



NEWSLETTER

BURSCOUGH METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL



GAINING NEW KNOWLEDGE

This week in Drawing Club, **Reception** have been reading the story -Martha Maps It Out. The children have explored different kinds of treasure maps, created their own imaginative versions and even taken part in a treasure hunt to put their map reading skills into action.

In English, **Year 1 and 2** have been busy writing their own sequels to the novel-Grandad's Secret Giant. They've been exploring what might happen next.



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Year 3 and 4 have been completely engrossed in their new History topic, Ancient Egypt. They've explored timelines, uncovered fascinating facts and produced some truly amazing homework

This week in English, **Years 5 and 6** have written letters back to Aya's friend in Syria. Aya is a character from our class novel No Ballet Shoes in Syria, who is currently living in a hostel in the UK. The children's letters describe what her life is like here.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY EVERYDAY MATTERS

LATE PROCEDURE

A reminder that from Monday 12th January, our new late book system is in place. Any child arriving after the school gates have closed and entering through the main entrance must be signed in by an adult, with the reason for lateness recorded.

Please be aware that arrival after 9am counts as an unauthorised session. Ten unauthorised late marks may lead to a fine issued by Lancashire County Council.

Thank you for helping us keep our attendance records accurate and supporting good punctuality.

ATTENDANCE

We want every child in our school to thrive and strong attendance is a huge part of helping every child shine.

The DfE sets a national expectation of 96% attendance and when children are in school regularly, they make better progress, build stronger friendships and feel more confident in their learning.

Year to Date Attendance – 89.1%

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week we explored Trust. We reflected on the words from Ecclesiastes: “Two people are better than one... If one person falls, the other can reach out and help.”

We thought about what it means to be trustworthy, someone others can rely on. The children took part in a simple teamwork task where they practised supporting one another’s weight, showing how trust is built through cooperation and care.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council members, Nancy, Aidan, Alfie and Noah would like to introduce themselves to our school community. This week, they met to discuss a range of ideas to help make our school an even better place. They shared lots of exciting suggestions, including improving our buddy system, developing the role of school librarians, creating a calm down area for pupils and introducing a new appreciation award. We're proud of their enthusiasm and look forward to seeing their ideas take shape over the coming weeks.



SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN

Join Us for Our School Nurse Drop-In Session!
Monday 9th February
9.30am – 10.30am

This is a fantastic opportunity to chat with a member of our school nursing team about a range of important health topics, including emotional health, behaviour management, healthy lifestyles
No appointment needed, just drop in!

STAR AND CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARDS

Christian Value Award – Liliana
Class 1 Star Award – Lewy
Class 2 Star Award – Remme
Class 3 Star Award – Milan



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

On Wednesday, Mrs O'Connor led prayer workshops with all classes.

Class 1 listened to the story Mollie, Olive and Dexter and explored how the characters might have used thank you, sorry and please prayers. The children then created their own pictures inspired by the story.

Classes 2 and 3 also learnt about the different types of prayer, thank you, sorry and please as well as reflecting on Art work and creating their own piece.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 20th January – Y6 SATS meeting with parents 3.15pm

Monday 9th February – School nurse drop in 9.30am-10.30am

Week Commencing Monday 23rd February – Swimming starts for keystage 2 (Day to be confirmed)

Our School Values

Love **Respect** *Hope* *Forgiveness* *Perseverance*