



## Religious News

On Monday, the RE Council led worship where they introduced their fundraising focus for school. Children are invited to bring in either 20p or £1 to put in the Smarties tube in their class to raise money for Martin House and Night Stop which are the two charities the RE council have asked that we support. Starting on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, the Council will collect each tube from the individual classes and start to compile a record of amounts collected. The class who collect the most by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April will receive a special prize. We hope that you will support us in this venture.

We welcomed Canon Sandra to school to lead an Ash Wednesday service to mark the beginning of Lent. As part of the service, she spoke to the children about Shrove Tuesday and its link to Lent and then put some ash on two children to demonstrate what it is.

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*"I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the president of the university."*

**Albert Einstein**

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### **THIS WEEK IN BAILDON**

Thanks to Mrs Adams and Miss Melvin who ran the 'Shakespeare for Parents' workshop which, though not well attended, was enjoyed by all.

We are delighted that, finally, Health and Safety signed off our new playground and children in EYFS and KS1 have now started to enjoy this. Please can we remind parents not to let children on here before and after school – our new signs have been installed today.

The curtains arrived and were hung on Wednesday so our hall is now looking nearly finished (just need to get our displays up now!)

As our Year 4 children are currently studying Matilda in English, they enjoyed a trip to the Alhambra to see the touring production which, all agreed, was fantastic.

Today, our Year 2 classes are visiting Abbey House as part of their topic and we hope to be able to report on that next week.

### **Achievers of the week for 4<sup>th</sup> March**

This week we have awarded our certificates to children who have demonstrated motivation in their work.

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates:

N Jude N

FS2 Lucy H, Leo W

Y1 Blake W, Ted L

Y2 Phoebe W, Phoebe R

Y3 Sienna B, John W

Y4 Chloe S, Anna J

Y5 Ruby H, Jake B

Y6 Grace N, Amelia R

Our certificates next week will be for children who show resilience in their work.

### **ASSORTED UPDATES**

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hiley on the birth of their son.

We hope that you have managed to check out our new website which went live on Tuesday. We also hope that you have managed to find everything that you have been looking for and we would welcome feedback from you on the website.

We have been asked, once more, to remind parents to consider the effect of air pollution when they are sitting in cars with their engines running and how this also affects people with asthma and lung issues.

## ATTENDANCE Week of 25<sup>th</sup> February

F1am	4.62%
F1pm	100%
F1 30 hours	90%
F2P	91.33%
F2Py	96.33%
Y1M	94%
Y1S	94.67%
Y2F	97.33%
Y2D	98.67%
Y3HM	89.33%
Y3W	98.67%
Y4HW	99.33%
Y4M	99.33%
Y5B	95.67%
Y5G	97.33%
Y6B	100%
Y6V	100%

Congratulations to F1pm who, won the KS1 attendance cup this week. Congratulations to Y6B and Y6V who won the KS2 attendance cup with 100% this week. Well done!  
Our whole school attendance was 96.25%.

### Next Week in Baildon

- 11<sup>th</sup> Tag Rugby
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nurse to visit Year 6 for measurements
- 13<sup>th</sup> Consultation Afternoon 3.40pm to 6.10pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Consultation Evening 4.40pm to 7.10pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Swimming Finals

### SPORTING NEWS

Our swimming team were in action last Saturday evening where they finished 4<sup>th</sup> which means that they have now qualified for the finals on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks to Mrs Dunne and Mrs Sokee who have trained the team and who led them on the night as well as to the parents who attended. On Wednesday, we had 45 children competing at the West Yorkshire cross country finals at Temple Newsam. Many thanks to the staff and parents who accompanied the children to make this possible. On the day, they came up against some very tough competition. Currently, the results have not been announced. As soon as they are announced, these will be communicated with you. Well done to all children who have represented school over the past week.

Last night, we were delighted to attend the Active Bradford awards where we were nominated in four different categories in recognition of all that we do to promote sport amongst children and also staff. We are delighted to share with you the news that in the end we emerged victorious in three of the categories winning the Active Schools and Active Workplace Awards. Mr Holliday won the Teacher of the Year Award whilst Mr Van der Gucht and the Boccia team were highly commended in the Teacher of the Year and Team of the year categories respectively.

### FAIRTRADE UPDATE

Many thanks to the children who were wonderful ambassadors for both the School and also for Fairtrade at the Co Op last Friday. Thanks to the efforts of the council, they have also managed to sell 62kg of rice which means that they have just 28kg left to sell to enable a rice farmer to send a child to secondary school for a year.

The Annual Fairtrade coffee morning was once more a very successful event this morning. Many thanks to the families who baked and to those who supported the event. We will let you know how much our Fairtrade focus has raised in our next newsletter.

### PTFA UPDATE

Our inaugural Pyjama Night for KS2 will take place this evening and we hope that it will be equally as successful as the KS1 event. Many thanks to the staff members who have organised the event.

The PTFA have organised that the Book Fair will be in school after school from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Further information about this will be distributed next week.

### BOOK REVIEWS

Prior to half term, we purchased some of the books which had been recently shortlisted for various awards and asked a number of Year 6 children to review them for us. Below are two of the reviews which we have received:

**The Colour of the Sun by David Almond** – I loved this book, as it showed me how grateful we should be about this world. It described a dark and dull world as well as a bright and beautiful world. For this reason, I highly recommend it.  
By Nia

**Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Killeen**- I didn't read all of the book but I have an idea of what went on. I thought it was too long and too descriptive. I would not recommend this book. By Ike