

# Ashleigh News



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## DPSSA SWIMMING GALA

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On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March the Ashleigh swimming team took part in the DPSSA swimming gala in front of friends and family in 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 amazing individual success on the night, so many that we have listed below:

**Boys 25m Front Crawl** - 1<sup>st</sup> Ollie Smith

**Girls 25m Front Crawl** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Piscina

**Boys Individual Medley** - 1<sup>st</sup> Ollie Smith

**Girls Individual Medley** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Nicholson

**Boys 25m Backstroke** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Holden

**Girls 25m Backstroke** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Avalina Rossi

**Boys 25m Butterfly** - 1<sup>st</sup> Ollie Smith

**Girls 25m Butterfly** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Nicholson

**Girls 25m Breaststroke** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie Nicholson



Well done to all the other individual swimmers who finished in very respectable positions and a special mention to Henry Firth who as a year 4 competed against other year 6's in both an individual and relay event... Well done Henry!

We continued a successful night by making a clean sweep in the relay events winning all four shields:

**Boys 4 x 25m Medley Relay** - 1<sup>st</sup> place - Jack H, Marcus M, Henry F, Ollie S

**Boys 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay** - 1<sup>st</sup> place - Marcus M, Hayden S, Jack H, Ollie S

**Girls 4 x 25m Medley Relay** - 1<sup>st</sup> place - Avalina R, Bethany S, Sophie P, Sophie N

**Girls 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay** - 1<sup>st</sup> place - Avalina R, Emma W, Sophie P, Sophie N

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. What an absolutely incredible night for Ashleigh Primary School!

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

Thank you.

Mr Harty - PE Co-ordinator



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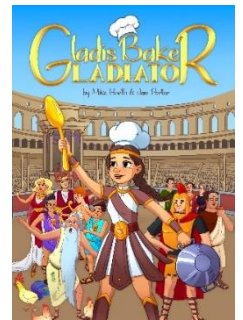
## LET'S GO SING

On Monday Mr Thomson's class took part in Let's Go Sing at King George's Hall. The children had a wonderful time and were a credit to school. A big thank you to Mr Thomson and staff for their hard work and taking the children to this event.



## YEAR 3 & 4 PRODUCTION OF GLADIS BAKER, GLADIATOR

The Year 3 & 4 production of Gladis Baker, Gladiator will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March; performances will be at 2.00pm and 6.00pm with a dress rehearsal for the whole school taking place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.



All tickets have now been sold for the 6.00pm performance but there are still some left for 2.00pm, if you would like to buy tickets please contact the office.

## EASTER COMPETITION

We are once again holding our Annual Easter 'Egg-stravaganza' competition. We would like all our children to take part on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. All entries and 'eggs-hibits' can be made at home and brought into school on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

There are four categories for you to choose from:

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



## TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Tempest Photographers will be in school to take class and team photos.



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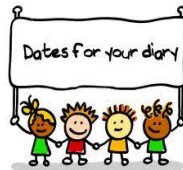
## ST GEORGES DAY - RUN JOG WALK FUNDRAISING EVENT

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Once again, we are holding our St George's Day Run Jog Walk sponsored fund-raising event on Wednesday 24<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. You should have received your letter and sponsor form, please contact the office if you haven't. Money raised will be split between school fund and the East Lancashire Hospice 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. If your child doesn't normally have a school dinner and they would like one, a menu will be sent home nearer the time for you to complete and return to school.



Year 3 & 4 Production - Gladis Baker, Gladiator - Dress Rehearsal	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	
Year 3 & 4 Production - Gladis Baker, Gladiator	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm 6.00pm
Easter Competition	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	
Year 4 Violin Group Performance	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm
<b>School Closes for Easter</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>School Re-opens</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8.45am</b>
Outdoor Learning - Year 1/2	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	AM
Outdoor Learning - Year 2		PM
Tempest Photographers - Class & Group Photos	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	AM
Outdoor Learning - Reception	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	AM
Outdoor Learning - Year 1		PM
Run Jog Walk - St George's Day	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	
St Georges Day Lunch - Whole School	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	
Scholastic Book Fair	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April -1 <sup>st</sup> May	3.30pm
<b>May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	



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From next week onwards, we are collecting items for an amazing local charity, The Cancer Bank, which has been set up by a local headteacher, Dan Theobalds.

The Cancer Bank supports people going through treatment for cancer. They provide packages of essential items donated by members of the public, to people who are just beginning their cancer journey. Ashleigh will be a drop off point for some of the things they are collecting.

They are asking for the following new, sealed items:

- soft hair brushes
- transfer eyebrow tattoos
- dark nail polish
- large tooth combs
- thermometers
- shower sleeves
- hats
- gloves
- scarves
- snoods
- headscarves
- thermal slippers/socks (with grip soles)
- soft toothbrushes
- non-alcoholic mouthwash
- lip balm
- hand sanitiser

Please note, they can only accept brand new products in original packaging with labels. This is due to the risk of infection control.

Please drop items off at the main office, from Monday onwards. We will continue to collect items after the Easter break.

This is a fantastic local charity who are supporting people during really challenging times.

I am sure that our wonderful Ashleigh community, will as ever, do their best to support this amazing venture.

Many thanks,  
Mr. Matthews



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