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**Shine with the light of Jesus – Matthew 5:14-16.  
You are the light of the world.**

24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

This week, as part of our Year of Prayer, we have been taking the time to reflect on the Serenity Prayer. Our discussions centred around the meaning of serenity and how we can seek and maintain a sense of peace and calmness in our lives, especially in times of uncertainty or stress. The children have shown great interest in these conversations, and I encourage you to continue exploring these themes at home.

Thank you so much for all of those family members who joined us for our Chinese New Year Family Friday. You've helped us make it another huge success! It's always a pleasure to see families come together to celebrate with the children and enjoyed themed activities with some Chinese snacks and drinks. We hope you enjoy Chinese New Year this weekend.

In other news, I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Eckersley for her invaluable assistance in removing our old furniture. This task has opened up our classroom space, allowing us to welcome some beautiful new furnishings that the children will surely appreciate. The improvements have created a vibrant and inviting learning environment, which I firmly believe will foster creativity and engagement among our children. It is our goal to ensure that each child feels comfortable and safe in their learning space, and thanks to Mrs. Eckersley's support, we are well on our way to achieving that.

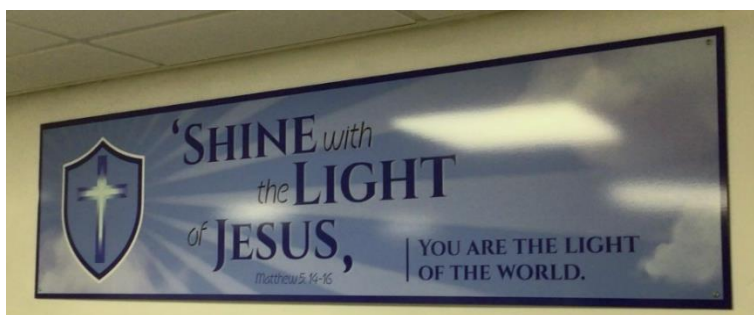
In addition to the new furnishings, I am excited to share that we have installed new signs in all of our classrooms that display our inspiring school strapline: "Shine with the Light of Jesus." We believe that these words will serve as a guiding principle for our children, encouraging them to embrace kindness, compassion, and the importance of doing their best in all that they undertake. We hope that these reminders will resonate with the children and empower them to shine brightly in all their endeavours.

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Joanna Owen

Headteacher



## NEWS

### Arts and Culture Council NEW COMPETITION

The Arts and Culture Council are running an art competition each half term. Children are invited to enter by producing an A4 sized piece of art based on the theme for that half term. They could use pencil, pen, crayon, felt tip, paint, collage - anything that works on an A4 piece of paper or card. For this half term, the Arts and Culture Council have chosen animals as the theme. Children should submit their entries to their class teacher by **Friday 7th February**. One winner from the infants and one from the juniors will be chosen by the Arts and Culture Council and announced in a worship in the final week. There are prizes up for grabs and the winning work will be displayed on the Arts and Culture Council's board.





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### ASC OPPORTUNITY

Due to the popularity of our breakfast and after school club provision, we are seeking to appoint a new assistant to work alongside our existing team.

This is a permanent position, hours from 7.00 - 9.00am and then from 3.00 - 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Please email  
[asc@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:asc@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk)

Thanks!



### BRIGHT FOR SIGHT DAY- FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February

We are holding a 'Bright for Sight' day to support Galloways Sight Loss Charity. This is something that has been requested by children in Year 6 as a charity they wanted us to support. During that day, Michelle from Galloways will be coming in to speak to the children. **Children can be in non-uniform** - the brighter coloured clothes, the better! Please could children bring in a donation for the charity on that day or via ParentPay? £1 has been given as a suggested donation, but of course, if you are able and wish to donate more, that would be very welcome. Thank you.

### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – wb 3<sup>rd</sup> February

From the **3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> February**, we will be focusing on Children's Mental Health Week.

On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, there will be a showcase of the children's work at 3:30pm. We know Friday nights are busy, but if you are able to, you can join us in school to celebrate the work they will have produced throughout the week.

Alternatively, you can request to see your child's work on Seesaw by speaking to your class teacher.



### FRIDAY WORSHIP CERTIFICATES

Moving forward, as of Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, messages regarding the celebration assembly certificates will be sent out via ParentPay email, not text.

Please ensure you check your emails on Thursday.  
Thank you.

### BREAK THE RULES DAY

How often do you get to break the rules?

On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**, we ask you to bring in a chocolate gift in exchange for breaking up to three rules!



The rules you can break include:

Only water in your drink bottles, smart hair styles, wearing school uniform, no football kits, no pyjamas, no facepaint, no fancy dress and no hats or caps.  
Please check out our poster.

