

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

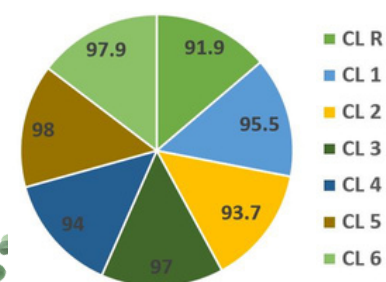
Today has been a truly inspirational day with our children at the heart of our event. I have been blown away by the careful costume choices, the research completed by children and the creativity with which it has all been put together. I have said, hello to Coco Chanel, King Charles, Tony Hawk, Jane Goodall and many, many more inspirational people both within our school community and beyond. A huge well done to Year 5 and 6 for their Living Museum - all of our children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and have gained new knowledge about people who have shaped the world we live in today.

Enjoy the weekend and happy 1st December. The Christmas season is upon us!

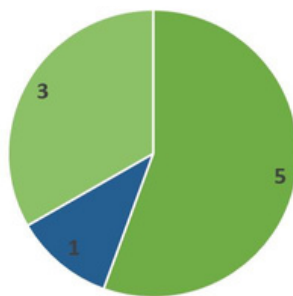
Mrs L Wilson
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE STATS

Overall attendance this week for the whole school 95.4 %



CLASS ATTENDANCE %

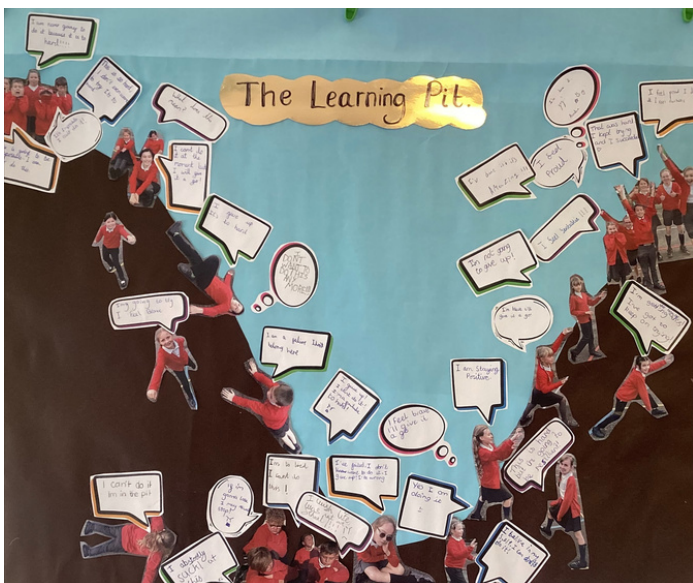


NUMBER OF LATE PUPILS



SCAN THE QR CODES TO VISIT OUR
PAGES

SPOTLIGHT ON ODUNDU CLASS



This week in Year 5 we have been exploring what our school learning pit would look like and how we would develop our learning to get ourselves out of the pit.

Here is Year 5's whole class learning pit!

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Thursday 7th December. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



5 GOLD RINGS APPEAL



The box for the annual Gregson Green's 5 Gold Rings Appeal can be found in the school foyer along with a list of suggested donatable items. All donations will go to Home-Start Central Lancashire

PTFA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

In your child's bag tonight, you will find a book of raffle tickets for the PTFA Christmas Bingo. A box has been placed in the school foyer for the return of the stumps and money. The deadline for return is

Monday 11th December



PTFA CHRISTMAS BINGO



Please make payment and indicate your choice of food on School Spider for the PTFA Christmas Bingo. Please remember to indicate any special dietary requirements.

Happy birthday to the children who have had birthdays this week and thank you to Violet in Reception Class for her book - What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas by Julia Donaldson



OUR BEHAVIOUR FOCUS IN SCHOOL



Our lining up class of the week is...
YEAR one!

NHS
East Lancashire Hospitals
NHS Trust

Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date.

Safe Personal Effective

NHS
East Lancashire Hospitals
NHS Trust

Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening will be taking place for the reception class children on

Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am

An Opt-out consent form will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date. If you do not receive one and wish to Opt-out, please contact the school.

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UPCOMING DIARY
DATES

Monday 4th	KS1 dress rehearsal am (all costumes in today please)
Monday 4th	Y5/Y6 Miss Pass Rugby Club 3.00 - 4.00pm
Monday 4th	Mrs Lucas Art Club 3.00 - 4.00pm
Tuesday 5th	Y4/Y5 Active Club Dance
Tuesday 5th	Y4/5/6 Miss Crowe Drawing Club 3.00 - 4.00pm
Wednesday 6th	KS1 Nativity 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 6th	Nasal Flu catch ups am
Thursday 7th	KS1 Nativity 8.50am
Thursday 7th	Full Governor's Meeting 6.00pm
Friday 8th	Santa's Grotto payable via School Spider
Monday 11th	Y5/6 Miss Pass Rugby Club 3.00 - 4.00pm
Monday 11th	Mrs Lucas Art Club 3.00 - 4.00pm
Tuesday 12th	Vision Screening Reception
Tuesday 12th	Y4/5/6 Miss Crowe Drawing Club 3.00 - 4.00pm
Tuesday 19th	Stone Age Day Letter sent to Y3 parents
Tuesday 19th	Y2/Y6 Talk from Fire Service
Tuesday 19th	PTFA Christmas Bingo 6.00 - 9.00pm
Thursday 21st	Christmas Party Day!
Friday 22nd	School closes for Christmas

TAKEHOME

What is it like to live through
an uncertain time?



