



## St. Gabriel's C. E. Primary School

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### Newsletter No. 8

Dear Parents,

**Blue Tit Webcam** – Blue Tits continue to visit our nest box looking for a home this spring!



**Hatching for Schools – Year 5** – This Quails were collected on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. It was an amazing experience for Year 5 to have them hatching in their classroom.

**Cross Country** – On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March some Y5 and Y6 children went to Witton Park to run against 120 girls in total. The girls that took part were: Chloe, Olivia, Jaya, Libby and Tayah-Jo. They went first in the girls' race! At the start all the way to the end we kept our pace and we all got very good scores and managed to all come in the bottom half! I think we can all agree that the star runner was Chloe with a place of 6<sup>th</sup> out of 120 with us all following behind her. Next was the boys race! In the race from St. Gabriel's we had Nathan, Dillon, Jude, Hamzah, Aariz and Umar. Overall in the race they all got pretty good scores and all did really well! Everyone can agree that the field was very muddy and some of us had some trips and falls. Our total score was very pleasing and we were all very happy with it. In the end we would like to thank Mrs. Crossman and Mr. Cross for making all this possible! Thank you. 😊 Written by Libby.



**Girls' 6-a-side Football Tournament** – On 6<sup>th</sup> March the St. Gabriel's Girls' Football Team took part in a Girls' Football Tournament at St. Bede's R.C. High School. The first match we played was against Lammack. We lost 3-0. After a change of striker and defence we played Turton with Edgeworth and won 3-0 thanks to Olivia and Leannah. The next school we played was The Olive School and we won 1-0 thanks to Leannah. We all enjoyed our time there. We would like to thank Mr. Cross and Miss Hudson for allowing us to go there. We would also like to thank all the parents for their support. Team members were Olivia, Chloe, Jaya, Rebecca, Lucy, Tayah-Jo, Libby, Leannah, Charlotte. Thank you.

😊 Written by Leannah and Charlotte

**Netball** – Congratulations to the Netball Team who came second in their league. The last Netball Tournament for this competition was on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March when a group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls went to the BRIC. The team included: Safiyya, Laiba, Aaliah, Azra, Olivia, Chloe, Alisha and Jaya.



**Lent appeal** – Thank you to all those who took part and helped organise our Lent Appeal this year – hot chocolate and biscuits at morning break! We raised an amazing £168.00 which has been sent to 'Hope for Life' in Guatemala.

**Sport Relief** – Thank you to all pupils and staff who took part in the mile run in the school playground raising £230.65 which will be sent to Sport Relief.

**Tea Towels** – Thank you to everyone who supported the tea towel fundraising project in school. All tea towels have now been handed out. There are a few tea towels still available from the school office at a cost of £3.50 each.

**Sing Together Concert –Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Another fabulous event for the choir. Even the heavy snowfall didn't stop the performance going ahead! Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

**Y4 trip to Halle for Youth, Bridgewater Hall, Manchester on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – The children had a thoroughly enjoyable morning listening to The Halle Orchestra perform a number of pieces based around the natural world theme, 'Back to Nature', looking at natural landscapes, such as jungles, grasslands and oceans, fitting pieces of orchestral music to each type. The pieces included John Barry's score to the feature film, 'Out of Africa' and John Williams' music for 'The Return of the Jedi'.

**Bikeability for Y5 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – All the children in Year 5 had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability which ran over two days. Level One and Level Two awards were gained by the children who took part. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children attempting Level Two to have on road experience.

**Y5 Trip to Hothersall Lodge** – On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March Y5 visited Lancashire's Hothersall Lodge near Longridge, for a day of climbing wall, constructing rafts, building shelters, making and cooking on camp fires as well as orienteering. A fantastic time was had by all children and staff accompanying the trip.

**Friends' Meeting** – Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

**Dinner Money** is payable weekly and is collected in class, on a Monday morning. Payments can be made by cash or cheque (to St Gabriel's School). Please put money in a sealed envelope, labelled with your child's name and class.



**Postage Stamps** – Please don't forget to send your used postage stamps into school. They are taken to East Lancashire Hospice where they are exchanged for cash to boost their much needed funds. Many thanks to everyone already supporting this worthy cause which runs all year.



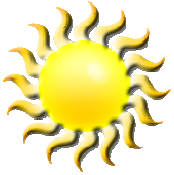
## The Alpha Course

We will be starting an Alpha Course at the end of September at St. Gabriel's Church. It seems like a long time off but at the Church this year we are exploring ways of getting to know more people in and around our community, so our planning is starting early. The Alpha Course is run over a period of 10 weeks, each session lasting no more than 2 hours It explores the basics of the Christian faith. A relaxed and comfortable environment helps to promote a secure and safe atmosphere. It is a free event for both men and women who wish to explore their faith, for those who are questioning their faith and for those who know nothing about the Christian faith but want to know what it is all about.

For more information: contact the Parish Office 01254 676709 leaving a message and a contact number and I will get back to you. Also, please ring this number to register your interest in joining the course. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours,

Liz Wilson  
*Alpha Co-ordinator at St. Gabriel's Church*



### **Advice to parents regarding hot weather**

- Children are encouraged to bring hats/caps
- Children are advised to bring water bottles with sports cap tops

Note: **Staff CANNOT apply lotions. Parents should apply 'once' style sun cream** before school starts which will last the duration of the school day.

### **Regular Extra Curricular Activities in School**

Monday	Lunchtime Football – Y5 and Y6 Boys and Girls Ukulele Groups 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – Aloha and Mahola alternate weeks – ongoing Netball Practice – Y6/Y5 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Tuesday	Y6 Maths Club – 8.00 – 8.55 a.m. – ongoing Gym Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Rounders for Y5/Y6 – starts 24 <sup>th</sup> April then ongoing
Wednesday	Y6 Maths Club – 8.00 – 8.55 a.m. – ongoing Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Cricket Club – Y5/Y6 – starts 25 <sup>th</sup> April then ongoing
Thursday	Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Y5 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing
Friday	Absolute Sports (Various) – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing

### **Dates for Diaries/Activities in School**

<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School re-opens</b> Primary Places offered Y3 – Percussion lesson begins in school
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 start swimming lessons for 5 weeks Peter Rabbit – Big Screen Cinema in School
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5/Y6 Cross Country Competition at Witton Park
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Netball Tournament at St. Bede's – more information to follow
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Polling Day – School open as usual Full Governing Body Committee Meeting – 5.00 p.m.
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	SATS Tests for Y6
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Body Finance Committee Meeting – 4.00 p.m.
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friends' Meeting in School at 7.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

**B. Haigh**  
**Headteacher**