juliana M, Lucia F

Huge congratulations to all of our amazing Year 5 & Year 6 pupils who took part in the South Ribble Indoor Athletics competition on Tuesday at Priory. We heard yesterday that we finished **SECOND** which is absolutely fantastic. We now move into the next round with St Oswald's, representing South Ribble.

Today nationally is 'Number Day' and fittingly we have had a visit from All Hallows CHS Maths' Department staff. Our Year 6 took part in a NSPCC Number Challenge!



On Wednesday, we welcomed former Preston North End, Liverpool, Brighton and Republic of Ireland footballer, Mark Lawrenson to school. Mark had a tour of the school - both he and I were stunned by the impressive questions from children in every class about the game, his motivations and his thoughts on the 'modern game'. We hope to be working further with him in the future. A huge thank you to him for his time and to Debra Skeoch, Governor, for organising with her granddaughters, Faye & Betsy.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Parents' Evening Monday/Tuesday.

Next week is **Mental Health Awareness Week** so we thought that we would take this opportunity to share with all of our school community how mental health awareness is woven into everyday at our school. The bottom line for us is that our school should be a happy place - whether children or staff, we spend a lot of our time here so we want it to be welcoming and a safe haven for all. We pride ourselves on our school being a calm place and the foundations of all of this is through building good relationships - which is exactly what we try to do with all of our visitors - our volunteers, our parents and our external visitors - too.

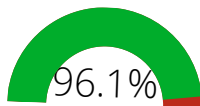
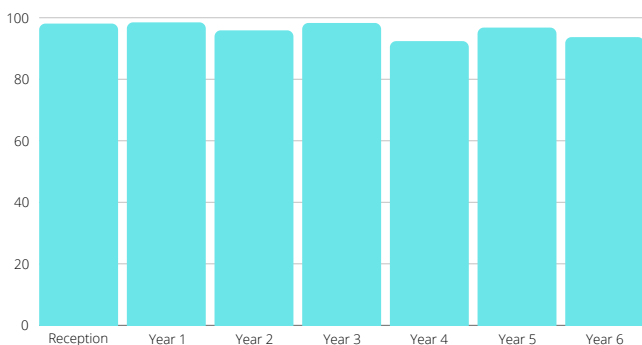
Everybody has the right to be able to talk about how they are feeling and to let us know when they're not having a good day. It happens to all of us! Because of the excellent relationships that we have, we often spot these signs, before anyone has to come forward. We always have a quick check-in and often this can sort the more minor issues out. If children are still struggling after regular check-ins, we will then look at putting more support or help in place. We have 2 trained Mental Health First Aiders in school - Mrs Williams and Mrs Peppard.

In September 2023, we started our 'Nurture Hub' lead by Mrs MacMillan. Running across the week, Mrs MacMillan leads children through a range of different interventions or small groups which help with developing pupils' memory, social and communication skills, or interventions to help with Mental Help. These range from small groups where we develop emotional resilience; Liverpool CAMHS' ROAR programme and Draw & Talk (1:1 specific support). We also engage with an external consultant, Claire McNulty, on a weekly basis to target specific groups of children or individuals. Claire has worked this year particularly on building resilience in groups of children in Year 3,4,5 and 6 this year and is also working on building self-esteem. Our third tier of support would be to involve the support of external agencies which we would do with parents' involvement. This would be lead by Mrs Williams, Pastoral support. To ensure that we have not missed anything, at the beginning of every academic year, every child in KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) takes an electronic survey called PASS (Pupils' Attitude to Self and School). The results of this survey are analysed by staff to enable specific support to be targeted and bespoke.

As a school this year, we have also engaged with the NHS programme, My Happy Mind, which enables every child and adult to develop their understanding of why and how their brain works.

Our aim is that every child is happy in school and that they leave our school with our core values at their very heart - respect, curious, kind, aspirational, responsible and honest.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



SCHOOL MEALS

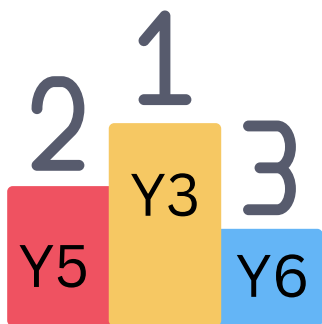
Week 2 on the menu next week.

FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00
Penwortham Community Centre



This week's numbers are in ..



Parent help needed!

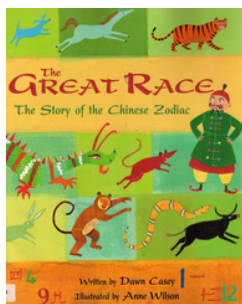
As we look to redevelop our playground, we are looking for any help from parents who work for companies that might be able to help or sponsor part of the redevelopment - if you work for somewhere like Barclays, Wickes, Asda, or anywhere else that might be able to help, please can you let us know! MANY MANY THANKS!



ONLINE SAFETY:

Every month, together with Knowsley CLC, we publish a new Online Safety newsletter full of tips for keeping children (and yourself) safe online. January's online safety newsletter edition includes information on setting up new devices safely; the use of WhatsApp; Lego Fortnite and YouTube. Have you heard about YouTube Kids?

<https://www.st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk/parents/e-safety>



ASSEMBLY:

Today we have looked at the origins of the Chinese Zodiac ahead of Chinese New Year on February 10th!

We Need Your HELP



Playground Project

Please help us get the funding for our infant and minis playground to be upgraded.

We are currently part of the Stronger Starts Campaign in Tesco. The more votes we get the bigger the grant towards our moveable trim trail we will receive.

We need your votes.

Next time you are in Tesco just ask for the blue tokens at customer services or at the checkout and pop them in the box on the way out.

AVAILABLE in the following stores:

Preston Moor Lane Express,
Preston Fulwood Express,
Penwortham Superstore,
Ribbleton Preston Express,
Blackpool Rd Preston Express,
Tulketh Mill Preston Express,
Preston Friargate Express



Add your token posting picture to the St Mary Magdalen's PTA Facebook group to be entered into a prize draw.



Charity No. 1194291

Dates...

5/6th Feb Parents Evening (BOOKING LIVE ON PARENTMAIL)

23rd Feb Walk to School breakfast (8.15am)

26th Feb School photos

29th February Leap Year PTFA Disco

1st Mar Own Clothes day (PTFA choc donation)

7th March World Book Day (details to follow)

8th Mar PTFA Mothering Sunday gift shop