



Religious News

We started our week looking at Martin Luther King (MLK) in recognition of MLK day which is celebrated as a federal holiday in the United States. Using the book, 'Martin's Big Words', we looked at some of the main events in his life and how he showed courage in his life to stand up for what he believed in. Last week, Mr Holmes led worship on the courage shown by Paul when he was shipwrecked. In light of the fact that Saturday is the 25th January which is when the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul is celebrated, this week he led worship on this event in Paul's life. As part of the discussion, he explored with the children how people can change and how we need to give people a second chance in life. Parents are invited to join us at our annual Education Service which will take place at 10am at St John's Church on 26th January 2020. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall in celebration of the event.

I have a dream that one day in Alabama little black boys and black girls will join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. (MLK)

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

As part of our staff development, this week, Miss Melvin, our English Leader, led a very illuminating staff training session on reading, its importance and how we can continue to promote this in school. Within our scheme of work for reading, we have planned opportunities to expose our pupils to a range of texts, some of which are being studied in depth as part of the English curriculum, and some which are being used for storytelling. In addition to this exposure, we are also consciously trying to improve the fluency of our pupils when reading out loud and also to support their understanding of texts read. A number of initiatives have been rolled out to support this improvement in reading and thank you for your support of these. We have introduced the daily reading to pupils right through school and Miss Brace has also started a Book Club after school on a Tuesday. This week, the children enjoyed a 'book tasting' whereby they were introduced to books which have just been published or nominated for awards and they created their own 'book menu.' Starting next Tuesday at lunchtime, Mrs Adams will also lead a Storytelling Club starting with a David Walliams' book.

Achievers of the Week

As you are aware, creativity is one of our characteristics for effective learning and something which we are continually trying to develop in school.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates for demonstrating creativity this week:

Nursery: Cleo S

FS2 Henry C, Poppy R

Y1 Lucy H, Freddie R

Y2 Charlotte P, Dulcie D

Y3 Adam T, Caitlin D

Y4 Daisy P, James F

Y5 Katie V, Raoul P

Y6 Daisy P, May S

Our certificates will be awarded to children who demonstrate good problem solving next week.

IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Miss Lafferty and Mr Burtoft on the birth of their baby daughter.

IDLING ENGINES - We have signed up to the 'We care about clean air' which has just been launched in Bradford. The aim of this is to encourage drivers to switch off their engines whilst waiting outside schools to help improve the air we all breathe.

ATTENDANCE Week of 13th January

FS1am 98.57%

FS1pm 100%

FS1 (30)99.17%

FS2Q 96.33%

FS2M 94.33%

Y1S 96%

Y1P 98%

Y2F 96.73%

Y2D 99.33%

Y3W 98.67%

Y3FH 93.67%

Y4M 98.79%

Y4AW 98.33%

Y5B 98.67%

Y5G 99.31%

Y6V 92.67%

Y6B 96.21%

Our whole school attendance was 97.06%. Congratulations to Nursery pm and to 5G who won the EYFS/ KS1 and KS2 attendance cups.

INTERNET SAFETY

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Tuesday, 11th February is Safer Internet Day and, on that day, Mr. Van Der Gucht will lead Parent Sessions at 9.15am and 2.30pm on 'Keeping your children safe on the internet.' Parents should have received details about booking on the workshops this week. This is an important issue and we ask you to give it some serious consideration.

SPORTING UPDATE

Once more this week, we have had a number of children competing for Baildon in competitions. On Tuesday, it was our inaugural entry into the field of Dodgeball where we entered two teams. One of these teams was beaten in the quarter finals and the second team finished third in their group.

On Wednesday, we were the only school in Bradford to have 8 teams competing in the Bradford Cross Country Finals and we were absolutely delighted by the individual and team performances. One of our teams finished 6th, two finished 3rd, three finished 2nd and two of our teams are now the Bradford Champions. Well done to everyone who has represented school and thanks to parents for your support.

Thanks, as always, to the staff for giving freely of their time to make these opportunities possible.

PTFA UPDATE

Parents should have received a PTFA newsletter this week outlining dates for the next term.

24th January – Year 3 Bun Sale

30th January – all parents should receive a letter and a bag about Bags 2 School which will be collected on 30th January. Parents are asked to leave the bags outside the hall.

31st January – 'Feet Up Friday' for **KS1**. Following an evaluation of last year, this will only be for Years 1 and 2 and not as advertised. Tickets for this need to be purchased in advance and can be bought using the online system. For catering and staffing purposes, tickets must be bought by **Tuesday, 28th January**.

EARLY MATHS AFTERNOON

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the Reception Early Maths afternoon yesterday. In the course of the afternoon, parents were introduced to the key areas of the Maths curriculum in EYFS, the way we teach Maths in school and also ideas that can support Maths at home. This included practical examples, lists of books and some computer programmes and apps. A copy of the presentation shared has been saved on our website: Parents and Pupils-Workshops – Early Maths January 2020.

BRADFORD METROPOLITAN FOODBANK

Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank is a small registered charity, entirely run by volunteers, who receive donations of non-perishable foods from the community and businesses, to give free of charge to organisations working with vulnerable people in need of food. We have been contacted by one of the volunteers to see if we would be willing to support the initiative by placing a box for the collection of non-perishable goods which will be collected weekly. This is something which has been successfully rolled out in some local schools and which we feel would help us make a difference and support others in need. We shared details of the initiative with children at assembly this morning and they have been asked to bring donations in to place in the box which will be in our Reception Area near to our vision and mission.