



## Spotlight on

### Nursery!



Nursery have had lots of spooky fun this week to celebrate Halloween. We have been making potions in the witch's house using all things creepy like spiders, bats and eyeballs to name a few!

We have used lots of communication and language to talk about how we celebrate Halloween at home with our friends and families. We found out we love to dress up as something spooky and go trick or treating with our families.

We have been listening to 'Winnie the Witch' stories and joining in with her spells. We particularly enjoyed saying 'Abracadabra' along with Winnie for her spells to work.

We started our spooky week with the Halloween disco organised by the PTA. We had a great time playing all the games, making our own fruit kebabs and dancing to the music. We especially liked the sweets at the end of the disco as we could eat them in nursery as a treat!



## The Upcoming Week...

### Monday 4th November

### Tuesday 5th November

- School Council visit to Preston Town Hall (all day)
- Bonfire Night themed lunch

### Wednesday 6th November

### Thursday 7th November

- Toddlers in KS2 hall

### Friday 8th November

- Catch up flu immunisation (pm)
- Choir—3.30pm

### Important Dates—Autumn Term

11th November	Remembrance Day assembly for parents (2.30pm)
14th November	Doctor visiting Class 5 & 6
16th November	PTA Christmas Fair in Parish Centre
25th/28th November	KS1 and KS2 Parent's Evenings

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents, grandparents and parishioners,

After twenty-five years of service to our school, we say a huge thank you to Mrs Counce who is retiring this week. I know the whole school family will wish her every happiness as she enjoys her retirement.

During the half-term holidays, our new cycle shelter was built along with new football nets and basketball nets for the KS2 playground being installed. The curriculum pages on the website have been updated for this half-term and all information to help your child in their learning can be found on the 'Knowledge Organiser' for their class. In response to parental suggestions, we have created an archive section on the curriculum page. This will house the knowledge organisers from past terms allowing families to revisit previous learning.

During the spring term, we moved to an on-line platform for communications with the majority of letters now being sent electronically. Please continue to check emails to ensure you are receiving all information. If you change your email, please inform school. The 'texting to parents' service will only be used in an emergency.

Parents of children who are starting school in September 2020 have until January 15th 2020 to complete both the online application and supplementary information application. Please see our website for guidance or contact school where Mrs Oates will provide all the required information. If you would like to visit school prior to application, please contact school to confirm arrangements.

## Curriculum News

- Reception/Yr 1 This week we have listened to the story of 'Room on the broom' and looked for rhyming words and adjectives.
- Year 2 This week we have started reading traditional tales with a twist! Watch our for the Big Bad Pig in your homework!
- Year 3 What a great first week back! We've kicked off our 'Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds' topic by looking at the history of the Olympics, famous Olympians and have created some messy Olympic ring artwork!
- Year 4 This week we have been inspired by the artwork of Jason Mercier. We have designed our own pop trash and food art and we are looking forward to creating these next week!
- Year 5 We have been learning about the different stages of development in the human life cycle in Science.
- Year 6 We have been studying War poetry in anticipation of our special Remembrance Assembly.

## Our Award Winners!

### Star of the Week

### Mission Statement

Ryan Byrne	Ellis Brown
Grace Hindley	Wojciech Zolnik
Isaac Charlton	Joni Maund
Chloe Long	Euan Antrobus
Daniel Fleming	Sophia Maragou
Ben Cavanagh	Sophie McInerney
Noah Cornwall	Sophie Molloy
Georgia Taylor	Mia Jones
Elliot McQuade	Annie Eccles
Evan Heywood	Georgia Read
Lily Antrobus	Ethan Cook

## PTA

### Halloween Spooky Madness!

What a start to the PTA events, this year we tried something different for our Halloween disco introducing traditional games that we all remember; bobbing apple, duck apple and crafts and games - wrapping each other in loo roll as mummies!

This year the infants made fruit kebabs and enjoyed a variety of crafts. The music and dancing for the infants was lead by Sarah Morris and Bridget Mawtus this fantastic duo had the children dancing and singing as soon as they entered the hall with their excellent repertoire. Massive thank you to these lovely talented ladies □ The children loved the games and left with a chocolate coated apple or haribo a good time was had by all.

The junior disco had an interactive DJ, children loved the games too and the Instagram picture frame! The tuck shop was as always a popular attraction! Everyone seemed to have a great time, massive thank you to the parent helpers you know who you are thank you without you we couldn't run these events! Some parents were there from set up through to the end to tidy up so thank you.

This is not a fundraising event for the PTA but we managed not just to break even but to make a profit of £266.94 a fabulous start to the school year!

A huge thank you to the PTA Halloween dream team aka Stacey Pope, Louise Hart and Vicky Francis, for your time and efforts in making this a wonderful and memorable event for our children, while juggling jobs, families and social lives! Extended thanks to the PTA group, Mrs Penlington and all the staff who helped and supported the event thank you.

Now the PTA are focusing on the next event the Pre-Christmas Craft Fair on the Saturday 16th of November 1-4pm at St. Anne's parish centre. Please

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### Other dates to remember ;

Thursday 7th November PTA meeting at Nordico 7.30 pm upstairs all welcome. 7th November new Pilates Class at 6.16pm- 7.15pm £5 / session in the junior hall - all welcome adults only - spaces limited - please see Stacey Pope.

Please remember to sign up to the school lottery (you have to be in it to win it!) we need your support before the first draw on the 16th November. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lotteryadmin/st-annes-catholic-primary-school-ormskirk>

You can also support us through Easyfundraising when you shop online <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> a great and easy ways to support our wonderful school.

If you have any comments, feedback or suggestions please come along to the next meeting or email us at [stannespta@outlook.com](mailto:stannespta@outlook.com)

Many thanks!

## School Council Matters...

The School Council are pleased to announce that we have organised another 'recycle 4 school' day with Roberts Recycling Ltd in order to raise funds for playground litter bins in school.

Roberts Recycling Ltd is an award winning company and one of the UK's leading clothes recyclers and exporters. By getting involved in our collection, you are able to raise funds, recycle and benefit people in poorer parts of the world at the same time. We will receive £500 per ton collected.

Simply fill one of the bags provided with clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts and soft toys (you can use any other plastic bag if you need to). All items must be in reusable condition (so please nothing ripped or stained). Please can you send your donation in to school on Monday 11th November as the collection will take place on Monday 11th November.