



# Balderstone St Leonard's CE Primary Newsletter

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*"rooted and grounded in love..." Ephesians 3:17*

*Friday 14th October 2022*

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## Mrs Gow's Words for the Week...



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*This week in worship we have been thinking about loyalty. The story of Ruth has made us consider **who** and **what** we are loyal to and how we show others that we care for them. "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay." Ruth 1:16*

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This week has felt very autumnal in school and there have been some seasonal activities going on across school. EYFS have made some wonderful autumn leaf skewers this week and really enjoyed their autumn walk. Year One have been out hunting conkers in Forest School.









On Wednesday, every class had the opportunity to work with Neil from the Ribble River Trust to explore different types of river/stream water for signs of life. The brook that runs through our Forest School area was teeming with river shrimps, but we noticed that the current food chains were quite limited. The children compared this with a sample from a stream in Burnley to compare the different species. It helped us all realise how important it is to look after our local environment.

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*"it was fun and the fish are really cute. There were little shrimp, fish and even a frog"*

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On Thursday, Mrs Turner and I took our school's podcast group (Muhammed-Hasnayn, Matilda, Mohammed-Faizan and Falak) to Ribble FM to learn how a radio station works and also to improve our interview and editing techniques. The children loved meeting Mark Blackman who presents the breakfast show slot. We were able to visit the studios, see how the radio programmes are edited together and then create our own slot by carrying out a phone-in interview with our very own Reverend Karen. Mark is going to play our segment on his show next week! How exciting! Not only this, but he is going to come into school regularly to help us set up and train our audio editors and new podcast area. Soon we'll have our own radio show.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Creative afternoon today. What a joy to be able to share in some fellowship and craft together. Here are some of the amazing creations.





Our sports clubs are now well established and our two football teams have been in action this week. A huge thank you to the parents who have supported them in terms of transport and cheering them on. We are so proud of them all - especially as this is the first time some of our Year 4 children have ever played in a football match too. We'll only go from strength to strength now.

Please remember that **school closes for half-term at 3.10pm on Thursday, as Friday is our training day.**

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Gow*

## Flourishing Friday Awards





Here are this week's flourishers who have lived out our school mission of Loving God, Loving Each Other and Loving learning. Well done to:

