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**Autumn Term**  
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# NEWSLETTER

*'With Jesus at the centre of all we do and say'*

## 'Back to the Future' Week

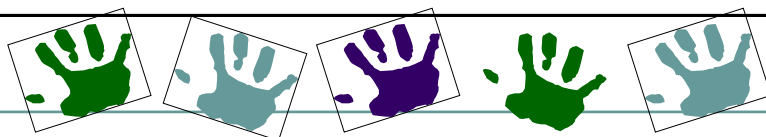
Children throughout the school came off the regular timetable, week commencing 5th October, to be involved in a creative themed week, 'Back to the Future'. The week reached its climax on Thursday 8th October, when Year 5 pupils from ten small schools from our Pendle Network Learning Community cluster group met together for a 'Celebration Day'. In a creative frenzy of science, art, music, history and dance, the children learnt many new skills and had a fantastic opportunity to make new friends.

As part of this theme Class 3 had a fabulous trip to the Manchester Museum Of Science and Industry on 14th October. The highlight of their day was a 'magical' workshop about the wonders of light.



## **CREEPY CRAWLY ROAD SHOW!**

John and Tracey came into teach the infants all about creepy crawlies. They found out lots of information about all the different sorts of creepy crawlies including: butterflies, cockroaches, stick insects, spiders and snakes. Lots of children (and KS1 staff) were brave enough to have a hold!



## Dates for your diary

**Christmas Dinner** : Thursday 10th December

**Nativity performance** :

**'Christmas with the Aliens'**

This year's performance will be held on Wednesday 9th December at 2pm, Thursday 10th December an evening performance at 6pm.

**Christmas Assembly**: 15th December at 1.15pm. Please come along.

**Christmas Jumper Day** : Friday 18th December.

**Christmas Disco**: Thursday 17th December from 6pm-8pm in the school.

**Bag Packing at Morrisons**, Nelson on the 12th December, 10am-4pm.

**School closes: Friday 18th December at 3.30pm and re-opens 4th January at 8.55am**

## Fundraising

A big 'Thank you' to all who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. We raised an amazing £878 which we greatly appreciate and will be spending on some fabulous books for the children. The Quiz night which was held in the Parish Centre on the 6th November raised an incredible amount. A defibrillator is being ordered as a result of this great fundraiser. Also an incredibly generous donation of £1142 was given to the school by mums/volunteers who had hired Frank Street shop for a week. This was such a kind and unexpected donation and greatly appreciated by everyone at St. Joseph's. The Christmas Fair also raised a fabulous £1735 which will be split equally between the parish and school.

Our fundraising has been amazing this year and I would like to thank all those who have supported our events.

If you have any queries regarding items on this newsletter please come and see Mrs. Henderson(Deputy Headteacher)

## VISITORS

**St John Ambulance**

Class 5 had a training workshop with St. John Ambulance. In this very practical session they were taught some important first aid skills. Children partnered up and were taught the basics of the recovery position and techniques in bandaging.

**Dog Warden**

Our local dog warden Laura popped into Class 5 to talk to the children about the importance of caring for their dogs and the environment. The children were invited to take part in a competition which she is running for the local schools.

**Manchester Theatre Group—Sleeping Beauty**

Both KS1 and KS2 children were captivated and thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Sleeping Beauty from the visiting theatre company on Monday 9th November.

**Extra Curricular Clubs after Christmas**

Monday: Football 3.30 - 4.15pm Year 2 - Year 6

Tuesday: Netball 3.30 - 4.15pm Year 3 - Year 6

Tuesday: Bricks4kids 3.30 - 4.30pm Year 1 - Year 6

Wednesday: Ecool Club 3.30 - 4.30pm Year 3 - Year 6

Thursday: Choir 12.30 - 1.00pm Year 3 - Year 6

Thursday: Sports Cool Sports Club 3.30 - 4.30pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Friday: Sports Cool Sports Club 3.30 - 4.30pm Years 3-6

Friday: Guitars 3.30 - 4.30pm Years 5-6

## Pendle Pupil Parliament



Two children from Year 6 have been chosen to represent St. Joseph's at Nelson Town Hall in Pendle's Pupil Parliament. The



children from a range of schools in the Pendle area will meet throughout the year with local councillors. They will discuss and debate issues that have arisen within their own schools.

## Remembrance Sunday

Some children from St. Joseph's joined in with the local people of Barnoldswick to remember those who fought in the wars.

They laid a wreath following a Service of Remembrance at the cenotaph. Thank you to all those who donated to such a worthy cause. School raised £46 selling poppies

