

St James' Lanehead Church of England Primary School



All Special in God's eyes"

This month we have been preparing for next academic year with 2 open events for the 2019-20 Reception children. These have gone really well, we have met some brilliant families and the Year 6 children were fantastic; they gave the visitors a full tour of the school and we are so proud of their behaviour and enthusiasm for the school.

We have all been continuing to learn, through our worships, about the importance of Thankfulness. The children have been learning about this gospel value 'always be thankful' 1 Thessalonians 5.6. We all have so much to be thankful for!

Mrs Irvine, the Sports Co-Ordinator in school has carried on her excellent work as we have has another busy month for sporting events. In school we have had tennis sessions for Reception Class, Sanderson's Dance for Class 3 and BFC in the Community for Year 5. The Year 4 children have been continuing their weekly swimming sessions and also took part in a Bikeability afternoon which was really successful.

Science has been a big theme in school recently with the WOW Science Day we had. This involved a visit from Mad Science who will be starting an afterschool club session with us after Christmas. The children really enjoyed the themed day and cannot wait for the next one!

Mrs Burnett, our Sports Coach, has been very busy this month with lots of different events; KS1 Space Invaders Festival, Family Cluster sporting event, Year 3 and 4 Girl's Football, Boys Football and an Inclusion Multi-Sport Festival. The Boys Football went really well in particular, the boys won almost all of their games and have gone through to the final. The Inclusion Multi-Sport Event was a huge hit too, this was held for children with Special Educational Needs and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Family Friday's have been very busy this month, particularly the Science Afternoon where our Family Support Workers arranged fun science activities for the whole school and their families. We also had a visit from the author Dan Worsley who did a small presentation and then worked with families and children on different reading activities.

Class R Parents' Evening took place last week with Mrs Towriess and our Chair of Governor's, Mr Russell Hawkes sat with families to get their feedback on the school. The parents also filled in feedback questionnaire's which will go to the Governing Body to help highlight areas for improvement. The Parents' Evening for the rest of the school will take place in November.

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The school kitchen team worked alongside the School Council this month for our Harvest Festival themed lunch. The School Council chose the menu themselves and this was a huge hit, it really helped increase the uptake of school dinners.

This month has also seen the release of our new School App. The Headteacher, Miss Stott, and School Business Manager, Mrs Cross, have been working on this in conjunction with the new website. The aim is to improve communication between home and school as the app links to the school website to make information more accessible. We also now have the ability to send push notifications to parents which will hopefully replace text messages in the near future as this will be much more cost effective.

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Yours faithfully,

Michelle Stott
Headteacher

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