



Walsden St Peter's Newsletter 4th March 2022

Book Week 2022

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our Book Week this week. There has been so much going on both at home and in school! See **attached** for a selection of great photos – more coming soon to the school website!



- **Sponsored Book Read.** Well done to everyone who took part in the half term sponsored read. We hope you had loads of fun reading your books and raising money for school too! Sponsorship money is still coming in (please send it into the school office by next Monday at the latest). We will update on the amount raised next week.
- **Usborne Virtual Book Fair.** This is open until next Monday, 7th March (see attached flyer). 60% of the total amount raised through orders will be donated back to school in books for our library.
- **Dress Up Day.** We had lots of amazing adventurers and explorers in school today!
- **Decorate a Potato.** We had some fabulous entries in our book character themed 'decorate a potato' contest. Well done to all the winners.



Reception news

As part of Book Week, Reception joined in with a live online drawing and story-telling session with illustrator Alex Scheffler. He showed them how he draws his characters for books such as Zog and the Gruffalo and then read from the books 'Kind', 'Zog and the Flying Doctor' and 'Happy Bunnies'. The class were so attentive throughout.

Bill Johnson visit

Bill Johnson is an adventure runner from Mythomroyd and recently ran the Spine race (268 miles along the Pennine Way) in 5 days! He came to our school this week to give a talk to our KS2 pupils. They were fascinated and inspired with all his stories and he answered lots of questions and showed them the equipment he used on his journey.



Red Nose Day 2022

We will be selling Red Noses in school to raise funds for Comic Relief 2022. Noses will be available from next Monday, priced at £1.50 each and limited to 1 per child in the first instance.



Walsden swimming team

We will be taking part in a Todmorden inter-school swimming gala on Friday 18th March. KS2 pupils have been/will be trying out for the team this week or next. Good luck everyone.



Poem of the Week

As part of our ongoing work to foster a long term love of reading in our pupils, we will be including a 'Poem of the Week' in our weekly newsletter for families to share at home. This week's poem is The Duck by Ogden Nash and was chosen by Mrs Crowther.

"I really like poems that make me laugh and the poet, Ogden Nash, makes you look at things in an unusual way. He wrote lots of funny poems, some for children and some for adults. You can find more of his poems for children by clicking on the link below. I also really like his poem 'The Adventures of Isabel' and nearly chose it as my poem of the week - but it's a bit gruesome. You can find it on the link below but you have been warned !!"

The Duck by Ogden Nash

Behold the duck.
It does not cluck.
A cluck it lacks.
It quacks.
It is specially fond
Of a puddle or pond.
When it dines or sups,
It bottoms ups.



10/11/15 @NashNash

<https://www.best-books-for-kids.com/ogden-nash-poetry.html>

Covid update

We are now at the 'learning to live' with Covid stage of the pandemic. National guidelines changed last week and we have received updated guidance for schools from Public Health Calderdale. Covid is now to be treated similarly to any other communicable disease in school e.g. Chickenpox, German measles, sickness/diarrhoea. These diseases/ infections have recommended periods in which children should be kept away from school. We have been advised to implement these guidelines by our local authority.

If a child develops Covid symptoms they should go for a PCR and stay at home whilst they wait for the results. If they go on to be confirmed as having Covid-19, they should stay at home for at least 5 days. They may return to school after this if they are no longer unwell. Children who are living with a family member who has Covid -19 may continue to attend school, unless they become unwell also. Staff, visitors and parents with C-19 are not permitted onto the school site until their isolation period is over (after 10 days or after 2 consecutive negative LFTS after day 5). Thank you for your ongoing support.

FOW – Mother's Day stall

Friends of Walsden are back this year running their popular Mother's Day stall. Please send your child with a donation for the stall (new, in date, unopened gift to the value of £2) from next Monday. The stall will run on Wednesday 23rd March. Thank you.

Y6 residential to Robinwood

Our Y6 pupils set off on their 3-day residential to Robinwood next Wednesday. Have an amazing time Y6; we can't wait to hear all about it on your return.



Y3/4 football

We took 2 mixed teams to a Y3/4 football tournament in Burnley on Tuesday. Everyone played really well, improving with each game. This was the first tournament for many of our players and they should all be very proud of themselves. Well done team Walsden.



Shrove Tuesday

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday and the start of Lent in school, our Y1 pupils spent some time learning about the importance of this day in the Christian calendar before having a pancake race in the school playground!



Stars of the week

This week's stars are Elijah Bentley, Tommy Jackson, Einri Marsden, Harry Sutcliffe, Edward Jones, Joe T and Lile McGrath. Well done to them all.

Lunchtime Awards

Our midday supervisors have chosen: Cora Horsfall-Gengler, Albanie Priestley, Fleur Hudson-Booth, Sebastian Wright, Daniel Taylor, Amelia Bi and Aleyna T for their excellent behaviour at lunchtime.

Esther Logue & Emma Crowther, Headteachers

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Attachments

- Virtual book fair
- Book Week photos