EYFS. **Myles**

Year 1. **Florence**

Year 2. **Haniya**

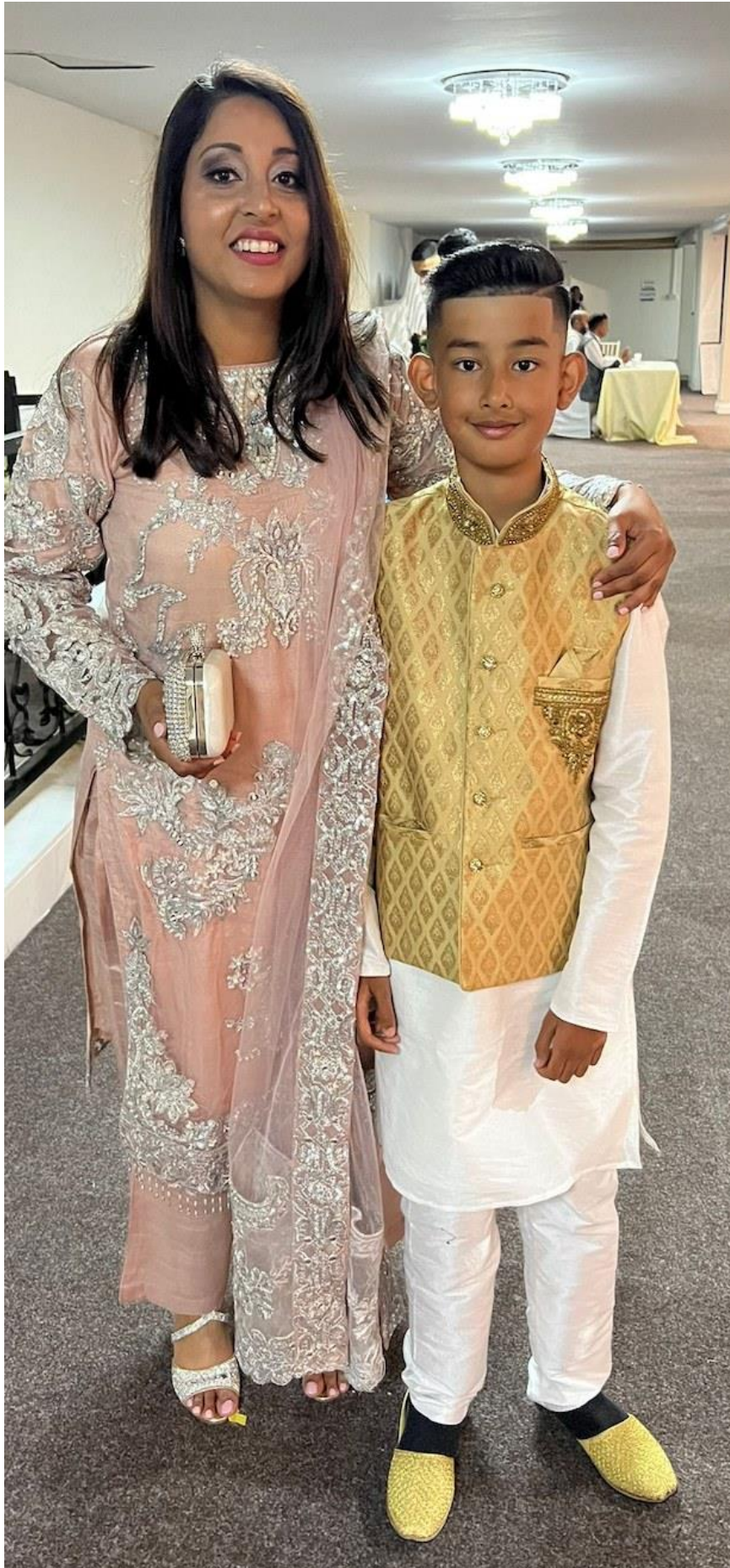
Year 3. **Abdullah**

Year 4. **Aaisha**

Year 5. **Falak**

Year 6. **Deen**

Meet the Governor



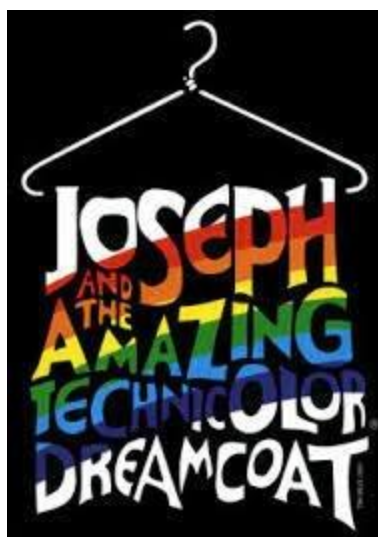


This week it is the turn of Yasmin Riaz, one of our Parent Governors to introduce herself to you.

My name is Yasmin Riaz and I'm a parent governor. I started my role when my son Deen was in reception he's now in year 6. I work as a Housing Officer/Anti Social Behaviour Officer and I have done for the last 20 years. Everyday is a different day in my job and I have been presented with a national award and been a finalist for another. I am proud of my role as a parent governor and like every other parent at Balderstone's, I want the very best for my child. I always try and bring a parents perspective to every meeting. It is important to work with the school and governing team to ensure every child feels happy, safe and strives to become the very best they can be.

We are sending out our nomination forms for Parent governors next week, so if you fancy joining the team, please put your name forwards next week. Nomination forms must be returned to Mrs Gow by next Wednesday.

### Technicolour Dreamcoat Day/Chocolate gift



Next Thursday (20th October) we are completing our worship sequence where we have been learning all about God's hand in Joseph's life. We are going to have a themed day in school, as a whole school family, based on Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat. Come to school wearing your brightest clothes (as many colours as possible) to celebrate the joy of God's love. We are also bringing in an **unwrapped chocolate gift** to support our Church's Christmas fair which takes place in a few weeks.

## Sports Roundup



### Cross Country

#### at St Michael and St John's, Clitheroe

A Team: Abigail, Anna, Georgia, Matilda, Aleena, Laura, Bilaal, Logan, MH, Zayd, Haris, Mohammad Faizan

B Team: Sawdah, Maisie, Daisy, Inaaya, Poppy S, Muhammad I, Zak, Zaydene, Michael, Zayn

Fun Runners: Poppy B, Juwairiyah, Mohammed R

We were blown away by the number of children wanting to participate in this event this year. Although it is an event designed for Y5 and Y6 children, the enthusiasm by members of Y3 and Y4 meant that we were able to take 25 children to enjoy the event in Clitheroe.

29 teams from schools across the Ribble Valley competed in the fine Autumnal weather, supported by a packed parental audience. The girls were asked to race first and the A team finished in a respectable 9th position. A massive **CONGRATULATIONS** to Abigail Redmayne who finished in an impressive 5th Position in a very large and strong field of girls. Abigail will now represent Ribble Valley in the county finals in the summer term. Also a special mention to our little pocket rocket, Poppy S, who (as a Y3) was by far the smallest and probably the youngest competitor on the course... She was determined to keep up with the big girls and give them a run for their money with a happy but determined face on her all the way round. We look forward to seeing what Poppy manages to accomplish as she moves through school and into Y6. Keep running Poppy!

