



Newsletter

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Mission Leaders vital to Holy Week



It's been a busy time for our Mission Leaders who have been promoting the meaning of Lent, focussing on the themes of Charity and Fundraising, Reconciliation and Prayer.

Year 7s and 8s applied to become Mission Leaders and Lay Chaplain Mr Preston is full of praise for them. He said: "They are very strong Mission Leaders who are helping to promote the Catholic ethos in school."

The Mission Leaders have been raising money for Caritas and all pupils in school had the opportunity to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are grateful to the clergy within our local and Diocesan parishes for their ongoing support in allowing us to take part in this important sacrament.

The Mission Leaders have spent time developing video clips and resources about their experience and have played a leading role in prayer during Holy Week.

A diamond design

Brothers Archie and Aydon have hand-made a diamond Blessed Trinity badge which will be proudly displayed in the school.

Year 8 Archie and Year 7 Aydon said: "We spent around 40 hours on it and used a vacuum pen which sucks up diamonds and then you place them one-by-one on your design.

"It was quite intricate with the shades of gold but it was calming and fun to do. We wanted to do the school badge as we enjoy school.

"We showed it to Mrs Williams and Mrs Keighley and they are really impressed. It will be displayed in school."



The right moves in chess challenge



Checkmate, stalemate and castling are all technical terms which can be heard in our ever-growing Chess Club.

The Chess Club is held every Tuesday after school and is run by Teaching Assistant Mr Williams.

Mr Williams has introduced tournaments which he takes part in and they are extremely competitive!

Year 10 Dylan is currently leading the way with two victories out of the three tournaments held so far while Kwame won the first one.

Mr Williams said: "Chess Club is popular. The first time we ran it we had around 12 people taking part and now it's over 20.

"Everyone seems to enjoy chess as it is strategic and unpredictable!

"Dylan is a very good player and is currently top of our rankings.

"It is competitive with everyone competing for the podium places in every tournament.

"The tournaments are a positive event for both pupils and staff and it's all played in a friendly atmosphere."



Pupils hitting the top notes on the guitar



Our pupils have been making the grade in guitar! Nick Mackey, a guitar specialist with the London College of Music, travels all over the world as a senior examiner but also spends two Days a week at Blessed Trinity, providing the pupils with top class lessons.

Nick, who has recently carried out exams in Barbados, Italy, Switzerland and India, said: "They are all really talented and work very hard."

Danni achieved a Grade 5 Distinction and said: "I have been learning the guitar for three years. I started in primary school with ukelele lessons and that's where I found a love of music. I taught myself so, when I came here, guitar was the next step up. It's fun to do."

Mia was awarded a Grade 2 Distinction. She said: "I have been learning the guitar since Year 6. I like it as I can write my own songs and play them."

Andrew celebrated a Grade 2 Merit. He said: "The lessons in school have brought me on a lot and it's where I can pass my grades."

Blossom achieved a Grade 1 Merit and said: "I have been learning guitar since the start of Year 7, I like playing nice tunes."

Cameron also achieved a Grade 1 Merit. He said: "I enjoy playing my guitar with other people, it's enjoyable."

Annabelle secured a Grade 1 Pass. She added: "I like it as I can play my favourite songs, like Billie Eilish. I am now working towards my Grade 2."

Jay impressed with new 3G facilities



Burnley legend Jay Rodriguez officially declared our new 3G pitch renovation open earlier this term.

Burnley-born Jay visited the new £400,000 prize facilities, which are open to both the pupils and the community, and was impressed.

"I went to Barden High School and we did have Astroturf but it was nothing like this," said the striker, who now plays for Wrexham.

"I remember it was rock hard while this is soft and is a brilliant facility both for the school and those who use it outside of school hours.

"Being here and seeing it used by both boys and girls in lessons and at breaks and lunch-times is encouraging to see. It's a great way to keep active.

"I enjoy coming into schools and hope I can inspire pupils and share my experiences. It's good when they are Burnley fans too and we can talk all things Burnley FC."

Headteacher Mrs Williams said: "Our new 3G pitches have been seven years in the making and it's amazing to see them being used by our pupils and the community. It's great Jay Rodriguez gave his time to come and officially open the facility – it certainly created a buzz around school!"

