

Newsletter

13.1.2023



On Thursday, children and staff walked down to Colne Muni to watch this year's pantomime 'Cinderella'. Everyone had a great afternoon - especially Mr. Smith who ended up on stage with the character, Buttons! Mr. Smith wore a mouthpiece that made his voice sound really funny when he spoke.



Staff were very impressed with the children. Mrs. Graham thought, 'All the children were an absolute pleasure from start to finish!' Mr. Smith said, 'It was an amazing afternoon, the children were a real credit to our school and their parents.' While Mrs. Duerden declared, 'That it was an absolutely brilliant afternoon! The children loved it and were fantastic.'

Many thanks to parents for paying for children's tickets and to the PTA for subsidising the tickets so that everyone could enjoy this traditional January experience. We are already wondering what next year's panto will be?

Children and staff alike, thoroughly enjoyed their pantomime experience - they had a ball watching 'Cinderella' this most magical pantomime of them all!

Dates for your diary

Sunday 15th January

Deadline to apply for a primary school place

Tuesday 17th January

9.05 am Reception parents phonics session

Tuesday 24 January

2 pm Reception parents phonics session

Friday 10th February

Break up for Half Term

Monday 20th February

Children return to school

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day-come dressed as a book character

Friday 3rd March

Usborne Book Event

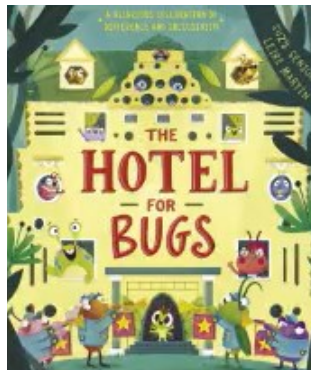
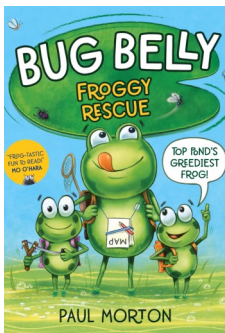
Saturday 10th June

BOOKFEST



Yesterday, Miss Broadbent went to the Brilliant Book Award launch to collect the books that Year 2 will be reading and voting on this term. This Award is run by Lancashire School Libraries Service, primary schools all over the county will be reading and voting this term then the winners of the award will then be announced in May.

The books Year 2 will be voting on are 'The Hotel for Bugs' by Suzy Senior & Leire Martin, 'Agent Llama' by Angela Woolfe & Duncan Beedie, 'Bug Belly – Froggy Rescue' by Paul Morton and 'Marv and the Mega Robot' by Alex Falase-Koya. Year 2 are very excited to start reading these books and choose their favourite!



School Dinner Options

This is the menu for school lunches next week. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

Monday

Sausage Roll or
Tomato Mascarpone Pasta

Tuesday

Meatballs and Mash or
Cheese Panini

Wednesday

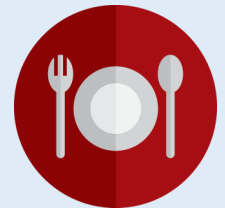
Roast Dinner
Jacket Potato

Thursday

Curry and rice or
Cheese Whirl

Friday

Pizza or
Fish Fingers



Miss Broadbent also got to meet Rob Biddulph, an award-winning author and illustrator at the launch. Rob posted the 'Draw with Rob' videos on Youtube during the pandemic which are brilliant fun to try. He very kindly signed a book for our school called 'The Blue Footed Booby' – this book is in our school library. The children are looking forward to reading the story soon.
Happy Reading Everybody!

Miss. Watson



A massive well done and congratulations to our learners and readers of the week!!

GREAT JOB - You have earned 10 Dojo points!

THANK YOU to all those parents who joined us for this morning's Celebration Assembly to see your child receive an award.

Every Thursday, parents of children who will be receiving an award, will get a text inviting them to Friday morning's Celebration Assembly.



Learners of the Week

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| Year 1 | Louie for being a Maths whizz and being keen to learn. | Fatima for persevering when writing longer sentences. |
| Year 2 | Jaxon for having a fantastic attitude towards learning all week. | Hunter for becoming increasingly independent with his work. |
| Year 3 | Moiz for OUTSTANDING contribution in all lessons and being a class role model in Science. | Addison for a super week including some super writing and wonderful determination with her handwriting. |
| Year 4 | Zaeem for showing great determination and bravery in swimming for the first time. | Lily T for a great positive attitude towards learning and her beautiful smile. |
| Year 5 | Oscar for a great start to the new year making good choices and a positive attitude. | Holly for being enthusiastic and engaged in lessons. |
| Year 6 | Seth for learning from mistakes and for being trustworthy and reliable. | Jaiden for being AMAZING in EVERY lesson. Your English predictions and scientific ideas are brilliant. |

Readers of the Week

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| Year 1 | Jasmin for being engaged in our reading sessions and answering questions. |
| Year 2 | Lilly for showing great improvement in her reading. |
| Year 3 | Lincoln for super effort with his reading including pushing himself with inference. |
| Year 4 | Kyran for volunteering his own time in school to read. |
| Year 5 | Charlie for being super engaged in power of reading sessions and coming up with interesting ideas. |
| Year 6 | Dylan for reading with a lot of expression to the class and Mrs Jenkinson |