The boys race followed on from the girls, after which the fun runners participated. A special mention for Mohammad R who, whilst running with real determination, stated to Mrs Heyworth that he didn't understand why everyone was so keen to win because just "taking part is what matters" and that it was taking part that was "fun"! What a great attitude Mohammad! we can all learn a lot from your outlook and determination. It was heartwarming to see the whole Balderstone Squad running to accompany him towards the end of his last lap so that he was not on his own and to cheer and encourage him in that last push. Many teachers from other schools commented on this amazing

spectacle of kindness, teamwork and Mohammad's determination. Mrs Heyworth and Mrs Riddell couldn't have been prouder! Well done to all of the children for participating and a massive thank you to all the parents for transporting and supporting the children at the event.

Here are our fab footballers who showed such teamwork, determination and resilience this week. A huge well done to the children who played their very first competitive match this week.





## Busy Bees - Gardening, baking and yoga...



Have you noticed the rather splendid planters at the front of school. Our Busy Bees wraparound care club were busy on Wednesday night with Mrs Riddell and Mrs Gow replanting them with some ivy and pansies. They did a great job, I'm sure you'll agree - despite some of the children ending up with more compost on them than the flowers! You were 'blooming' marvellous helpers.



*1 - On Thursday the Bees were busy baking some rather splendid cupcakes with Mrs Burton.*

Remember, you can book a place for a regular or one-off breakfast (7.40am -8.40am) or after-school place. (3.10 - 5.45pm)

## Bonfire Night Special Offer Glow-in-the-Dark hoodies and shirts



Zaydene's family have offered to make some rather funky glow-in-the-dark T-shirts and hoodies ready for our special Bonfire Night celebrations on 5th November. There are a range of designs that you can choose from and ALL of the profits are going to be donated to our FOBS fundraising for school. Your child has brought home a pre-order form tonight. Please bring back into school on Wednesday of next week.

## Swimming lesson offer



<https://www.better.org.uk/what-we-offer/lessons-and-courses/swimming>

Over the October half term holidays the ASSL swimming team will be offering swimming lessons at West View. The lessons will run Monday to Friday (24th – 28th October) 13.00, 13.30 and 14.00. They are Foundation lessons – non-swimmers, beginners and improvers (up to 10m). The lessons are at a reduced rate of £10 for the week, normally £27.50.

Please use the above link to book your sessions.

Help our local church and local environment!



St Leonard's Church at Balderstone is organising an Autumn Workday. **Saturday, 22 October 2022 between 9am – 12:30pm** There will be jobs for **everyone** from cleaning, sweeping, raking, weeding, mowing lawn and clearing out storage areas. If you can give up a half a day, please let us know. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or email [kabelliveau@btinternet.com](mailto:kabelliveau@btinternet.com). Coffee and cake will be provided. If you feel you are unable to help with jobs but would like to come for a cup of coffee, you are welcome. We look forward to seeing as many of our church and school family as possible! **EVERYONE** welcome.



Goodbye and thank you Mrs Halton!



We will be sorry to say farewell to Mrs Halton in the office who will be leaving us next Thursday to take up a full time position nearer her home in a secondary school. As a school we would like to wish her all the very best in her new role and thank her for her cheery manner and service to our school family.

As a result, Mrs Johnstone will be the only member of staff in the front office and this will mean that she will be very busy. Please do use the absence phone line **01254 769 155** (open 24hrs) to report any absences from school and please be patient if you need to see us at the front office. We are currently trialling some new (hopefully more efficient) methods of collecting your dinner menus and also our newsletter.

Photograph morning!



On Monday 31st October a photographer will be in school taking individual photos of your children.

If you have siblings in school we will take their photos together and **not** separately unless you request otherwise.

If you have younger children at home who would like to be included in the photograph please let Mrs Johnstone know before the half term break.

## School applications and reminders!



The **closing date** for Secondary school choices is **31st October 2022**

We have some places in year groups throughout school and in our Pre-school.

Please encourage **anyone** who may be looking for a school place to come and visit us in our Open Week

31st October – 4th November, just give us a call to arrange a time. You are more than welcome to bring a friend,

grandparent, neighbour, friend from church/mosque to see our school.

## Dates for the diary



Monday 17th October - Foxes field trip to Blackburn (Geography)

Wednesday 19th October Year 3/4 parent lunch 12.30pm

Thursday 20th October - Celebration worship in church – **2.30pm** STARS for the Half-term

Technicolour day - wear bright clothes (like Joseph's coat and bring a chocolate gift for church)

Forest school for Year 1 (please still bring waterproofs or outdoor clothes!)

Monday 31st October – 4th November – Open week. Spread the word, come and see our school in action. Let the office know you are coming to join us and tell others about our fab school family!

Friday 11th November Year 1/2 Parent lunch 12.30pm followed by Year 1/2 worship for Remembrance day in church 1.30pm

## Contact Us



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**A small school  
with a big heart**

We are currently accepting  
applications.

Join us for our Open Week 31<sup>st</sup>  
October – 4<sup>th</sup> November. Ring  
school to book a tour.

For more information visit  
**www.balderstoneschool.co.uk**  
or contact **01254 769150**

Keep in touch with the school family using the details below (or call into the school anytime to see us)

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