

St James' Lanehead Church of England Primary School



"All Special in God's eyes"

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November has been a month of remembrance for everyone at St James' Lanehead. As a school we have taken part in various activities that focus on remembrance. Displays have been created and can be seen on the school fence and throughout the school. The comments that the school has received from passers-by and visitors has been excellent. The entrance hall has also seen an improvement and has had a remembrance tree where visitors leave names of any loved ones they would like to be kept in our prayers. We have also had a Remembrance themed 'Family Friday' with lots of fun activities for children and their families to take part in. The children in Year 6 planned an excellent worship for their families to attend and also shared this act of worship with the staff and children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Our school worships have been focussing on remembrance and trust, in particular Psalm 18.2 'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'

Our SWAT (Schools Working and Achieving Together) Ambassadors took part in a collaboration day recently where the children worked with 160 children from 12 other schools in a variety of workshops; one included creating a large poppy by weaving wicker and ribbon. The final product looks fantastic and has been a focal point of our remembrance displays. It is displayed proudly within our entrance hall. Well done to the children, they dressed in war time costume and myself and Mrs Whiteside and Mrs Cassidy also dressed accordingly!

Other 'Family Friday' events this month included a Key Stage 1 Reading Event, Key Stage 1 Maths Challenge, Parent Forum, Remembrance and Children in Need. The Children in Need Family Friday helped to raise £373.33 for the cause, a figure we are extremely proud of. The day was lots of fun and saw children come in very bright and bold clothes with donations to support the cause.

The staff and children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 children have been working extremely hard on their lines for the Christmas Nativity, we cannot wait to see the finished product of their efforts! The worship team are currently planning their December acts of worship and displays around the school.

Our Autumn term Year 1-6 Parents' Evening took place last week and our Chair and Vice chair of Governor's worked with the parents to ask for their feedback on the school. These evenings are always well attended and show the strength of the relationships between the school and the families. The parents also filled in feedback questionnaire's which will go to the Governing Body to help highlight areas where we are successful and as always any areas of improvement, as with the Reception Parents'

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Evening. The booking of appointments has been done via the new school app and website and has been a success with both parents and staff. We are very pleased with the parental feedback with the school app as this is really helping our families and improving our lines of communication.

As part of our month of remembrance, Mrs Peverley organised a History Day where children learnt about the World Wars. This included poppy planting, trench cake tasting and listening to The Last Post. The children really enjoyed the themed day.

Class 3 and 3/4 attended a performance of Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors on Wednesday 14th November at Preston Guild Hall. The performance was really interesting and supports the children's learning. Miss Parkinson and Mrs McArdle are currently practising with the choir as we have been invited to perform at Blackburn Cathedral for the Carols at the Cathedral event.

Mrs Burnett, our Sports Coach, has been very busy again this month with Under 11 Girls' Football, Basketball, Year 5 and 6 Athletics and a Gifted and Talented event. The Gifted and Talented event was very interesting as the children that attended showed talent in different sports (football, athletics, netball, dance and rugby), these children then took part in various sporting activities over the afternoon. This event was different to the usual competitions we take part in and the children really enjoyed this change.

As a school we have been awarded a Lancashire Education Award. This award is for excellence and collaboration, we are so proud to be recognised as a model of good practice.

Mrs Irvine and a group of Year 5 pupils attended the Wednesday Club, the feedback from the children was incredible, they really enjoyed reading together and also enjoyed a biscuit with their friends, they now want to go again and play board games with Wednesday club group. It is lovely to see the school working so well in the community. We received a lovely letter from the group who praised our wonderful pupils.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Stott

Headteacher

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