



St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

"Stand firm... be courageous" 1 Corinthians 16:13

April/May 2022

Fun Day—A big thank you to all the parents, staff and children who helped out at this year's Fun Day event. Everyone had a wonderful time and even the weather managed to stay very fine for us! We raised over £3000 for school funds!



Miss Wilkinson—Wedding Bells! We would like to say a big congratulations to Miss Wilkinson who got married over the Easter Holidays. **She has now returned as Mrs. Johnson!**

Spirituality Week on the theme of Harmony

This was a fantastic event in school—bringing the whole school family together. Please see the comments below from our Y6 School Councillors—Khadijah and Madiha:



A week before the Easter Holiday, we were very excited to come to school! In that week, we had a range of activities that both pleased and excited everyone. All of the classes were mixed up so that not only did we enjoy the activities, but we could make new friends with other children in school.

Our main theme of this year's spirituality week was Harmony. We worked on six pieces of art which represented our school values: self-belief, harmony, resilience, courage, ambition and faith.

In Y2 we showed our school value of self-belief by drawing and colouring poppies to show the self-belief that soldiers had when they went to fight in the war.

In Y1, we showed harmony by drawing hands and sticking them around the Earth to represent people joining together in peace.

Whilst those two activities were taking place, up in the Y5 classroom we were drawing cogs. This was to represent resilience and the attitude that no matter what happens, we carry on going and don't give up. We were also showing ambition by writing in flowers how we want to change the world and what we want to be when we grow up.

There were lots of activities for the art lovers in school. We also enjoyed decorating biscuits and eating them (yum!). We also did clay pot making and decorating crocheting.

To calm ourselves down after a busy day, we did yoga exercises in the hall with Mrs Cooper.

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As you may know, we have a garden in our school which had become very untidy until Spirituality week. We made an Easter garden and planted flowers in it. In the actual garden, we cleared out the weeds and brightened it up with many flowers and plants.

Our most favourite activity by far was meeting our new addition to the school, Miss Hudson's rabbit Buddy. (Thank you Miss Hudson!). We went inside his enclosure to pet him and learn all about him. After that, we went to the fire pit and toasted marshmallows (some of us got very sticky!) and sat talking with our group.

Spirituality week was a fun week for all—including the teachers! It was most definitely a fun memory for everyone.

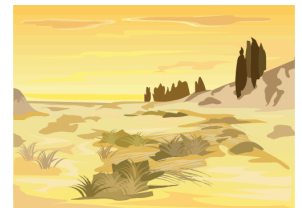
Organising the week must have been a mammoth task, so thank you to all the teachers for doing this for us.

Jubilee Easter Egg Competition—Well done to all the children who took part in our Easter Egg challenge. There were lots of 'eggcellent' designs that reflected brilliant imagination and creativity.



Let's Go Sing Concert—Well done to all the children who performed at the Let's Go Sing concert at Ewood Park. A truly memorable occasion! Thank you to children, staff and parents alike.

Y2 Brockholes Trip—The Y2 children really enjoyed their trip to Brockholes on Thursday 24th March. They learnt lots of exciting information about habitats and even developed their den building skills. Thank you to Mrs. Cross and all of the staff that ensured the children had a wonderful time.



Bikeability for Y5 on Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday 10th May—All the children in Year 5 have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability which will run over two days. Level One and Level Two awards will be presented to those children who take part. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children attempting Level Two to have on road experience and gain confidence riding a bike. Letters have been sent out about this already.



Y3 Blackpool Zoo—Y3 are looking forward to their Blackpool Zoo trip today. They will be learning about the habitats that different animals live in, whilst getting to see them first hand.



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Regular Activities during and after school

Monday—	Y1, Y2, Y3 Gymnastics Interventions (selected groups only) Y5 Ukulele in school—ongoing Ukulele Y5/Y6 alternate Mondays 3.30—4.15pm
Tuesday—	After school Gymnastics 3.30—4.30pm
Wednesday—	Before School Maths Club 8.00—9.00am Y3 & Y4 P.E. Orchestra—3.30—4.30pm
Thursday—	Rec P.E Choir—3.30—4.30pm
Friday—	Y6 Lunchtime Football Y1, Y2, Y5 & Y6 P.E. Afterschool Sports (Various) - 3.30-4.30 pm—ongoing

Dates for Diaries...

Wed 4th <u>May</u>	Y3 Blackpool Zoo Trip
Mon 9—13th	Y6 SATS
Tues 10th	Bikeability Y5 (2/2)
Wed 18th	Y6 Museum Trip
Thurs 19th	Summer Art Gallery after school—details to follow.
Wed 25th	Reception Trip to Smithills Farm—details to follow.
Thurs 26th	Class & Group Photographs—details to follow.
Fri 27th	Queen's Jubilee Party Lunch—details to follow.
	School closes for Half Term @ 3.30 pm
Tues 7th <u>June</u>	School re-opens

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