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8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Hello everyone,

I hope this message finds you well. It's great to hear from the children this week about firework displays and bonfires which they attended. They've been very enthusiastic to share this experience, which has supported their learning about this event. If you happen to be catching any last-minute firework displays, please remember to stay safe and keep warm.

I'm sure you have noticed we now have a new electronic gate at our school entrance. The gate will be open daily from 7:15am until 8:55am, allowing for a convenient drop-off time for children to arrive in the morning. After a short closure during school hours, the gate will reopen at 3:15pm to facilitate a smooth pick-up process at home time. We kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to these timings to ensure the safety and efficiency of our arrival and departure routines.

I would also like to take a moment to remind you of our Year 6 Remembrance Worship taking place this Monday. The Year 6's have worked very hard to present this worship and everyone is welcome to attend and share this moment with us. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has purchased a poppy so far; your generosity is greatly appreciated. The poppies have been incredibly popular this year and although we have limited availability, the poppies will remain on sale until Remembrance Day.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate Friendship Week next week! On Monday, we will kick things off with Odd Socks Day, a fun way to express individuality and celebrate our differences. Remember to send your child in their most colourful and mismatched socks! Wednesday is World Kindness Day, where we will be celebrating all of the kindness we share in school. That evening, the PTFA will be holding our Kindness Disco. If you haven't done so yet and would like your child to attend, please remember to book your tickets using the QR code provided in the email or you can purchase them directly at the office.

To round off the week, we will hold a Parent Showcase on Friday. We warmly invite you to come and see the wonderful work that your children have been doing throughout the week. It's a great opportunity to celebrate their efforts together and for them to explain their learning opportunities to you. We understand not everyone will be able to make it into school at that time, however, if you still wish to see their amazing work, please let your teacher know and they will send their work over to you on Seesaw.

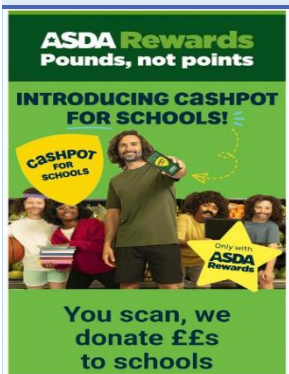
A massive well done to everyone who had their flu immunisations. I'm pleased to report that all the children were very brave, allowing the process to go smoothly. This is a true testament to their courage. We understand that this experience may have been new to some children, but it was wonderful to hear the healthcare staff comment on how wonderful the children behaved. We were the only school they visited in which there were no absences or refusals.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend, everyone!

Mrs Joanna Owen

Headteacher

## NEWS



PLEASE SIGN UP TO ASDA REWARDS THROUGH THE APP. IT IS FREE TO SIGN UP, AND IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR PERSONAL REWARDS, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT SHOP IN ASDA WE EARN £1 FOR EACH PERSON THAT SIGNS UP.

Asda reward system is in place now until November 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to us! All you have to do is go on the app, select Brinscall St John's CE & Methodist Primary School and we will start to earn rewards.

You will be able to view in the app how much money school is earning throughout the scheme. Any money we can earn, will be used to support our school family.

**We have currently raised £275, Let's keep it going!**



There's limited availability left for the PTFA Pantomime Trip. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please find more information on the website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/brinscallstjohns>



### RECEPTION ELF FOREST

Reception are going to 'Elf Forest' at Joseph Noble's Christmas Tree Farm. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a number of exciting activities run by elves in their workshops as well as meeting Father Christmas. Fingers crossed they're all on his 'nice' list and will receive a gift from him too!

### CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER NON-UNIFORM DAY

We will be celebrating Children in Need again this year. Children can come to school in non-uniform or are welcome to wear 'spots' if they choose.



### ODD SOCKS DAY

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we're starting off the week with Odd Socks Day. Be loud, proud and colourful and come into school wearing some wacky and wonderful socks.

### NEW LEGO CLUB

We're proud to share with you that we have a new Lego Club starting on Mondays after school. The club will run from 3:25 to 4:25.

We only have 3 places left. If you are interested, please sign up through the email.

## FRIENDSHIP DISCO

Next week is our Friendship Disco! This will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

Our wonderful PTA team have been hard at work getting everything ready for the day. Tickets will cost **£3.50**. This includes a drink, small snack and glowsticks.

The disco for the **infants** is from **5:45pm to 6:45pm**.

The disco for the **juniors** is from **7:00pm to 8:00pm**.

This year, the disco is a drop-off event, meaning you don't have to stay with your children. If you decide to organise for someone else to pick your child up, please inform our school office so we can make the members of staff aware. Additional details and how to pay can be found as an additional attachment.

