

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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2023



Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have had some parents ask us about the possibility of fundraising to raise money for the people of Gaza. We are very conscious of the demands on families – especially at this time of year, and so decided before the conflict began that we would limit our fundraising to our normal activities (such as our upcoming Winter Gathering). You may have noticed that we also did not participate in Children in Need this year.

I want to be very clear that as a school, our values of love, respect and courage permeate through everything we do and whilst we have not been (and will not be) expressing any political views, we will always teach children about these values and the sanctity of human life.

Our staff have been issued guidance from the local authority about how to address the issues and we continue to

deal with the children's questions and comments in a caring and empathetic way.

Our hope is that our children grow into kind, caring and responsible leaders of the future who choose peace over conflict and love over hate.

As a school family, we pray for everyone who is suffering in the Middle East and across the world.

As a school, we do not intend to make any further comments about the situation, but if any of you would like to come and discuss your own personal views with me, please just contact the school office to make an appointment.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcher



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Autumn Term Events:

- 29th November, Winter gathering, KS2 hall
- **6th December, Pantomime in KS2 hall**
- 7th December, Christmas lunch
- 9th November – 2:30pm – Reception phonics workshop, KS1 hall
- 6th December – 2:30pm – Reception Stay & Read session, classrooms
- 11th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 1 and 2 carol concert, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket
- 12th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 3, 4 and 5 carol concert, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket
- 13th December 2023 at 2:15pm, EYC and Reception nativity, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket
- 14th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 6 production, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket
- 21st December 2023 at 10:30am (KS1) & 11am (KS2), Church service



Dodgeball Competition

The Year 5 and 6 dodgeball competition was fantastic, all the children showed great sportsmanship and played extremely well! Winning many of our games!

Well done to all children who took part.

Thank you for Mr Forshaw for organising and Miss Marshall and Mr Brindle for attending.



Boccia Competition

Our Boccia team participated in a new sport on Friday, where they played extremely well. We had lots of fun at QEGS sports hall playing against lots of different schools. Well done to everyone who took part, you all did amazing!

Thank you to Mr Brindle and Mrs Nagdee for attending the event.



Years 5/6 Girl's Football Tournament

On Tuesday evening nine players from our Years 5/6 Girl's football team attended a tournament at St Bede's High School. The girls only started training with Mrs White three weeks ago so this was a big challenge! They faced some very tough opponents and, although we didn't qualify for the next round, they achieved so much as individual players and as a team. They showed so much resilience and determination (as well as some raw talent that can be developed further). Well done Inaaya, Maira, Sana, Sabeeh, Iqra, Pariza, Dunya, Liyanah and Safiyyah- we'll see you at training on Monday! Thank you to Mr Brindle for organising the event and Mrs Valli and Miss Power for cheering from the sidelines.



FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

On Saturday 25th November, a family health fair will take place at the Grand Venue between 9am - 3pm. The fair offers a range of activities for children, including face painting, raffles and prizes. Additionally, there will be stalls providing career advice, digital support, health and home support, all of which can be enjoyed by the entire family. Most importantly, free flu and COVID vaccinations will be available for eligible family members.

THE GRAND VENUE
BLACKBURN NORTH & WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD'S

FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023
THE GRAND VENUE, BB2 2JE
9AM - 3PM

CHILDREN'S CRAFT CORNER!
LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD WITH PAINT, COLOURS & DIY FUN

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
HENNA - FACE PAINT - RAFFLES - PRIZES - FOOD & MORE!

STALLS
CAREER ADVICE - DIGITAL SUPPORT - WELLBEING - PHYSICAL
HEALTH - WALKING GROUPS - HOME SUPPORT & MUCH MORE!!

COME & MEET YOUR FAVOURITE SUPERHEROES!

- FREE HEALTH CHECKS & TALKS
- MEN & WOMEN'S HEALTH
- CHAT WITH A GP
- FREE COVID/FLU VACCINATIONS*
*FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE
- COME & MEET THE MAYOR & MAYORESS!

TO BOOK A STALL PLEASE CONTACT
IFRANA ON IFRANA.LAKHI@NHS.NET OR
07966674495





attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 6S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	95.0%
	RJ	88.6%
	1S	89.5%
	1J	90.5%
90% - 94.9%	2S	90.7%
	2J	87.3%
	3S	95.3%
	3J	95.7%
Below 90%	4S	97.7% 
	4J	87.6%
	5S	92.2%
	5J	96.7%
	6S	100.0% 
	6J	92.4%

If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be informed before 08:35 on that day.