In the news this week

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavík and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- > How do you imagine the people of Grindavík feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

BGL SANTA'S GROTTTO

Friday 8th December 2023
£3.00 payable via school spider

Including a visit with
Father Christmas & his Elves
in his Grotto & a Christmas gift



Santa is coming to BGL!

Please make payment on School Spider

CHRISTMAS BINGO NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND
GAMES AT OUR VERY FIRST BINGO
NIGHT!

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

6PM - 9PM

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR A
NIGHT OF FUN AND LAUGHTER!

CHRISTMAS BINGO
MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES
CHRISTMAS STALLS
COLOUR RAFFLE
PIE SUPPER
CAROL SINGERS
& MORE

**TICKETS: £3.50-£5 (INCLUDES BOOK,
PIE SUPPER AND ONE DRINK)
AVAILABLE ON SPIDER**



Online Safety Newsletter

December 2023

Minecraft

Minecraft remains ever popular and with Christmas ahead of us, maybe your child will be receiving this game as one of their presents. Minecraft Legends is rated as PEGI 7 meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age. The App store rate Minecraft as 9+.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option so players can chat to each other, and in-app purchases are available. Parental controls are available, either within Minecraft or on the console itself e.g. Nintendo Switch or PlayStation. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

Toxicity in game play

Safe in Our World and Ubisoft (creators of games such as Assassins Creed) have co-developed the 'Good Game Playbook'. The playbook will be sent to players reporting disruptive behaviour as well as the individual reported. This is to support the person affected as well as to try and educate the person reported about the harm their behaviour might have on others.

You can read the handbook here:

<https://safeinourworld.org/news/ubisoft-safe-in-our-world-partner-to-combat-in-game-toxicity/>

Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. **Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?**



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence, if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.

Further information

Parent Zone have published this article about why age ratings matter: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

It can be difficult to keep up to date with new technologies and to know if there are any related risks that we need to be aware of when using new technologies. AI is being talked about a lot, so it is worthwhile learning more about it now to help support/answer questions if our children show an interest. Twinkl provide a brilliant overview of AI here:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/parents-guide-top-tips-for-navigating-generative-ai-safely-with-kids>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 1.12.23.

Snapchat

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps)

to others that can only be seen for a set time e.g. 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



What should I be concerned about?

There are risks to using Snapchat, including the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for them, location sharing and contact from strangers.

Family Centre features

Family Centre includes features such as allowing you to see who your child is friends with, who they are communicating with (not the contents of conversations though) and who your child has sent messages, photos or videos to in the last week. You will also be able to report any accounts that you are concerned about as well as restrict sensitive content. Snapchat have also published a safety checklist to help support conversations about how to use Snapchat safely:

- <https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

New safeguarding features

Snapchat have recently announced their newest features to help protect 13-17-year-olds. The first feature is in-app warnings so a pop-up warning will now be displayed if someone tries to add them as a friend that they don't have mutual contacts with, or the person isn't in their contacts.

The second feature is 'stronger friending protections.' Currently 13-17-year-olds must have several mutual friends in common for that user to show up in search results or as a friend suggestion, but this number has been increased. **These two features are available to users aged 13-17-year-olds, this is one of the reasons why it is always important for your child to sign up with their correct date of birth, so they can benefit from any such features.**

- <https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/new-safeguards-for-snapchatters-2023>

Safety tips

Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

- <https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/privacy-settings2>

More information

- <https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/snapchat>

Fake Profiles and Cyberbullying

Setting up a profile impersonating somebody else with the intention of being unkind to others/to cause embarrassment to the individual is a form of cyberbullying.

If your child has set up a fake profile, talk to them about how this is a form of bullying and therefore not acceptable.

It is important that we talk to our children about the issue of cyberbullying and let them know that if they are ever a victim of it then it is not their fault, and they should tell you (or a trusted adult) straightaway. Talk to your child about reporting and blocking tools on social media or online games and show them how to use them to report any form of bullying.

You can read more about cyberbullying here:

- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-cyberbullying/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Additionally, Report Harmful Content have listed how you can report impersonation accounts on the different social media networks here:

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/advice/impersonation/>





Play Football



Fun football sessions for girls aged 5-11,
every Friday 5 - 6pm



Hosted by Walton le Dale JFC, and led by
experienced coaches including Taylor Howarth
and Karri Chan of Blackburn Rovers Women



First class facilities at Withy Grove Park,
Bamber Bridge, PR5 6YJ



Turn up and play for just **£3 per session**

Scan to register
your place online

