

Headteacher



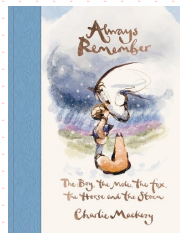
Dear Parents & Guardians,

Next term our focus turns to our Christian value of **friendship**. Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

'Encourage one another and build each other up.' *1 Thessalonians 5.11*. We will be exploring this bible quote through our collective worship and also through the following questions:

A true friend brings out the best in you. How might you do this for one of your **friends**? Can you remember a time when you supported your **friend** when they felt alone?

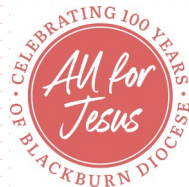
A lovely book worth revisiting for this value is 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy. His new one, 'Always Remember' is also worth sharing.



Reverend Margaret continues to lead whole-school worship every Wednesday morning from 10-10:20pm—Parents and Carers are welcome to join us for this peaceful time together. Our Children's Chaplains have set up a worry box in our worship space outside the school hall. This provides support for those children who may have a little worry they want to share with the group. Thank you to all the group for supporting our Pupils mental health and wellbeing.

Worship Group

Our worship group have been busy this half-term creating their designs for a special commemorative plaque to be placed on the entrance to our new sensory garden. After visiting the garden, the pupils design was based around all the senses we use in a garden and the plants, flowers and insects that live there. The design also celebrates 100 years of the Blackburn Diocese 1926-2026.



Each member has voted for their top 3 designs which will be made for the garden. The winning designs are by Ese E (Y3), Charlotte R (Y4) and Lily R (Y6). Congratulations to all our winners.

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This coming half-term we are hopeful of talking to Ezekiel, our sponsored pupil, through a video call and asking him some questions about his school and life in East Meru. He is now 8 years old, so the equivalent of Year 4.



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Computing Quality Mark

This has been successfully achieved so I am delighted to share the certificate which is proudly displayed in my office. Well done to all the team including staff, pupils and particularly, Mrs Quinton, our Computing lead.

Inclusion—South Ribble Primary Boccia Event

A group of our children have taken part in the annual event at Lostock Hall academy. Boccia (pronounced bot-cha) is the most inclusive sport you'll find! It's easy to play, but harder to master!

Boccia is a Paralympic sport with no Olympic equivalent. It's a target ball sport which tests both muscle control and accuracy. From a seated position (and therefore ideal for wheelchair users) players propel balls to land close to a white marker ball – the jack. If you're unable to grasp and propel a ball a ramp can be used.

It's an indoor sport, played on a court roughly the same size as a badminton court. You can compete as an individual, in a pair, or as a team of three. Our team consisted of 5 pupils, a mix of years 5 and 6. Pupils described the game as like bowling but with soft balls, enjoyed working as a team with the chance to make the decisive winning move. They enjoyed receiving their medals and would like sets for the school of which I have granted using the Sports Premium funding. Well done to Charlie F, Charlotte H-W and Willow H in Year 5 and Josh M and Arya B in Year 6

More information about Boccia can be found here.

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Easter Service

This year our Easter service will be delivered by our Year 6 pupils who will highlight the important messages from the bible story in the form of a poem. Our worship group will also perform a special poem they have been learning. We hope to see you all at the service.

Thank you again for continuing to support our school community helping to enable us to '**Thrive in the Gift of Life**'.

Wishing you a peaceful Easter weekend.

Mr J Eccleston
Head Teacher