ST JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Note

Friday 4th April 2025

Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sponsored Walk for Lent

Last week was another busy week at St John's. Every class has walked, skipped, run and even danced their way around the yard to raise money for their chosen charities. We have covered miles and miles. The totals are still being calculated but we do know that each child in Reception has walked 3625m which is a total of 108,750m (67miles) altogether. Absolutely amazing. We now look forward to receiving all the sponsorship money to present to Cafod and each classes chosen charity.

Well done

A huge well done to Lewis and Archie in year 1 who are going to be staring in the upcoming Finding Nemo Junior show at Burnley College on the 6th and 7th July. Tickets are on sale at ticket source.

Tree Planting

Thank you to Neil from Burnley Council who came to assist us last week planting some trees on the Fennyfold. Our children and volunteers did a wonderful job.







Staffing update

After a term full of challenges with various illness absence, we are pleased to inform you that we are expecting a full complement of staff back after the Easter Holidays. Just a reminder school finishes on Friday at 3.15pm. We return on Tuesday 22nd April.

Farewell

After 11 years of working in the kitchen, we have said farewell to Mrs Gardner today and thanked her for her years of service. We wish Mrs Gardner a long and happy retirement.



CSI Report

I was so delighted to send home the RE Inspection report yesterday. The report is a true reflection of the exceptional care and dedication of our staff team and their commitment to delivering a rich quality Religious Education to our pupils.

Congratulations to everyone. This report clearly identifies and celebrates our amazing children, staff and Governors. A well deserved inspection report. I am so very proud of everyone!

Easter Mass Times

Maundy Thursday 6pm at St Mary Magdalene's

Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross at St John's Church

Good Friday Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ at 3pm at St John's Church

Holy Saturday at 6.30pm at St John's Church

Easter Sunday 9.30am St Mary Magdalene's and 10am St John's



Reconciliation Service



Year 3 received their Sacrament of Reconciliation in a beautiful reconciliation service supported by catechist Cathy, Irene, Fr Joseph and Fr Celestine on the evening of Wednesday 19th March. Congratulations to our year 3 pupils, I was very proud of you all. Please continue to keep our sacramental programme children in your prayers.



Bunny Bingo

A huge thank you to our PTA for hosting a wonderful Bunny Bingo event last week. The money raised will go towards arranging future events for the children. Thank you for all the donations of Easter Eggs which were given as prizes on the night.

Year 3 Class Assembly



Year 3 delivered a beautiful assembly on Friday 28th March celebrating the importance of 'Giving'. They sang songs about the Rainforest, recited a powerful poem about Boudicca, shared beautiful messages of thanks to their special people and performed a fantastic dance to 'Unstoppable'. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing everything they had been learning about and also how we can be pilgrims of hope in this special Jubilee year.



Spring Music Concert

On Wednesday, our Year 4 and 5 pupils wowed the audience with their incredible violin and guitar performances - its amazing to see the progress from our concert before Christmas. The Recorder club were excited to share their songs with everyone, and our choir performed a beautiful rendition of the Pilgrims of Hope Hymn written for the Jubilee year. Well done to all of our musicians and a big thank you to all the teachers.