Useful Information

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Is your child aged 3 or 4?
Apply now for funded 15 or 30 hour places



Morning Sessions: 8:30—11:30
 Afternoon Sessions: 12:00—3:00
 All day: 8:30—3:00
 Additional 3 hour sessions available at £15 Term time only



- What do we offer?**
- Learning through play
 - Fun and engaging activities
 - Friendly, approachable and highly qualified staff and teachers
 - Early phonics and reading
 - Forest school activities
 - Enclosed outdoor area
 - Free flow system
 - Nursery uniform to help children feel part of the school
 - Help children to get school ready
 - Easier transition for starting Reception
 - Regular updates through class dojo
 - Open door policy

Contact Gemma Ingham on 01282 865840 to arrange a visit or for more information

www.weststreet.schoolspider.co.uk

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YUBO

Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 50 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.

13+ Age Limit

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- FLIMSY AGE GATES:** Yubo states it is only for over 13s, but there is no credible age-gate in place. It is possible for users to bypass the age-gate by using a VPN or a proxy server. A Sunday Times investigation found that the app's developers claim to require users to provide a valid ID card to verify their age, but this is not enforced.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** Yubo has experienced problems with inappropriate content being shared on the app. A Sunday Times investigation found that the app's developers claim to require users to provide a valid ID card to verify their age, but this is not enforced.
- LIVESTREAM RISKS:** Due to Yubo's live age verification, children are able to search for and view and interact with live streams. A Sunday Times investigation found that the app's developers claim to require users to provide a valid ID card to verify their age, but this is not enforced.
- DISCOURAGE USE:** We don't often advise totally avoiding an app, but due to the concerns that have generated since the February 2022 Sunday Times exposé and a recent decision case in which the Digital Parental Unit has been asked to evaluate the platform, you may decide that the safest option is to disallow your child from downloading it altogether.
- STAY AWARE:** It's important to stay attuned to how your child is using social media. If they do use Yubo in private, for example, you might reasonably question whether it is appropriate for them to use the app, given the risks of inappropriate content, sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.
- DISCUSS IN ADVANCE:** If your child is gradually determined to use Yubo (perhaps they already use the platform, but intended to stop), it's essential to talk to them about the dangers of this type of app before they install it. It's vital that you don't just to discuss parental permission to people they don't know, for example, and that they're aware about the type of mature content they may be exposed to on the app.
- ALTER THE SETTINGS:** After the recent high-profile controversies surrounding the app, Yubo's developers have increased its security controls. Users can now choose to block profiles, screen and mute live streams, and report inappropriate content. However, our research shows that users can 'opt out' of anything that's not working via the app's safety controls.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Meet Our Expert: Gemma Ingham, a specialist technology journalist with a track record of reporting on the safety of technology, is the author of the book 'The Digital Parental Unit: How a Technical Technology Journalist Became a Parental Expert'.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com @nationalonlinesafety



You have applied for a primary school place for your child to start in September 2023 - what happens next?

- Remember to apply for your child's place by January 15th 2023
- Lancashire County Council send out email offers to parents on 17 April 2023
- Schools will receive information about their new Reception children
- The school your child has been offered a place at will get a touch with parents
- At West Street we organise an induction meeting for new Reception parents in June that includes information about the school day, uniform, what children will learn and the roles of different staff
- Then we invite new Reception children to school for three transition afternoons in June and July when they spend time with Reception staff in both the Reception Indoor and Outdoor classrooms
- In July the Reception teacher arranges visits to your child's pre-school settings as well as 1:1 meetings with every child's parents. In this way the teacher gets to know about your child before they start school
- In September Reception children start school part-time for the first two weeks then full-time from the third week

You are welcome to come and look around to find out more. Just contact us on 01282 865840 and ask for our headteacher Sarah Watson.

You can find out more information about applying for a primary school place for your Reception child by following the link below

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/?page=1>

Applying for School Places Final Reminder - only 2 days left!!

If you have a child due to start school in September you need to apply for a primary school place by the 15th January. If you would like your child to come to West Street you will still need to apply even if they are currently attending our nursery or have siblings already at West Street. If you need help completing the form please ask the office staff who will find someone to help you out.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY EAST

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2023 and living in Lancashire?

APPLY NOW!

WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS
or give us a call on 01254 220747

CLOSING DATE: 15 JANUARY 2023

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

HAVE YOUR SAY
Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and search 'School Admission Policies'.

Lancashire County Council

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools





Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.

Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am. Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am. A member of staff will phone you back when necessary.



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners are:

£2.40 per day OR £12.00 per week

Parents who pay for their child's school dinners should pay directly to the office staff.

Payments can be made either by cash or cheque.



Are you interested volunteering in school?

We are keen to welcome more volunteers in school to support children's learning e.g. by hearing readers, helping out with practical activities such as cooking, art and crafts, help out with other activities. Volunteers must have a DBS – this is easy to organise with Miss. Watson. Interested? Then talk with Miss. Watson or Mrs. Duerden!