Year 10 pupil Sam, who is also a referee, said: "I have watched the old 3G pitches being ripped up and the new ones being developed. It's a really good facility, there are no flaws and the new nets are great."

Pupils had a Q&A with Jay, asking him all things Burnley, including his favourite goals, favourite opponents and best player to play with and against as well as getting items signed.

Finance Manager Mr Magee has overseen the project. He said: "It's brilliant Jay came to officially open our new facility and to see how impressed he was with it, and our pupils and community get to make use of this every day.

"Our old Astroturf was nearly 20-years-old, there were constant issues with the old surface and we had regular complaints about the quality of the facility from clubs who used it from the letting side.

"It's something I wanted to change but obviously as a school it's about costs as we had to pay for it – but we knew how important it was for our pupils and the local community.

"We got approval from everyone concerned and we had a tight time frame to rip it up and refit a top-of-the-range 3G facility between October and December last year.

"Thankfully it worked out perfectly and we now have three five-a-side pitches; two seven-a-side pitches; one nine-a-side pitch and an 11-a-side pitch.

"We have also added some new goal posts, kick back boards and there is new LED lighting.

"Everyone who uses it in school is full of praise for it. It means we can play games at home here and pupils are keen to use it, not only in PE lessons, but at break and lunch-times too in all weathers. We want the best facilities for our pupils and we can now proudly say, our pupils have this.

"This encourages physical activity, which boosts mental health and it enhances our curriculum as well.

"At night and weekends, it's used by local clubs all year around and the feedback has been superb. It develops a link between the school and the community, which is important to us as a school."

“The wellbeing of pupils is at the heart of everything the school does”

Blessed Trinity has been praised as a warm, welcoming school where the staff go above and beyond in their Poverty Proofing Audit.

The auditor was in school for three days talking to staff, pupils and parents with the Poverty Proofing Audit linked to the charity Children North East.

Mrs Geoghegan said: “The purpose of the audit is to identify the barriers children living in poverty face to engage fully with school life and its opportunities.

“It is focused on listening to the voices and experiences of young people and will offer a pathway to address any unseen inequalities within their experience of school life.

“The audit serves to help us to reduce stigma, break the link between educational attainment and financial background, and supports schools to explore the most effective way to spend Pupil Premium.”

The auditor looked, for example, at the cost of the food, portion sizes, the cost of uniform and PE kit, revision material and more.

Mrs Geoghegan continued: “The auditor praised our school and said it was one of her favourite schools. She said Blessed Trinity felt warm and welcoming in every corner of school life and that staff went above and beyond.

“It’s brilliant to hear that we are doing a good job, she felt our pupils displayed exceptional conduct and she loved the fact we gave free food at breakfast to all pupils.”

The audit stated that staff and pupils show that Blessed Trinity wants every child to feel they belong and can take part in all areas of school life.

It praised the school for providing a wide range of lunchtime and after-school clubs which are free and open to everyone.

The report said: “The school’s careers programme is strong, giving students the skills and confidence needed for their next steps while building cultural capital.”

The report continued: “The school ensures no student is disadvantaged, offering support with lunches, clothing, and transport.

“Pastoral care is an integral part of the school day and it is evident that the wellbeing of pupils is at the heart of everything that the school does.

“One pupil said: “It’s a really caring school.”



The transition team from Year 6 to Year 7 was praised as was strong contact with families.

The report said: “Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have any concerns or require support.

“Letters home about attendance are written in a kind and supportive tone, helping to put families at ease and encouraging open communication.

“The school provides a range of support for families of pupils with SEND, including SEND coffee mornings, which act as a supportive network for parents.

“Communication with home is strong and consistent.”

On food it said: “Blessed Trinity recognise that if pupils are hungry this can lead to so many barriers including behaviour issues, a lack of focus and attention and an inability to concentrate learn and maintain new information.

“A free breakfast of buttered toast and bagels is available to all pupils every morning.”

On uniform it stated: “All pupils were able to clearly explain the school’s uniform expectations.

“Staff explained that the school is proactive in supporting families who may struggle with uniform costs.”

Mrs Geoghegan added: “It was a really positive audit and one we are very proud of and reflects the hard work of everyone to ensure every child has the same opportunities.”