### PTFA CHOCOLATE BINGO

The PTFA have organised a Chocolate Bingo on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**. The tickets are £3 per person. Pop on down for a chance to win a chocolate treat.

There are limited tickets – we only have **33** tickets left!

You can purchase tickets for the event through the PTFA link on our school website, or by following this link:  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/brinscallstjohns/index.cfm>

### SHINING FLAMES VISIT

On **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**, some of our Shining Flames representatives will be visiting Coppull Parish School to share their best practices with the other children and gather some fresh ideas.

We look forward to hearing what they find out.



### IMPROV CLUB

On **Mondays**, there will be an Improv Club open for Year 5 and 6. This will take place during lunchtime, from 12:30 – 1:00pm. This is run with the Arts and Culture Council.

This is a great time for the children to come together and share some improv comedy or acting and have a good chuckle together.

### ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Maia  
**YEAR 5:** Scarlett  
**YEAR 4:** Elma  
**YEAR 3:** Alex  
**YEAR 2:** Isaac  
**YEAR 1:** Jacob  
**YEAR R:** Pearl



### WELFARE AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Tessa  
**YEAR 5:** Nancy  
**YEAR 4:** Riley  
**YEAR 3:** Ben  
**YEAR 2:** Joseph  
**YEAR 1:** Jessica  
**YEAR R:** Katie

### LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Marcus  
**YEAR 5:** Ronnie  
**YEAR 4:** Oliver  
**YEAR 3:** Joshua  
**YEAR 2:** Max  
**YEAR 1:** Louis  
**YEAR R:** Alaina





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## CLASS NEWS

### RECEPTION

Reception class have continued their learning about dinosaur skeletons by creating a huge one out of kitchen rolls. We learnt how to use a hole punch and tie knots using string to attach it together. We also found out about fossils. We found out facts about them using books, enjoyed investigating the patterns on them using magnifying glasses and then had a go at recreating some of the patterns using plasticine. In Maths we've been learning number bonds to 5 and used part whole models in the great outdoors to partition each number to help us find them.

### YEAR 1

Year 1 have been a very busy bunch this week. We have had a walk through Brinscall Village to support our recount in English, we were very lucky with the weather! We were visited by Rev. Ben who talked about why he felt Jesus was Special and shared his faith with us all. In Science we were all about the senses and had great fun at various exploration stations - we gathered our ideas and shared them with each other, making predications and classifying. We have also used the 'parts of the body song' as a wake up shake up opportunity and enjoyed playing games with the parachute based on identifying our physical features and what makes us the 'same' and 'different'.

### YEAR 2

Year 2 have started a new guided reading text- The Sheep Pig. We have been programming Beebots in computing and following algorithms. We have started finding equal groups in maths and begun repeated addition in our new topic multiplying 2s, 5s and 10s. We have all written a new poem based on 'Bathroom Fiddler' by Michael Rosen and looked at the effect of repetition in poetry.

### YEAR 3

In Year 3, we have started our new unit in English this week. We are writing an adventure story based on The Last Bear. In maths, we have been working on our 4x and 8x tables, looking at the links between them and the 2x table. We continued our exploration of forces in science. This week we investigated how an object will move on different surfaces. We had to ensure we kept our test fair and then made conclusions about our results which led to discussions about friction. We have been developing our programming skills in computing where we worked out how to rotate and move sprites on Scratch. In RE, we tried to imagine what it would be like to be one of the disciples called to follow Jesus and give up everything. We wondered whether we would be able to do this.

### YEAR 4

This week in Year 4, we have been looking at European soups in DT. At first, the children researched the different kind of soups and found out that some can be eaten hot or cold! We then tried some tomato soup and talked about the flavors. Some of the children were a little apprehensive, but they quite enjoyed it! They have also been looking at insulators and conductors in Science.

### YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 have been starting a new piece of writing about space, this time themed around an animation called 'One Small Step' (this is available on YouTube for free, should you wish to watch it). We've been reflecting on dreams and ambitions and what we want as we grow older. We've continued our work on circuits and added more LEDs and buzzers to our circuits, which has led to a lively atmosphere as 15 sets of buzzers cheerfully chirrup throughout class. The children have continued to try to find out more about the history of Brinscall and have been looking at census data and the changes that have come about as Brinscall has grown as a village.

### YEAR 6

Year 6 took part in a meditation workshop all about communication. We learnt skills about listening to each other. We then took art in two teambuilding activities, building a chair out of balloons and building a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows. In Science, we have been studying electricity. We created a timeline of historical breakthroughs. We then demonstrated how the flow of an electric current can be controlled by conductors and insulators. Listen to our children's thoughts:  
"It's not about being a leader or being the boss. It's about working as a team and getting the best results. It's QUALITY over QUANTITY."

### Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ Break the Rules Poster
- ✓ We Will Rock You Poster