



# Ashleigh Primary School News

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*Together we Learn Grow and Achieve*

24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## SWIMMING GALA

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March the Ashleigh swimming team took part in the DPSSA swimming gala in front of a packed out Darwen Leisure Centre.



It was a fantastic event celebrating some amazing swimming from all schools across Darwen. The whole team represented Ashleigh superbly and demonstrated fantastic swimming ability and outstanding teamwork.

We had some amazing individual success on the night with Ollie Smith finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the boys' backstroke final, Avalina Rossi finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the girls' backstroke final, Sophie Piscina finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the girl's front crawl final and Sophie Nicholson with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the girls' breaststroke final.

Well done to all the other individual swimmers who finished in very respectable positions.

We also had fantastic team success in the girls' medley relay finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and then going on to match that by finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the girls' freestyle relay final. In the boys' freestyle final, the boys swam an amazing race managing to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>.

With all our fantastic achievements on the night the Ashleigh swimming team finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place overall beating all the other schools in Darwen. All the children should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Thank you to our parents for your amazing support and for cheering the children on.

Thank you.

Mr Harty - PE Co-ordinator

## POLICE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday the school football team took part in a tournament at Soccerdome. They played amazingly well and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the tournament. The children were a credit to school and their parents. Well done!

## COMIC RELIEF - RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March it was non-uniform day and we raised a great amount of money for Comic Relief. Thank you for your continued support.



## ROTAKIDS CAKE SALE

Year 5 Rotakids are currently doing an entrepreneurial project and would like to hold a cake sale to raise money for school. Therefore, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March we ask if children can bring cake(s) to school and £1.00 so they can buy a cake at breaktime. Please can any cake donations be brought in on the Monday or Tuesday. Thank you for your support.

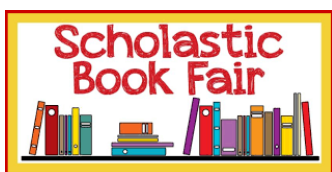


Rotakids are also doing a 'guess how many sweets in the jar' competition and this is 50p a go. If your child would like to have a guess they can bring 50p into school and the nearest guess to the amount in the jar wins the sweets and the winner will be announced next Friday.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Please note that breakfast club fees must be paid and up to date by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Reminder letters for any outstanding payments will be sent out on Monday. A reminder that parents need to pay weekly for their child's attendance at breakfast club unless prior arrangements have been made with the club manager.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April until Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The fair will be open after school in the main hall from 3.30pm - 4.00pm. We can accept cash and card payments will be made via the Scholastic website. If you would like to pay by card, please ensure you have your card and your phone with you

## ST GEORGE'S DAY - RUN JOG WALK FUNDRAISING EVENT

Once again, we are holding our St George's Day Run Jog Walk sponsored fund-raising event on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. We are asking pupils to wear red and white, wear a patriotic hat or a red rose emblem, carry the flag of St George and celebrate together on this special day. Letters and sponsor forms will be sent home after the Easter break. Money raised will be split between school fund and the Northwest Air Ambulance charity.

Mrs Holden and her kitchen team will also be making a special St George's Day lunch with a choice of traditional roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast and boiled potatoes with carrots, peas and gravy or chip shop style fish & chips served with mushy peas. There will also be jam roly poly and custard for pudding. A menu will be sent home with all children nearer the time for you to complete and return to school.

## TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHERS

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April Tempest Photographers will be in school to take class and team photos.



## **EASTER COMPETITION**

Ashleigh are once again holding the Annual Easter 'Egg-stravaganza' competition. We would like all our children to take part on Thursday 30th March. All entries and 'eggs-hibits' can be made at home and brought into school on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. There are four options for you to choose from:

- Decorated Egg
- Easter Bonnet or Hat
- Vegetable Animal
- Easter Garden

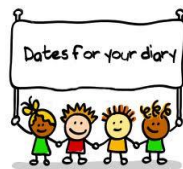


## **SMOKING/VAPING**

Just a polite reminder that smoking or vaping is not allowed anywhere on the school grounds.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

It is Netball season again and we wish our netball team the best of luck in their upcoming matches on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> May and the final on the 15<sup>th</sup> June all at Darwen Vale High School. We will keep you updated on the scores via the newsletter.



Dress Rehearsal for Yr 3 & 4 Performance - Whole School	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PM
Year 5 Rotakids Cake Sale	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	
Year 4 Violin Performance - Parents welcome	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm
Year 3 & 4 Performance - What's the Crime Mr Wolf?	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm & 6.00pm
Easter Competition	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	
Cross Country @ Darwen Vale	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm
<b>School closes for Easter</b>	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>School Re-opens</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8.45am</b>
Darwen Fire Station to see Year 2 Children	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	
Scholastic Book Fair - School Hall	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April - Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm - 4.00pm
Tempest Photography - Class/Group Photos	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	AM
Run Jog Walk - St George's Day	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	
St George's Day Lunch - Whole School	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	
Cross Country @ St Peters School	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30pm
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	
<b>King's Coronation Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
SATs Week	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May - all week	
Cross Country @ St Peters	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30pm
School Closes Half Term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30pm