Meet the cast of Annie!

“The sun comes out tomorrow...”

The cast has been chosen and our production of Annie will take to the Mechanics stage in July!

Watch out for a guest appearance from our school dog, Maisie.

Blessed Trinity Musical Recital



What amazingly talented pupils we have at Blessed Trinity!

There were performances from:

Aronas: Cloudscapes– Piano

Year 8 Aronas has only been playing since the start of this year and is already Grade 4.

Emily: Drums – 7 Nation Army

Year 9 Emily only started drumming this year. She is studying GCSE Music next year.

Nathaniel: Saxophone – Ticker Tape

Year 9 Nathaniel has been playing since Year 7 and will hopefully be studying GCSE Music next year.

Blossom: Guitar – Autumn Lament

Year 8 Blossom achieved a Merit in her Grade 1 Ukulele exam. She is a second study pianist and sings

Isobelle: Vocal - Valerie

Year 9 Isobelle will be studying GCSE Music next year as a principle study singer. She played Doody in our recent school production Grease and has been cast as Miss Hannigan in this year's production Annie.

Bradley: Saxophone – Can't Help Falling in Love

Year 9 Bradley has been playing since Year 7. He also plays the piano and will be studying GCSE Music next year.

Lewis: Piano - Spanish Guitar

Lewis is a Year 10 GCSE Music pupil.

Andrew B: Guitar - Torito

Andrew achieved a Merit in his Grade 2 Guitar exam and will be studying GCSE Music next year

Chamber Choir: For As Long As I Have Music

Chamber Choir is made up of a range of pupils from year 7-11, they are all also a part of our full choir.

Georgia: Drums – Uptown Funk

Year 9 Georgia started drumming in Year 8. She is studying GCSE Music next year.

Lucy C: Vocal – Everytime

Lucy is a Year 11 GCSE Music pupil who is a principle study singer and second study guitarist. She played Frenchie in Grease

Sofia: Saxophone – Tango Ballade

Sofia is a Year 10 GCSE Music pupil who has been playing since Year 7.

Mia: Guitar –Atholl Highlanders

Mia achieved a DISTINCTION in her Grade 2 Guitar exam. She is also a singer and played Marty in Grease and has just been cast as Annie this year. She will be studying GCSE Music next year.

Zach R: Drums – Dancing in the Moonlight

Zach is a Year 10 GCSE pupil who has been playing since Year 7.

George: Piano duet – Pachelbel's Canon

George is a Year 11 GCSE Music pupil who is a principal study pianist.

Male Vocal Group: Something was Missing

These young gentlemen blew us away with their voices at our most recent auditions for Annie.

Greta: Piano duet– Amber

Greta is a Year 10 GCSE Music pupil who is a principal study pianist.

Ukulele Ensemble: Three Little Birds

Year 8 pupils have recently been learning to play syncopated rhythms in their KS3 music lessons.

Danni: Guitar - Blackbird

Danni achieved a DISTINCTION in her Grade 5 Guitar exam. She played Jan in our recent school production Grease

Grace: Piano duet– Pachelbel's Canon- A Jazz arrangement

Grace is a Year 11 GCSE Music pupil who is a principal study pianist working towards her Grade 6.

Concert Band: Living on a Prayer

Our Concert Band is made up of pupils from Year 7-11



Writers work is published



Our pupils have been delving into the world of mystery and intrigue for the Young Writers' 'Stranger Sagas' competition.

This is a national competition where pupils have to write a creative story, with a maximum of 100 words, which maybe funny, mysterious or thrilling. A number of our pupils will have their work published in a Young Writers book.

Year 7 Chizaram said: "My story was about a girl from Korea whose parents were kidnapped by a bad gang and she had to go under cover to find them."

Stefi said: "My story was about a girl stuck in an endless room and she can see her reflection which showed she was smiling when she wasn't. Then she gets a text..."

Christopher added: "My story was about someone who has weird dreams about aliens and, when he has a shower, he finds marks on his body. Then he goes to sleep and wakes up in a room full of aliens."

Our Drama Club runs in conjunction with Burnley Youth Theatre and we have a lot of talent on show. There is acting, creative writing, poems, scripts and much more!



