



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DATE: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Collective worship

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Today in our assemblies we looked at why we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and the fact that Lent follows it, beginning with Ash Wednesday. The children shared the story of Jesus spending forty days in the desert fasting and resisting temptation. They shared with the school things they were going to give up or something extra they were going to do for Lent, like Jesus had done. Our week ended on a high with a very spirited and active singing practise.

Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

## Dates for the Diary

**Pancake Day Race 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Half term begins Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
February**

**Return to school Monday 26<sup>th</sup>  
February**

## Head Teachers Message

This week our school council have been very productive. They have met with our CEO, Jill Rankin, and convinced her through their persuasive nature that they would benefit from some more indoor playtime equipment. The team were so successful in their pitch they have been provided with table tennis, air hockey, giant Jenga and a foosball table. Not a bad yield made from this amazing group of students, they must have blown her away. Well done student council and Mr Way for working hard to improve the lives of all.

## Beacon:

This was our last week of cycle 2 "Let Me Entertain You". As we look forward for starting cycle 3; we have been exploring our feelings on RE, we worked hard on creating a shapes booklet first by looking for an item with the same shape in the card given to us, then using the iPad, as independently as possible, to take a picture of the item and then sticking it on the page that matches the right shape in our booklet. With Valentine's day approaching, we spoke about love and ways to show our love. Then made a fond card to someone we love. We enjoyed our assembly on Friday, where we have learned about Lent and why we make pancakes, we had fun flipping some pretend pancakes. In our reflection time we made a Lenten promise. Our star of the week was KC. For start engaging with activities on paper. Good job KC! Keep it up!



### **Bramley:**

In Bramley this week we have been exploring our story animal boogie. We experienced different smells, tastes and sounds of different resources relating to jungle animals. In PSHE this week we made a dragon to celebrate Chinese New Year and learn about different cultures. On Wednesday we went to Ashvale to feed the chicken's and help plant new plants ready for the spring to kick in. Next week we are going to be moving into our Cycle 3 topic which is Spring into Action! Our star of the week is Ryan!



**Darcy:** This week Darcy class have taken advantage of the **\*Slightly\*** warmer weather and encouraged ourselves to spend more time outside.

Along with some valuable bonding time, we've learned about the benefits that regular exercise and fresh air can have on our health and wellbeing.

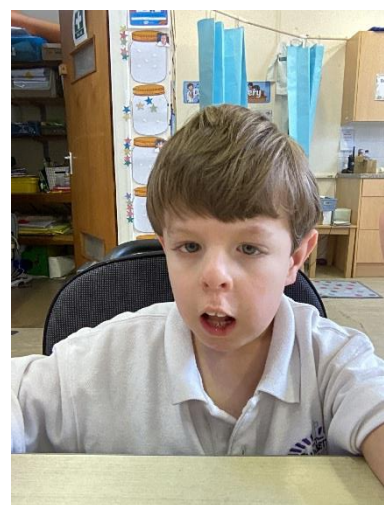
We've found it makes our afternoon lessons much more productive and highly recommended you give it a try for yourselves!

Star of the week goes to Kayvaan for always remembering to tidy his desk when a new activity is about to start.



**Discovery:** Discovery class have been working hard this week trying to order and retell stories. All of the children have played so nicely together using the bubble wands and building with the duplo. They were so enthusiastic with their retelling of the gingerbread man and even showed off their acting skills with a classroom re-enactment. We have been very curious about why we have pancake day and learning all about resisting temptation! We ended the week creating big versions of our solar system and mixing colours! We leave space behind next week and start our new cycle topic - LIGHT FANTASTIC!

Our star of the week this year is Harry for working hard and getting involved in more activities!



### Jubilee:

Our next topic is LIGHT FANTASTIC! We will be working on this topic for the next nine weeks. We will be having a pancake race next week and we are looking forward to having loads of fun on the day! We are welcoming a new young man to Jubilee class this coming Monday. It is such good news that Pathway two is expanding. There are now three classes and 17 learners in total. We have one more week before half term. Have a good weekend! Team Jubilee.



### Pippin:

This week in Pippin class we have been continuing to use our senses to explore during our final week of the current topic 'Let Me Entertain You'. Over the course of the last 3 weeks we have been working on a story sharing project, documenting our wellbeing walks around the site and have created a wonderful video of sounds from our environment and tactile story pages to explore as we share and reflect on our journey. We have also been working hard on our communication skills this week, particularly within our favourite activities containing music, movement and actions. Our star of the week this week goes to Immy, for exploring swimming on his back for the first time during hydrotherapy. Fantastic work! Have a lovely weekend.



### Stirling:

Stirling were busy this week carrying out their work related learning activities, working with all students across the school to create a stunning collaborative canvas as a special thank you to someone. Their clay Jesse tree style medallions were finally completed and have been added to our RE display board. Students visited Ashvale to get spring time vegetable seeds ready, cleaning and watering their new pots and allotment patch. The week was full of achievements as students spent our super teach week and final week of cycle 2 meeting a range of personal targets, becoming even more independent learners. In food tech learners created their own crafted burgers to show all the skills they had learnt in this cycle and RE saw learners reflecting on the shepherds and wise men, making links to their commitment and trustworthiness. From this, they were able to give detailed accounts of how they have showed commitment and trust for others.





### Winston:

This week in literacy, Winston class have been working on their chronology of the Snail and the Whale story. In numeracy, the students continued working on their understanding of money. The students worked with different coin values to develop their subtraction and addition skills. During our science lessons, Winston class looked at the foods that are in season. They developed this further in food tech where they each created a seasonal menu. The dishes consisted of stuffed mushrooms, rainbow pizza, savoury rice, stewed pears and oatmeal, potato and leek soup, fruit kebabs and carrot cake. In P.E., Winston class practiced their serving and rallies in duos.



**Wonder:** This week we have had some wonderful RE lessons where we have taken some time to reflect, we were able to create a calming environment in the room and the students were able to look at the candles and listen to music. We also led the assembly this week which was the theme of Shrove Tuesday, we were able to feel sensory trays with some of the ingredients which we use to make pancakes and then some of us were lucky enough to sample the pancakes. We all enjoyed a sensory music session, and were using the instruments. We have all had a very busy week.



### Friday's Prayer

Dear God,  
Make my good deeds and actions like a ripple on a pond.  
May they spread out to cover more and more people  
So that slowly and surely,  
The world becomes a better place.  
Amen.



Class	Star of the Week
Beacon	Michael
Bramley	Ryan
Darcy	Kayvaan
Discovery	Harry
Jubilee	Charlotte
Pippin	Immy
Stirling	Kwaku
Winston	Remi
Wonder	Yusuf