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

7th February 2025

I'm very excited to share the wonderful experiences our children have had during Mental Health Week. It has been a truly enriching time, and I am immensely proud of the amazing work they have produced, which was showcased for everyone to see. A heartfelt thank you to all who attended the Parent Showcase; it was delightful to witness the pride and joy our children expressed in their accomplishments. If you didn't get a chance to come and see their work, you can always contact the class teacher on See-saw, or check out our Facebook page for some pictures.

I also want to highlight the success of our Break the Rules Day. It was fantastic to see the children sporting their own clothes and, in some cases, sporting some rather imaginative hairstyles! Your support and generosity with donations will continue to help our school grow and host terrific events, and it was lovely to see the children having such a great time.

We were also privileged to host the Traveling Science Show, which provided an engaging and enjoyable way for the children to dive into the world of science. The workshops were filled with excitement and laughter, and I hope your children have filled you in on all the fascinating facts they discovered!

We mentioned in last week's newsletter about how our children are taking steps towards being advocates of change, and I'm excited to share the news of one of our pupils! Jessica in Year 2 has decided that instead of presents for her birthday, she asked her friends to donate to two local charities; Chorley Buddies Good Food Club and Chorley Help the Homeless. Thanks to her efforts, she has raised £170 to be split between the two charities. This is an incredibly selfless act of kindness and it truly shows what an amazing heart you have, Jessica. A huge congratulations.

Lastly, just a reminder that the Chocolate Bingo is on Thursday. The PTFA still have some tickets left, so book now if you are interested.

As we head into our final week before February Half term, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support in creating a beautiful school community. Each time we host a new event, I'm reminded of how fortunate we are to spend this time together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Joanna Owen

Headteacher



This Week's Prayer...

Year 4

Every week, each class takes a turn to write a prayer for us all to reflect upon in worship. We wish to share this with you so that you may use this as part of your reflection time at home.

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to celebrate children's mental health week in school, to allow us to dive deeper into ourselves and learn more about how to keep ourselves happy and healthy. We appreciate the time to get to know ourselves better and to understand how to help ourselves grow into an amazing person.

We thank you that you care for everyone no matter how different they are and the struggles

they are facing. Please help people to look after themselves by eating healthy and exercising well. Please help people listen to what their bodies actually need and not get distracted by other tempting things that they don't need.

Please help the people who are unable to look after themselves and give them strength to move through the difficult times in their lives.

Amen.



NEWS

URGENT APPEAL FROM BRINSCALL CRICKET CLUB – ALL STARS & DYNAMOS 2025

We need your help! Our All Stars & Dynamos cricket programs are a fantastic way for kids to get active, learn new skills, and have fun—but we can't run them without volunteers.

Each year, around 40 All Stars (ages 5-8) and 30 Dynamos (ages 8-11) take part, and ECB guidelines require at least one qualified Activator and two adult volunteers per 20 children. That means we need at least four Activators and four volunteers—but the more we have, the better we can support the kids with smaller groups.

For more information, see the attachment! Thank you!

BRIGHT FOR SIGHT DAY- FRIDAY 14th February NON-UNIFORM DAY

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.



BURY LANE CLOSURE



Starting on **Thursday 13th February**, over a 10-week period, a road closure will be in place on Bury Road. Please keep this in mind when planning routes to bring your children to school and allow for enough time to arrive on time at 8:55am.
Thank you.



BLUE PETER READER'S BADGE

Do you love to read? Are you interested in working towards a Blue Peter Reader's Badge?
Mrs Blezard and Miss Boucher will be hosting a club which allows you to do just that! It will be every **Tuesday morning from 8:00am to 8:45am** starting on **Tuesday 25th February.**

If you are interested, please sent a message to bursar@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk
Thanks!



CHESS CLUB

After half term, starting on **27th February**, Mrs Winterson will be holding a chess club every Thursday for Year 5 and Year 6. This will be at 12:15 – 12:45.

If you are interested, please sent a message to bursar@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk
Thanks!



RECEPTION STAY AND PLAY

On **Wednesday 12th February at 2:00**, Reception will be having a Stay and Play afternoon.
Reception parents and carers are invited to come in and spent the afternoon with the children, exploring the areas and learning all about how they learn.

The children mentioned something about dinosaurs...

Join us for some fun!



