

# 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 Justice and have been doing this through the scripture of Isaiah 1:17; *'Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.'* We have been thinking about treating people fairly, making wise decisions and keeping God's rules. In our whole school and class worships we have been reading the story of the Last Supper and evaluating the key lessons to be learnt about justice from this with a focus on the effects of betrayal and how we would feel if we were betrayed. As an extension of this, we also reflected on the importance of This Last Supper as a part of Jesus' life and the special way in which Christians remember this by coming together to worship as a community of believers. We have had many visitors into the school including a local Head Teacher speaking to the children about 'Mission Possible' a Christian charity supporting children in Africa.

Our Year 6 pupils visited St James' Church earlier this week and had a fantastic time. During their visit, the children had a tour of the church and were encouraged by Father Paul to be curious and ask any questions they thought of when they looked around the grounds. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the church and sharing their classroom with Father Paul the week prior to the visit. They found out lots of interesting information, including why the church is the shape of a cross. They look forward to their next visit. We are also very grateful to Father Peter who has dedicated his Tuesday mornings coming into school and leading worship for KS2 children, we are happy that this arrangement will continue as the children and staff enjoy his services.

At St James' Lanehead, we are really excited to be increasing our involvement within the local community. As part of this, our children will be assisting in litter picking in the local area during the Summer Term and as a thank you, will be invited to watch a showing at Briercliffe's Community Cinema during school time at the end of term. We are very excited for this and are looking forward to seeing our pupils working together to keep Burnley and Briercliffe clean.

Our weekly Family Friday events this month have been very popular again. We organised a brilliant RE Afternoon where parents came and joined in with RE related activities with their children. The following week was World Book Day and so we held a World Book Day afternoon with lots of book-related activities and a cosy reading corner in the school hall! After that we held a KS2 Maths challenge which got

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everyone's brain's working very hard to complete the challenges set our Maths Whizz Mrs Moses. Last week was the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Stay and Play, this was a lovely event and the children loved playing and interacting with their parents for the afternoon. This afternoon we have held a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. We are very grateful to the kitchen team led by our school chef Sharon, she and her team have worked so hard to produce an afternoon tea for the families.

Following the recent concerns over children being kept safe online school invited the Police into school to talk to the children about online safety. The PREVENT Team with the Lancashire Constabulary came into school on 7th March and spoke to the Year 5 and 6 children about online safety. This was followed by a talk to parents on the same issue. The visit went really well and the children, parents and school are now very well informed on internet safety. School in particular felt this was very important to help keep our pupils safe online and raise awareness to the dangers posed online.

Throughout the month our pupils have been competing against one another in their Year groups in a Times Table Competition. Then, 3 winners from each year group attended an inter-school's Times Table Competition at Shuttleworth Community College and competed against children in their year groups from other schools. Our children performed brilliantly. We didn't win unfortunately but the children had a fantastic time and showed their St James' spirit throughout. This event was hosted through the school's SWAT (School's Working and Achieving Together) cluster and was a fantastic collaboration of local schools to help improve children's learning and provide additional events for curriculum enhancement.

This month saw the Semi Final of the Hartley Cup where our St James' pupils performed brilliantly and have earned their spot at the Finals next term. We are all looking forward to playing on Turf Moor! The children did us all proud and showed true St James' spirit which helped bring them to victory.

There have been two Bikeability events on this month; Bikeability Fix and Bikeability Level 3. 'Bikeability Fix' was an afterschool club over two days, from 3.30-4.30pm, which taught the children a few simple steps for bike maintenance such as; how to remove the wheel, adjust the seat, clean the chain, repair a puncture, check the brakes, adjust the handlebars, adjust the brake blocks and carry out an M-check. The Bikeability Level 3 course took place during the school day and involved the children who have previously completed their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability certificates. This next stage was about improving the children's confidence, you may have seen the children cycling on busy roads and involved the children going onto Briercliffe Road and other surrounding streets to practise what they have learnt previously.

The Senior Leadership Team and staff have reflected that they feel so truly blessed to work and lead a school where the children are simply wonderful.

As a school we would like to say how proud we are of all of our children this week. They have tried their very best throughout the assessments this week. These assessments are utilised to help the school get an idea of each child's progress. This is to ensure that the children are on target and highlight any areas for improvement which will be incorporated into the Summer Term's lessons.

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.

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Yours faithfully,

Michelle Stott

Headteacher

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