

Headteacher



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I write with news of what we have been up to here at St. Paul's as we look ahead to Easter.

Worship value—Justice

In collective worship we have discussed the importance of treating people fairly and learnt about making wise decisions. We decided that we need some of the following qualities to make wise decisions: empathy—being able to stand in someone else's shoes; not taking sides or jumping to conclusions; allowing everyone to have their say; asking the right questions to get to the truth. Our words of wisdom from the Bible this half term are: "Learn to do right. Seek justice." *Isaiah 1.17*



The words 'learn' and 'seek' suggest that we need to *learn* all that we can about a situation and then *seek* (search for or think carefully about) a wise solution.

School Council

We have updated and found a new home in the school hall for our school council board. Included is the names of the councillors and a report about the 'car-idling' awareness campaign they promoted last term.

Year 6 Art Lesson

Thank you to Mrs S Miller for giving her time to lead a mornings Art lesson for our Year 6 pupils. They looked at paint palette mixing and brush stroke techniques to produce paintings of pets and animals.



Year 5/6 Dance Competition

Well done to the team for performing an amazing routine at the dance competition finals at Lostock Hall. They were amazing and finished second overall. Thank you to Katie (from South Ribble sports team) for training our pupils and to Mrs Hayward and Mrs Parker for organising and supporting the pupils on the night.

French Day

Everyone came dressed in red, white and blue to enjoy a full day of French. Classes made masks for the Carnival of Nice, ordered a croissant (in French) at the bakery at breaktime and celebrated and shared their love of French during a whole-school gathering in the afternoon. A special thank you to Mrs Quinton, our French lead, for organising the day.



Alzheimer's Society Assembly and Craft Sale

Well done to Emily and Phoebe for delivering an assembly about the Alzheimer's Society to the whole school. They spoke confidently and passionately about the charity and helped raise awareness. Following on from this, a number of girls in Year 5 made their

own art, jewellery, bookmarks and wish-jars to sell at a craft stall they organised. They also held a raffle and donated an Easter hamper as the first prize. They raised an amazing £265—what a fantastic achievement. Thank you to our governor Mrs I Rose for helping on the day and for donating some raffle prizes. And a big thank you to everyone else for supporting this fantastic

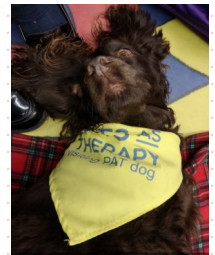
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Pippin

Pippin, our Therapy dog, continues to support and read with our pupils in school and if you're in school on a Friday afternoon you may get to meet her. Pippin enjoys spending time with our pupils and puts a smile on our faces. Thank you to Mrs Benson for giving up her time to continue to support our children.

BBC North West tonight

As we eagerly anticipate the airing of the report on North West tonight this Wednesday 13th March, I would like to thank both Ms C Gleave and Mrs C Buckle for giving us this opportunity. Claire is a former para-athlete and founder of her company Ability Disability. Mrs Buckle has created an app to enable users to experience what it may be like to be visual impaired, have a hearing impairment or mobility issue. Ms Gleave has teamed up with Claire to publicise her company. On the day, the reporter questioned the pupils about the app and how they felt using it—they all responded brilliantly. I think the app is amazing and we will look to use it within our PSHRE curriculum to help our pupils understand what it might be like to have a disability. Well done to all the school councillors in KS2 for their excellent behaviour and engagement all morning.



Lets Go Sing!

We all enjoyed a wonderful evening as our choir performed for over an hour to a packed-out King George's Hall last Wednesday evening. Along with about ten other schools, they fully embraced the occasion and sang and danced with smiles on their faces. Thank you to all our staff who have supported the choir sessions over the year and on the night: Mrs Oaten, Mrs Quinton & Mrs Hayward, and to the Let's go Sing team who came into school for special rehearsals this year.



Swimming Gala

This annual event took place at Hutton Grammar school. The Year 5 and 6 team competed brilliantly in a number of races using different swimming strokes. The attitude and effort from everyone was superb. Well done to you all! Thank you to Mrs Parker for supporting on the evening and Mrs Hayward for organising.

Lent & celebrating Easter

Father Matthew continues to lead our collective worship every Thursday morning and it has been lovely to see some of the parents/carers joining us for this service. Please join us if you can to share a time of reflection and hear our wonderful children sing.

We will end the Spring term in Church for a special Easter service at 1:30pm—I hope you can attend. Children to be collected from the Church at 2:00pm.

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns do please get in touch with the office, your class teacher or myself.

Let us all continue to 'Thrive in the Gift of Life' at St. Paul's.

Best wishes

Mr J Eccleston

Head Teacher