

St. James' Lanehead Church of England Primary School



"All Special in God's Eyes"

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Psalm 92.13

John 10.10

This month we have been continuing our learning on Truthfulness and have been doing this through the scripture *"These are the things you should do: speak the truth to one another. In the courts, give real justice — the kind that brings peace."* Zechariah 8.16. We have been reflecting on truthfulness throughout this term and have considered the circumstances where telling the truth is very important and the value of honesty.

The Class worship this month was extended to the whole of Year 2 and saw the children putting on a graduation worship as they transition into Key Stage 2. They spoke about their time in Key Stage 1 and then performed 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars, complete with actions, for their families. It was brilliant and there were lots of parents with teary eyes! We are very proud of the Year 2 children and all of the hard work they put into such a wonderful worship.

This month began with our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Days on 1st and 2nd July, respectively. Unfortunately, the forecasted thunderstorms meant that the events had to take place in the school hall but, that didn't stop the fun! The skies may have been dull but the school hall was a buzz of excitement and activity! The children had a marvellous afternoon and we saw some brilliant sportsmanship.

The children have all had a fabulous time on the sporting events with Mr Playfer recently. The Hartley Cup players even got to play against a school from Barcelona on 10th July; they went to Burnley College and played against lots of local schools in a tournament with one of the teams being some school children visiting from Barcelona. The children played brilliantly and were very honoured to take part in the tournament. My Playfer also took some of our budding athletes to a Quad Kids Athletics event where the children all competed against other schools in the SWAT cluster and made us very proud. They came into school after the event with rosy cheeks and huge smiles on their faces!

We have also had multiple visits from a cricket coach from the School's Sports Partnership this month who has worked with Classes 5/6 and 6 to help improve their cricket skills. The children have really enjoyed this and have learnt lots from the opportunity of working closely with an experienced cricketer.

As part of their transition into Year 6, the Year 5 children have had 2 sessions with a professional golfer. The first session was in school where they learnt the basics and practised their swings. Then, in their

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second session they got to visit the golf club themselves and spend some quality time with Mrs Moses where they all showed off the tricks they learnt the week before. We saw some budding golfers and all the children had a wonderful time.

On 18th July 2019, we attended the Burnley Community Sports Awards following our nomination for 'Primary School of the Year'. Although we had tough competition from Holly Grove School and Padiham Green, we are very pleased to announce that we were awarded the title 'Primary School of the Year 2019' and have been invited to attend the Lancashire Sports Awards later in the year. This is a huge honour and one we are very proud of. We are very grateful to all the staff who have given their time and dedication to supporting the children and also the children themselves who make us proud every day.

The Year 1 and 2 children went to visit Blackpool Tower, on 2nd and 3rd July, as part of their topic "At the Seaside". Here they got to visit the Blackpool Tower Eye and also watch Blackpool Circus. For some children it was their very first time meeting Mooky the Clown and Mr Boo, and what an experience it was! The children all came back to school feeling very proud of themselves after they walked across the glass floor at the Tower Eye- they were so brave!

Mrs Clutterbrook hosted a STEM club last term which saw children working with a local engineering company, VEKA, to create mechanical cars from shoe boxes. The club took place after school on Mondays and then continued into lunch times over the Summer term where the children then decorated their cars. On 8th July, the children went to Burnley College with Miss Clutterbrook and Miss McCoskery to play with their mechanical cars and see the creations of children from other schools who also took part in the programme. They had a fantastic time and their cars looked brilliant!

On the 5th July, we had a special visit from Warburton's who came to carry out a workshop with the EYFS children. They caused quite a stir at lunchtime as all of the children wanted to take part! The children began the workshop with some Warburton's flatbread and a variety of toppings, they then all got to put butter on their bread and four toppings of their choice. Following this activity, the children learnt the importance of a balanced diet, hygiene and safety, food waste and basic food preparation in an enjoyable and creative way.

The PTFA and Mrs Bradley hosted the Summer Fair on Friday 5th July and WOW, it was amazing! They worked extremely hard preparing and organising the event, and it was well worth it as everyone had a fantastic afternoon! There were lots of fun activities for the children to take part in, Burnley FC in the Community inflatables, tombolas, book stalls, face painting, henna and even sock monkeys! Not only did we see some very happy St James' pupils, we also met a few new faces, including some of the reception children that will be starting with us in September. It truly was a brilliant afternoon and we are very lucky to have such a dedicated and hardworking PTFA. We cannot wait for the next event!

The Summer celebrations continued with the SWAT Celebration Day at the Prairie. Here, our SWAT ambassadors met with SWAT ambassadors from other schools and took part in LOTS of fun activities! The schools were split into groups and took part in various activities including a Celebration Parade, Explorer Orienteering, Circus Skills, Archery, Golf, Team Building and Boxing. The children represented St James' brilliantly, they were great sports with excellent behaviour throughout the day and they made us all very proud.

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The Year 6 children have been taking part in lots of activities as they have come to the end of their final year at St James'. On 9th July they visited Blackburn Cathedral to take part in the Leavers' Service there and then got to perform their Leaver's Performance, Olivia, at Sir John Thursby on the 10th July. Both performances were brilliant, the singing was just phenomenal, and we saw some fabulous acting too! Then the last week was full of fun events; the Year 6 leaver's party with sports on the field and pizza, a trip to the Leisure Box where they went on the climbing wall, the Leaver's and Prize Giving Assembly and then the Leaver's Lunch with a Summer BBQ theme! The Year 6's have had a fantastic last week at school and there wasn't a dry eye in the house after the Leaver's Assembly!

It has been an honour watching the Year 6 children go from 'seeds' themselves to the 'gardeners' we know today. This past year, their confidence has grown dramatically and they all seem ready to transition to the next stage of their lives. We are all so very proud of the people they have become, we will miss them all greatly but cannot wait to hear about their achievements in years to come.

As we say goodbye to our Year 6's, we also say hello to our new EYFS children. This month we had our Moving Up Day where the children experienced the classes they will be in for next year. The EYFS children also came for the morning and had a wonderful time. It was really nice to meet the new parents and we cannot wait to see more of them at our Family Friday events next academic year.

There will be a few staffing changes next year too as we say goodbye to three of our teachers; Miss MacMahon, Miss Flynn and Mrs Irvine. We wish them all the best of luck in their new ventures!

Mrs Irvine is our Acting Deputy Headteacher and has been with us for four years, she has been an asset to Team St James' and we will miss her greatly. She is currently our Sports Subject Leader and has led our school to receive the Gold Sports Award again this year- a fantastic achievement! Through her leadership, we have also been nominated for a Sports Award and will be attending an awards ceremony later this week. Mrs Irvine is leaving St James' to become a Headteacher where we are sure she will flourish.

The new academic year will also see the return of some familiar faces as Mrs Ellis and Miss Rushton return from their maternity leave. We will have two new teachers, Mrs Thornton and Miss Robinson, who will teach Beech Class and Hazel Class respectively. After feedback from children, we have altered the structure and naming system of the classes for next year. The classes will be named after trees (Ash, Elm, Beech, Willow, Hazel, Rowan, Hawthorne, Sycamore and Oak) and the children will be placed in classes based on their age and the reading ability. We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact on pupils in the new term and are looking forward to the St James' Team working together to develop the school further and seeing the St James' flourish.

As always, I am proud to be the Head Teacher of such a wonderful school, with highly skilled and a dedicated staff team, where everyone works hard together and as one team with the goal to inspire each individual to grow and learn with Jesus at the heart of all we do.

Have a lovely Summer,

Michelle Stott

Headteacher

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