



Ancaster C of E Primary School

Newsletter 16 – 16th May



Dear Parents, Welcome to Newsletter number 16. As you will see from this newsletter, there are lots of things that have happened or in the process of happening in this busy term. We will be sharing learning with you in the family worships and further details of these are below. These assemblies are an excellent opportunity for you to see how your child is learning and find out first-hand, the high expectations for each pupil. Children are incredibly motivated by parents who are able to attend these worships as they are desperate to share their learning with you. It would be great to see lots of parents at these worships—we hope to see you there. We continue to launch ourselves as a 'Bike It' school (see below) and I am incredibly excited to be involved with such an innovative charity. The ideas and plans for future activities are so exciting and we will share them with you in due course. This term seems to have flown by and unbelievably, school closes for the half term break on Friday 23rd May at the usual times; we will reopen for term 6 on Monday 2nd June. In the meantime, should you wish to catch me, I will be available on the school gate each morning and after school. As always, should you wish to make an appointment, please see Mrs Beard in the school office. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and I look forward to speaking with you soon. Best Wishes, **Mr Eden**.

Be the Best you can Be!



Our certificates for achievement were awarded to the following children in our special Friday assembly—well done all;

Class 1-All Year 1s and Issy Welby

Class 2-Kayla Rohland, Lily-Belle Turner, Jack Marsh and Rosie Lawson.

Class 3- Shawn Pellett and Justin Dixon-Hardy

Class 4-Holli Batchelor, Harry McGrath and Cameron Wills

Class 5-All of Class 5!

Wow Writers and Mega Maths

Each week we celebrate the Wow Writers and Mega Mathematicians from each class who share their learning in assembly. Over the past two weeks, these children were;

Mega Maths- Ewan Hull, Lewis Davies, Niamh Morgan, Justin Dixon-Hardy, Edwin Maughan, William Blankley, Emily Gresham, Jasmin Gheniou, Harry Hutsby, Brogan Greenhalf, Shawn Pellett, Olivia Allen, Jamie Seng, Libby Stafford, Jasmine Pellett.

Wow Writers-Owen Rohland, Jasmin Gheniou, Jack Marsh, Jessica Annan, Jessica Heron, Jamie Robertson, Gus Phillis, Sam Bailey, Lois Taylor, George Taylor, Harvey Greenhalf, Becky Vallance, Sam Holmes.

Team Points

Team point totals for the term are incredibly close and are as follows;

Saturn-1427

Minerva-1455

Apollo-1142

Maia-1276

Well done to all children for following the Golden Rules and continuing to be the best they can be!

Parent Assemblies-Time to Shine!



Family assemblies will take place next week and are the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place in maths, literacy and across the curriculum, **we hope to see you there**.

The dates for these assemblies are as follows;

Monday 19th May at 3pm-Class 3

Tuesday 20th May at 3pm-Class 2

Thursday 22nd May at 9.15am-Class 1

Thursday 23rd May at 3pm-Class 4

Friday 23rd May at 3pm-Class 5

Bookfair Brilliance!



Thank you to everyone for supporting the latest Bookfair. Thanks to your generous book buying, we raised a fantastic £522. We will be spending the money adding to our existing Guided Reading books; buying longer texts to support children in Key Stage 2 to develop their reading skills and strategies.

Well Done Year 6!

A huge well done must go to our fantastic Year 6 pupils for their valiant efforts this week in undertaking their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of you all and you should be proud of yourselves too! Have a fun filled time at PGL next week—we look forward to hearing all about your trip and the activities. All we ask is that you make sure you let Mrs Hiorns and Mrs Tomlinson sleep.



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Fashion Show Update

Our PTFA are busy putting the finishing touches to the preparation of the fashion show due to take place on **June 6th at Ancaster Village Hall**. This promises to be an exciting event where children will have the opportunity to be catwalk kings and queens and parents can shop until you drop buying the latest fashions and trends.

Tickets are £3.50 for adults (children are free) and can be bought from any PTFA member on the special stall outside school each day. There will be other activities on the evening so the fashion show will be a great opportunity to socialise and have fun. **Please show your support and bring as many people as possible to this event-we can't wait and look forward to seeing you there.**

Fab Friday-Term 6



In Term 6, we will switch our Fab Friday focus from team building to gardening. Each Friday afternoon, the whole school will mix into 4 large groups and work with school adults to help maintain our school grounds and learn the importance of *respect* for everything everywhere-this is one of our school values and also a golden rule.

Please can we ask that pupils bring in a pair of gloves to wear for each session-these can be gardening gloves or a normal pair of winter gloves. **If any parent has any old gloves they are able to donate, there will be children who will be able to use these-we thank you in advance.** Please send the gloves in to school clearly labelled with your child's name.

Can you help? Any adult help will be greatly appreciated. The sessions will be 1.15-2.20pm each Friday in term 6.

Please contact the school if you are able to help.

Our Very Special Visitors

We were surprised and startled to discover that a **bird has chosen to construct a nest in our polytunnel and has hatched her eggs in there too!** Keeley Creasey, in Class 2, alerted staff to the find and has been making sure children stay away from the area to keep them safe. Watching the awe and wonder of the children when making this discovery was a truly magical experience.

Cycle to School!



In the last newsletter, we informed you that we are working closely with the charity Sustrans to become a 'Bike It' school. Jon Moody, our school support officer, delivered an informative worship on what we can expect from 'Bike It'. We are actively encouraging pupils to bike/scoot to school, regardless of where in the village they live. Your child might ask you to allow them to bike to school-please show your support and allow them to ride/scoot to school.

Dr Bike

On **Friday 23rd May**, Jon Moody will become 'Dr Bike'. We are asking **ALL CHILDREN** to bring their bikes to school on this day and Dr Bike will give each bike an M.O.T. If your child has a bike with a puncture, rusty chain etc-send the bike in and Dr Bike will spend the day fixing each bike and making it roadworthy.

Win a Scooter!

Dr Bike has also launched a very special competition. **Over half term, every child is invited to take a photograph of themselves on a bike in an unusual place** and bring the photographs into school clearly labelled with the name and class of the pupil. Closing date for this competition is Friday 6th June. **The prize is a brand new, sparkly and shiny scooter worth £100!**

Jewellery

Please can we remind all parents that jewellery is restricted to 1 pair of stud earrings only for girls and 1 stud earring for a boy. Recently, we have recognised that children are choosing to wear bracelets, necklaces and rings. Please note that these items are not permitted and we ask that you ensure your child does not wear additional jewellery to school. **Please note that earrings must always be removed for P.E.**

Can You Help?

Do we have any parents who are builders? We have a brick planter on the playground that has, over time, become damaged. We have all of the bricks that have fallen off and are calling any parents to help restore this playground feature. **Please contact the school if you are able to help.**