## Lancashire Day

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of November, we will be celebrating Lancashire Day. To show how proud we are of our county, we would love to hear what you love about Lancashire. This includes:

- ✓ Your favourite place in Lancashire to visit
- ✓ Your favourite Lancashire food
- ✓ Something that makes you proud of our area

If you would like to share this with us, please send us an email to

[lancshireday@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:lancshireday@brinscall.lancs.sch.uk)

and we will showcase everyone's ideas together to celebrate this special days. Thank you.

### Year 6 Remembrance Service

Our lovely year 6 children are holding a Remembrance Service on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am**.

All are welcome to join us for this service.



### Brinscall St John's Book Fair

We are proud to announce that the Book Fair will soon be coming to our school!

The Book Fair will be with us **from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**.

Watch this space for more information!



### ST JOHN'S SUPERSTAR AWARD WINNERS

**YEAR 6:** Emily  
**YEAR 5:** Pippa  
**YEAR 4:** George  
**YEAR 3:** Arthur  
**YEAR 2:** Rosa  
**YEAR 1:** Ava  
**YEAR R:** Edith



### WELFARE AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Jane  
**YEAR 5:** Pippa  
**YEAR 4:** Eloise  
**YEAR 3:** Robyn  
**YEAR 2:** Sadie  
**YEAR 1:** Annie  
**YEAR R:** Harry

### LIVING OUT THE VALUES AWARD

**YEAR 6:** Aveana  
**YEAR 5:** Myla  
**YEAR 4:** Thea  
**YEAR 3:** Joshua  
**YEAR 2:** Jessica  
**YEAR 1:** Noah  
**YEAR R:** Lily





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### RECEPTION

In Reception, we have been learning about Diwali. We practised our scissors skills whilst creating Rangoli patterned decorations. We also learnt about Guy Fawkes and King James 1 and how these people are remembered on Bonfire night. We made splatter and string paintings which created fabulous firework effects. YR have had lots of fun on the bikes and scooters this week, learning many skills such as how to balance, glide, pedal, move into spaces and stop safely.

### YEAR 1

In Year 1, we have been learning all about Remembrance Day. We linked this learning to our artwork and created some beautiful pictures, which also helped us to improve our fine motor skills. In continuous provision, we have been practicing our number bonds to 10. In Science, we have been investigating materials, looking at objects in our classroom and what they are made of, including objects which have more than one material.

### YEAR 2

In Year 2, we have tasted a variety of bread samples during DT for our new healthy sandwich unit. In PE, we have used the equipment to begin our new unit around jumping and balancing. Although it can be a little tricky, the children have really challenged themselves. In Science, we have completed a science investigation where we tried to find out which material we could use to make a new coat, testing which materials are waterproof.

### YEAR 3

In Year 3, we have been working on addition using exchanges across a 10 and exchanges across a 100 in maths. In English, we have been using verbs, adverbs, dialogue and adjectives to help write our version of Star in the Jar. We have used this story in PE as a theme for our dance unit, which we are enjoying with the coach from Chorley Schools Sports Partnership. We also worked on balances and travels in our gymnastics unit. We've been exploring rocks in science, looking at the differences and deciding how we would group our rocks. We have started researching gift boxes in Design and Technology in order to develop ideas for our own designs. In geography, we used maps to locate cities across the UK. And in Spanish, we learnt a selection of colours.

### YEAR 4

In Year 4, we have been working hard to learn our times tables. We were so inspired by our Rock Star Day, we have been learning lots of our times tables through music. This week, we have moved onto the 11x tables! We are learning these with Super Mover. Check out our amazing dance moves. We've also been improving our singing skills, practicing some new songs with the help of a music teacher.

### YEAR 5

Year 5 have enjoyed our art and design sessions on making face masks, inspired by traditional African designs. The children made a frame out of wire and used Modroc to create the mask, then painted it. A special thanks to Mrs Williams for helping out with this! The children adapted well to using a new skill and material and didn't leave the worst mess I've ever seen. In English, the children have enjoyed writing their own, rather macabre, versions of 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. They've shown very creative vocabulary and a good understanding of the setting and mood of the poem, creating their own narrative poem/ballad using very evocative language to create atmosphere.

### YEAR 6

Our Year 6 students embarked on an exciting science experiment, placing 6 slices of bread in different locations around the school! Each week, they observed and recorded the changes, making predictions about which slice would grow mould fastest.

The results are in, and the findings are fascinating!  Check out our display to see the transformations and learn about the science behind mould growth. Great job, Year 6! Keep exploring and discovering!



### Attachments for this Week:

- ✓ Christmas Market