HALF TERM

Just a reminder that school finishes for February half term on **Friday 14th February at 3.20pm/25pm.**

We will return to school on **Monday 25th February.**



ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD

YEAR 6: Max
YEAR 5: Martha
YEAR 4: Ethan
YEAR 3: Sami
YEAR 2: Isabel
YEAR 1: Lukas
YEAR R: Archie



WELFARE AWARD

YEAR 6: Alfie
YEAR 5: Mirren
YEAR 4: Emma
YEAR 3: Lola
YEAR 2: Grace
YEAR 1: Norma
YEAR R: Harrison

LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

YEAR 6: Tessa
YEAR 5: Lucy
YEAR 4: George
YEAR 3: Joshua
YEAR 2: Orion
YEAR 1: Arthur
YEAR R: Edith





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CLASS NEWS

RECEPTION

Reception class had a fabulous time creating a Chinese dragon which we paraded round our school grounds whilst creating music with percussion instruments to dance to. We had a go at making Chinese lanterns too! In PE, we've been very brave, developing our perseverance whilst practising our climbing skills on the climbing frame. We've been out and about looking for signs of Winter and comparing the temperature to Autumn using a thermometer. In maths, we have started to investigate numbers to 8. We are getting more and more confident at finding number bonds.

YEAR 1

As this week has been Child Mental Health Week we have been considering how we are responsible for ourselves, linked to our PSHE topic and at all of the strategies and supports that are in place to help us to be the best version of ourselves in mind and body. We have used our experience day in English to collage a seaside scene to support our writing, it was lovely to feel the textures of the different materials and be creative. This has also transferred to our DT work where we have used our plans to begin to paint our tudor houses as we work towards the end product of a free-standing structure. We have done all of this whilst listening to classical cello music and exposing ourselves to another genre of music.

YEAR 2

This week in Children's Mental Health Week, Year 2 have looked at how we can support our wellbeing. We have identified what makes us happy and what we worry about and how we can support each other. We have looked at different strategies to maintain our wellbeing and try to have a positive mindset. We have begun dividing by 2 and 10, initially using practical equipment and now we're moving towards using pictorial jottings. We have looked at creating simple food chains in Science and which animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We have continued writing non-fiction facts about hibernation, ensuring we use a variety of conjunctions and commas in a list. Have a look at some of our pictures from today; Break the Rules and Science Show!

YEAR 3

This week in English, Year 3 have planned our own adventure story based on The Last Bear using the same theme but a different animal. We have begun writing our story using all the skills we have focused on like complex sentences, dialogue and prepositional phrases. In maths we are working on multiplication and division and the links between them. We have used place value charts and part-whole models to help with our calculations. We enjoyed exploring how magnets react with each other in our science. As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we have drawn our five islands of personality to help understand who we are, and we have used our art skills to make a plant to show the roots of who we are and how they help us grow into the people we are.

YEAR 4

When we began to teach Egyptians to our Year 4 class, we weren't expecting them to go this far! This week, we have been learning about the mummification process and how the Egyptians did it. We decided to try it out ourselves. We wrapped the head first, then fingers and then the feet. We then wrapped her arms. We even had urns for the organs! Don't worry though, it's all in good fun.

YEAR 5

This week, we have been thinking about Children's Mental Health Week. We have examined what we think mental health is and means and discussed how we might look after our own and others' mental health. As part of this, we have also played 'random acts of kindness bingo', looking at ways we can support each other and show care for one another. We've talked about both proactive and reactive ways we can look after our mental health and linked this to 'My Happy Mind', a programme we're part of and have been using for some years now in school. Aside from this, we've had a science roadshow, which the children always enjoy. We've been summarising our learning in science this week, bringing together all of our learning about space, and next week we will be starting on some space-inspired artwork.

YEAR 6

This week in Year 6, we have been learning and creating switches in Science. We then tested our handmade switches in circuits. We had to think carefully if there was a problem and test to see if we could overcome it.

Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ Chocolate Tombola
- ✓ Urgent Appeal from Brinscall Cricket Club



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Monday 24th February | Return to school |
| Wednesday 26th February | School Council Walk to Village |
| Tuesday 4th March | Children's Conference – Reflection Leaders |
| Wednesday 5th March | Book Fair begins – after school |
| Thursday 6th March | World Book Day – Dress Up Day |
| Monday 10th March | British Science Week Begins |
| Wednesday 12th March | Science Fair 3:30 – 4:30 |
| Thursday 20th March | Year 3 Lancashire Sings Workshop |
| Friday 21st March | World Poetry Day |
| Wednesday 26th March | Parents Evening Day 1 – Face to Face |
| Thursday 27th March | Year 2 Trip to Hoghton Tower Parents Evening Day 2 – Face to Face |
| Friday 28th March | Mother's Day Worship (Reception) 9am International Woman's Month Afternoon Tea |
| Tuesday 1st April | Reception Stay and Play @ 2:00pm |
| Wednesday 2nd April | Year 3 Ribchester Visit |
| Friday 4th April | Worship In Church Last Day of School before End of Term – Finish at 2pm |