

Mobile Learning Project:

In February 2008 we launched a very exciting project to our Year 5 and 6 pupils. This project provided a mini laptop to every child and has allowed pupils access to learning 24/7 with the use of Fronter (virtual learning environment). For the cost of £1 per week (to cover insurance) pupils have been very responsible and have used the laptop wisely, it has transformed learning, engaging pupils more with their learning.

This month after requests from pupils, the project has extended into Year 4. So every Year 4, 5 and 6 pupil has the opportunity to be part of this project to improve their ICT skills, giving them greater access to the whole curriculum.

Many schools have visited us to look at our innovative ideas and next month Miss Bennett is one of three teachers through to the Teaching Awards North West final for outstanding teacher, using new technologies to engage next generation learners. Good Luck!



Bikeability Training

14 pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 are training this week for their Bikeability Certificate (used to cycling proficiency). They are working in the playgrounds and the local neighbourhood to look at controlling a bike and staying safe.

Book Quiz

Well done to our school team, who now face Marton Primary in the final on Thursday 18th June at Blackpool Football Club. This is the first time the libraries have organised this event and we have done very well for a small school. Stesa, Rory, Nancy and Jonathan are great ambassadors for our school - good luck!

Did you know that we collect and re-cycle lots of items in school?

We can claim cash and resources back for these items and would very much appreciate your support.

- **NESTLE CEREAL BOX TOPS:** Please keep sending in the Box Tops.
- **BATTERIES:** There is a collection point in the Office. Please send them in. Types; 6v, D,C,AA,AAA,9volt & button.
- **TESCO** for Schools and Clubs: One voucher for every £10 spent in store or on fuel spent between now and Sunday June 7th.
- **SAINSBURY'S:** Active Kids vouchers, collect one voucher for every £10 spent between up to 3rd June. The School Council will exchange the vouchers for playground equipment.
- **PRINTER CARTRIDGES** such as HP, EPSON, CANON & LEXMARK etc.
- **OLD MOBILE PHONES:** Please send your old mobiles in to recycle and earn funds for the PTFA

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 22 May

- 10.10am Year 5 Class Assembly
- 3.30pm School closes for half-term
- 6.30pm BBQ & Obstacle Course in the Playground

Thursday 4 June

- European Elections (Voting Station in the Parish Centre)

Monday 8 June

- 8.45am School re-opens

Tuesday 9 June

- 10.15am Year 5 Class Mass in Church
- 12.30pm Year 4/5 Cricket Festival at Stanley Park Cricket Club

Thursday 11 June

- Year 2 Class Trip to Martin Mere Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust

Tuesday 16 June

- Am Digital Media Awards at the Odeon Cinema
- 10.15am Year 6 Class Mass

Wednesday 17 June

- Year 6 Leavers Photograph

Thursday 18 June

- Book Quiz Final at Blackpool F. C.

Friday 19 June

- 10.15am Year 2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 23rd June

- 1.15pm Infant Sports afternoon at Stanley Park

Wednesday 24 June

- Year 5 Taster Day at St Mary's Catholic College. (Transport arranged from school)
- Year 6 Evacuee Experience Trip to Bury

Friday 26 June

- 10.10am Year 4 Class Assembly

Monday 29 June

- Year 6 Moving Up Day to St Mary's

Tuesday 30 June

- Year 2 Class Mass in Church

Friday 3 July

- 10.10am Year 3 Class Assembly
- 3.30pm PTFA Summer Fair

Tuesday 7 July

- 10.15am Y1 Class Mass
- 5pm-8pm Open Evening in School

Wednesday 8th July

- 8pm 100% Attendance party at Blackpool Football Club

Friday 10th July

- 10.10am Reception Class Assembly

Dear Parents,
Thank you to all pupils and staff for their hard work and dedication during Assessment Week last week. I am happy to report that all the pupils coped admirably.

At the end of last month 25 children from the parish received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. It was a wonderful celebration and a great success. I ask that parents return the feedback forms to help us to plan for next year. I thank all the

Fr John, the catechists, members of staff, Prayer Partners, musicians and parishioners for their support on the day and during the seven months of the programme.

Special thanks to parents and families who supported the children on this important step of their faith journey.

It was a very prayerful occasion. We were all very proud!

The month of May is devoted to Our Lady. Yesterday we had our annual May Procession in

Church. Many thanks to all the families who sent in the beautiful bouquets of flowers to present to Our Lady during the service. Thank you to all the parents and friends who attended this very special event.

As this half-term draws to a close I thank you all once again for your continued support in all matters regarding your child's education in our parish school.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Wygladala

PTFA News

NEXT EVENT
BBQ & Obstacle Course

Friday 22nd May
6.30pm in the Playground/Hall

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the evening.
20p per obstacle lap

ADVANCE NOTICE SUMMER FAIR

Friday 3rd July

Further details to follow.
If you are willing to run a stall or have any suggestions, please contact Mrs Sobrino in the School Office. The more stalls, the better the variety and opportunity to raise funds.

Next meeting to discuss Summer Fair
Wed 10th June 8pm
Parish Centre

Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!



HEADLICE

Please make every Friday a "BUGBUSTING DAY" and make sure that you check your child's hair for headlice.

Special combs are available from your local pharmacy. If you have any worries please speak to the School Nurse, Jackie Hallows, at the 'drop-in' sessions every Friday at 3pm in School. She can also be contacted on.

It only takes one child not to be checked for the whole school to be infested!

PACKED LUNCHES

The children on the School Council have asked that all children on packed lunches support the Healthy Eating Campaign. It has been noticed, by the children, that there is an increasing amount of sweets, chocolate bars and fizzy drinks in lunch boxes. Please consider the healthier options of fruit, reduced sugar biscuits and low-sugar cordials.

ALTAR SERVERS

Children who received their First Holy Communion on April 26 can now be altar servers. The best training is to attend Mass at weekends when "on-the-job" training is given by the more experienced altar servers.

Children who want to be servers should speak to Mrs Cavanagh in Church.

Special thanks to John Paul and Basil who have already started their training.

ST KENTIGERN'S PARISH

Our Parish Centre is available for birthday and family parties at a reasonable cost. Membership for the Parish Centre costs £5 for the first year and then £1 for each year afterwards. Forms are available from the Steward behind the bar. Please do support this important facility in our community.

Use it or lose it!