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WHOLE SCHOOL *updates*



St. James' Stars of the Week!

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you. Who will be receiving a certificate next week?

Pre-School & Nursery		Polina H & Amina K & Rayyan M & Abu Bakr O	
RS	Anabia I & Unaysah R	RJ	Maryam P & Maryam B.
1S	Hawwa A & Eesha Y	1J	Faiza M & Sireen B
2S	M.Eesa M & Aamina M	2J	Anaya M & Muhammed I
3S	Anayah G & Abdullah S	3J	Maariyah P & Alesha A
4S	Hareth J & Joudy A M	4J	Nabeeha M & Fatimah R
5S	Zahra G & Muhammad P	5J	Aamir Z & M. Ismaeel R.
6S	Hashim I & Adam N	6J	Mohammed Ibraheem & Ali Akbar



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

We have had a lovely week in Pre-School and Nursery having the parents join us for our 'Stay & Play' sessions. Thank you for those who were able to come and join us. We look forward to welcoming you back in again next year.

Action

- Talk to your child about what they would like to be when they are older.

Reception

We have started our new topic of Space this week and the children have been having a fabulous time exploring the space centre. Our class text is 'Whatever Next' and we have been getting very creative making moon printing pictures!

Action

- Thank you for the 'Book in a box' Home works, they have been fabulous! Please make sure your child helps with this project and is able to present their work, how they made it and explain why they chose this story.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"This week, we have been learning about money. Please show your child the different types of coins, if possible. Why not go to the shops and look at the prices of items?! What coins could you use? In Art we have had a Puuurrfect week making clay cats based on the artist Tanya Russell. We will be painting them next week. In English, we have been learning about recounts. Why not write your own diary about what you have done this weekend. Dear Diary, First I ...Then I...Finally I...We look forward to hearing all about what you have done. How did it make you feel?"

Action

- "Next week we are heading out to the Blackburn Library, please ensure your child has appropriate shoes and coats as it could be raining. 1J has a Parent worship next on Thursday 30th starting at 8:55, you will be able to arrive 5 minutes before it starts. We look forward to see as many faces as possible."

Year 2

"Year 2 have been learning about both capacity and money this week. Please encourage your children to use money at home, using the correct terms for each coin. We are very excited to be going to Blackburn Library on the 8th of December, please bring the letter given out in before the 1st if you would like your children to receive a library card."

Action

- **Library letter to be brought in by the 01.12.23**



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

This week the children have completed their independent fantasy story based on Roald Dahl's George's Marvellous Medicine! In Maths, the children have been learning to read the time to the nearest minute. All of the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring how shadows are created in Science.

Action

- "Please continue to read with your child at home, so they can quiz on their reading book in school. To support the children with telling the time, please ask them what the time is when you are out and about! Early reminder - it is 3J's parent worship on the 30th November, and all are welcome. It will begin at 8:55am in the KS2 hall. Thank you for your continued support."

Year 4

Year 4 have had another excellent week of learning. This week they have started looking at the features of information texts and what needs to be included. In Maths, they have continued to work on multiplication with a focus on multiplying three numbers. Next Friday, they will be visiting Blackburn Library which they are very excited about.

Action

- Please continue to practise all of the times tables at home.



YEAR GROUP *updates*

Year 5

In English we have started to read 'Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom'. The children are enjoying finding out Nelson Mandela fought to break the apartheid system. In Math's, we have been focusing on converting mixed numbers to improper fractions .

Action

"Year 5 will be visiting the library on the 30th November. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear, as well as a waterproof coat. Next week we only have P.E on Tuesday. Please make sure to listen to your child read at least 3x a week as well as helping your child practice their timetables. "

Year 6

"What a busy week with practice Sat's and a library visit. All the children have worked amazingly hard. Well done!"

Action

- Please can you make sure that your child is reading at least 3 times a week at home.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

We pray our school be a place of adventure and creativity.
May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn
to love, A place where every one is respected and all are
deeply valued.

Let's all pray for the safety of everyone and peace all around
the world.

Amen



After School Clubs

- **Monday**

Dodgeball club

Y4 Multiplication Club

UKS2 Girls' Football Club

KS1 Technology Club

Y1 & Y2 Music Club

- **Tuesday**

- Year 1/2 Multi-skills club

-Year 1 Phonics club

Follow the school on social media to
keep up to date on what is happening
in and around school!

Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](#)

Twitter: [@st_blackburn](#)

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have an account to view our social
media pages.



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