Our School Council met with members of East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust to discuss the development of a children and young persons panel.

Fire, fun and fab activities were all part of Science Week



Science Week 2026 was a fantastic celebration of curiosity and creativity, with pupils taking part in a wide range of exciting activities in March.

From hands-on challenges like the marble run, fire writing, and slime-making to engaging Sports Science lectures and dynamic live shows hosted by Medical Mavericks, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

We were also thrilled to see so many enthusiastic entries in our anagram competition, with lots of deserving winners. Well done to all who took part!

SEND Coffee mornings

Join us for our half-termly SEND Coffee Mornings, a welcoming space for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to connect, share, and support one another.

Over a cup of tea or coffee, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Share your experiences and ideas with other parents who understand what you're going through
- Learn from others who have faced similar challenges and triumphs
- Exchange strategies and resources that have worked for you and your child
- Get support and guidance from other parents who have been in your shoes
- Meet Guest Speakers who will provide advice and guidance

Our SEND Coffee Morning is a safe and non-judgmental space where you can feel heard, validated, and empowered.

Whether you're seeking advice, looking for a listening ear, or simply wanting to connect with others who get it, this is the perfect place to be.

Join us and start building a supportive community of parents who are making a difference.

Topics we have discussed so far this year include: SEND White Paper, OFSTED, managing emotions, days out and holiday clubs, EHCP pathways and school avoidance.

The next coffee morning will be held in school on Friday 15th May 9.30 - 11.

Star Sam in national final



A huge congratulations to Year 11 pupil Sam who has reached the ESFA Boys Under 16 Inter-County Cup with Lancashire. Sam's Lancashire side beat Merseyside 1-0 to reach the national final of the competition. The national final will be played in May at Stoke City's Bet 365 Stadium, where they will face either Devon or Essex.

Blossom shines



Well done to Blossom who has passed her Grade 2 Ukulele exam with distinction. Blossom said: "The exam was around 20 minutes long and I was glad to pass. "I like playing the ukulele, it's small and delicate and I enjoy playing songs."

Dawud is elected to Youth Parliament

Head Boy Dawud has been elected to the Youth Parliament and will be representing the young people of Burnley and Pendle.

The Year 11 was elected onto the Youth Parliament recently and will stand for the next two years. They meet at the Burnley and Pendle Youth zones to discuss the concerns of young people.

Dawud said: "I enjoy speaking to local people about common issues and trying to resolve them. I believe everyone deserves equal opportunities so it's trying to ensure that happens.

"We talk about different topics which affect young people, we have looking at more volunteering roles recently."



Cook Book is red hot!

Our Young Enterprise group have sold 50 copies of their 'Cook Book.'

It contains recipes from around the world, recognising and celebrating the rich cultural diversity within our school community.

It means they have made around £800 which is fantastic.

The team recently presented their Cook Book to a panel of business leaders at Edgehill University.



UK Maths test



A selection of our top mathematicians took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge – a national 60-minute multiple-choice test.

It's designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency. In the first round, our Gold winners were Year 9s Mustafa K, who was best in school, Christopher C and Jacob S.

All have recently sat the next round, the Kangaroo Challenge, and are waiting to see if they have got through this. If they do, they will be among the best in the UK.

Mustafa said: "I found the Kangaroo Challenge ok. I want to do something with maths in the future but I am not sure what yet."



There is Hip Hop and Street Dance at our Next Level Dance after-school club. They meet every Monday.

Sports teams go for glory



Our school teams have been taking part in a variety of games and tournaments over the last term.

Our Year 10 boys football team are in the Burnley Cup final and are also in the Lancashire Cup quarter-final, where they will play St Anne's at home. They have lost their last two Lancashire Cup finals as Year 8s and 9s so they want to win this one!

Our Year 9 Boys football team are through to the Burnley Cup final where they will face Shuttleworth College. They beat Unity 5-1 in their semi-final.

The Year 8s lost to Unity in the Burnley Schools final.

A boys and girls team went to Blackpool to represent Blessed Trinity in the Lancashire Indoor Athletic Championships. They took part in shot putt, long jump, high jump, speed bounce, relay, obstacle races and more.

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