



Britannia Community Primary School

22nd October 2021 – Autumn

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception - Poppy C

Year 1 - Grace L

Year 2 - Martha T

Year 3 - Kye W

Year 4 - Erin S

Year 5 - Neve B

Year 6 - Dylan W

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for your continued support over this first half term. The children have worked extremely hard over the past 7 weeks and they have made us all proud with just how well they have settled into their new year groups and work routines. I have seen some amazing progress already this term and it has been great seeing our Reception children adapting so well to their Britannia journey. The school appears to be moving back to a more 'normal' week by week and I have loved seeing the children enjoying after school clubs and lunchtime clubs once more. The staggering amount of children wanting to take part is fantastic so please keep your eyes peeled for future clubs as we have lots more exciting opportunities planned over the coming terms. I would like to also thank you for your patience and support if your child has shown COVID symptoms and required a PCR test. I know this can be frustrating but as a school we must follow the government guidance and try to keep any potential disruption to a minimum. The good news for us all is that the results appear to be returning on the same day - some in as quick as 4 hours!

Once again reading remains a priority for all children as it is essential that we build up the reading stamina of children once again. The Government guidelines for reading include 15 minutes per day and 30 minutes a day for children in Key Stage Two. Please encourage and read with your child - this has the biggest impact on future educational outcomes and career success.

There have been many highlights over this half term but a stand out moment for me included our Harvest service where all children performed for the school at the front of the hall. The children all stood with confidence and delivered an excellent performance. For some children, this was a daunting task but they showed resilience and determination to overcome their nerves in true Britannia spirit.

The Year 5 museum was a great success this week and I know that the children have really enjoyed sharing their learning with the school community and with the families of those in their class. They have outstanding knowledge of the subject and should be very proud of all they have discovered during their topic on Ancient Greece.

I hope you all have a lovely restful holiday. Stay safe and I will see you all after the half term break.

Mrs Longstaff

HALLOWEEN ORIENTEERING TRAILS

Pendle Forest Orienteers have teamed up with Rossendale School Games and Rawtenstall Market to put on a number of free events over half term.

From Saturday 23rd until Monday 1st November there will be three Halloween Trails around Rawtenstall all starting and finishing from Rawtenstall Market.

Short - 1.5km around the town centre with Halloween Orienteering Controls in shop windows.

Medium - 3.5km towards Whitaker Park.

Long - 5km - This will be a maprun like previous events at Marl Pits.

On Thursday 28th October from 11-1pm we will be holding a free 'Come and Try It' event at Whitaker Park for anyone to try 'real life' orienteering for free complete with control flags and electronic timing. There is no need to sign up for the event, the course will be a Yellow (beginner) 1-1.5km course within the park grounds starting and finishing near the cafe, all are welcome, families, adults, runners, walkers, anyone that wishes to try something new.

For the trails you will be able to collect the maps and the answer sheets from the new Market Office situated at the front of the building which is now open Tuesday to Saturday. You will also be able to download them and find them on <https://www.pfo.org.uk/news/halloween-trails>.

Hope this helps to keep the children active and entertained over the half-term.

Coming Up Soon:

SECONDARY & PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:

Applications can now be made at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The closing date for Secondary School applications is **31st October 2021** and for Primary Schools **15th January 2022**.

ROSSENDALE HOSPICE PENNY PINCHING BOXES

Please remember to return Penny Pinching boxes by **Wednesday 3rd November**.

FUN WITH MATHS – RECEPTION & YEAR 1

Please remember to return bookings slips for this free fun family learning course on Thursday 4th November, 9.15 to 11.45 a.m. in school.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

MONDAY – Year 3 & 4 Running Club Year 3 (3.25pm-4.10pm), Year 5 & 6 Table Tennis (3.30pm-4.30pm)

WEDNESDAY- Year 3 & 4 Reading Club (12.15-12.45pm)

WEDNESDAY- Year 5 & 6 Football Club (3.25pm-4.25pm), Year 5 & 6 Running Club (3.25pm-4.10pm), Year 5 & 6 Badminton (3.30pm-4.30pm)

THURSDAY – Junior choir (12.15-12.45pm), Newspaper Club (3.25pm-4.25pm), Year 1 & 2 Running Club (3.25pm-4.00pm)



You will have been notified if your child has been selected for a club above after school.