

# 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 learning about Service and have been doing this through the scripture 'You were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge; rather, serve one another humbly in love.' Galatians 5:13. We have been reflecting on Service throughout this term and have looked at how we use our talents to serve or help others. We have continued with our weekly worship with Father Peter and have welcomed Father Paul into the school who has worked with classes and visited the KS1 worship led by Mrs Towriess. Father Paul also came into school and delivered a very special whole school worship on Service earlier this month, the worship was really engaging and lots of fun!

We started the month off with a Parent's Forum for our first Family Friday, this went really well and we got lots of good feedback about our school. Then last week we invited our families in for a gardening afternoon. The weather was glorious so we all went outside and made, then decorated our own flowers. It was great to see so many children enjoying the sunshine with their parents and grandparents. We will be finishing this month off with a Topic Afternoon for Key Stage 1. This event will be lots of fun as the children love to share the exciting work they have been doing in class and will be a wonderful end to a wonderful month.

Our St James' pupils have really made us proud this month with their fantastic performances at recent sporting events. We are very excited to announce that we are now proud holders of the Hartley Cup! The football team showed fantastic determination and sportsmanship throughout the game and came from being 2:1 down to winning 3:2 in their game against Worsthorne at the Turf on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Some of our pupils also attended an SEN Inclusion event and an Elite Cross Country event. Four of our Cross Country Runners have made it to the East Lancashire Cross Country Final which will take place in June, we cannot wait to watch them race to victory!

We have had a very busy calendar this month with lots of educational visits taking place. The EYFS children visited Manchester Sea Life Centre where their day started out with a visually projected Sea Turtle Talk. The talk was all about how turtles are born and how they get from sandy beaches to the water once they hatch. After the talk, the children then completed a workshop and drew their own aquarium with the animals they would be able to find in the sea. There were some excellent drawings of sea-creatures and learnt lots of interesting facts about them too! Once the workshops were complete, they went on a tour of the aquarium and got to the animals they had learnt about.

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We have also had two trips to Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre; Class 5/6 and Class 6. Both trips were very successful, the children found them interesting and informative, and we received an extra workshop for free too! The day consisted of a Solar System Science workshop, Planet Pavillion exhibition, Mars Rover Challenge workshop and a Space Pavillion exhibition. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt lots of new facts about the solar system as part of their Autumn Term topic, they also got to show off their own knowledge too!

Earlier this week we had a very special visitor, Mrs Anne Kelly, our new Mayor. We were all very excited to see Mrs Kelly in her new role as town Mayor. The children remember her from her time here as a Governor where she regularly visited school to spend time with the children and also attended educational visits. Mrs Kelly came in a different capacity this time however, and spent the day with our pupils completing many Mayoral duties.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Stott

Headteacher

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