



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

13th September 2024



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We believe that a strong relationship between school and parents/carers is key to your child's success. When we work together, we create a supportive environment that nurtures their growth both academically and personally. We are constantly looking for ways to build this relationship which is why we offered the opportunity for you to meet with teachers on Monday. It was good to see many of you speaking with your child's class teachers.

We encourage parents to stay engaged by attending school events, parent-teacher meetings and staying informed about your child's progress. Your involvement makes a significant difference. Our wonderful PTA "Friends" are always looking for volunteers to help them. They are holding a cake sale after school on Friday 20th (Pg12). Please let the school office know if you would be interested to help.

I have sent an email today just to clarify expectations about school uniform. This is another crucial way that you as parents support school. Thank you for your cooperation. Together, we can ensure that every child feels supported, motivated, and confident to achieve their full potential. Let's continue to build this important partnership!

Collective Worship

"You're blessed when you stay on course, walking steadily on the road revealed by God". Psalm 119:1

This week Mrs Hinds spoke to pupils about working together like a family and the importance of listening to advice. We learned that when people were building the Tower of Babel and did not follow God's advice, it went the wrong way. Let's keep following good advice!



Update us

Have you moved or changed your contact details recently?

Please inform the office asap.

Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school on time every day.
The class with the best attendance this week was:



ASH & WILLOW



A school dinner costs £2.70 for children in years 3 to 6.
Weekly School Dinners = £13.50

We are avoiding the handling of cash, and the necessity to take money to the bank.
Dinners must be paid for via bank transfer in advance. Thank you.



If your circumstances have changed and you think your child should be entitled to Free School Meals, please apply to Lancashire County Council, by clicking on the below link.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

Golden Ticket

Pupils who go **over and above** to demonstrate our school values will be awarded a 'Golden Ticket' and will be placed in the draw for prizes at the end of term. The following children have been awarded a Golden Ticket:

**Finley CH, Lucy J, Arthur S,
Stanley L, Anghelina CE,**



STARS OF THE WEEK



Acorn

Cleo & Harrison

Ash

Erin & Amelia-Rose Allen

Birch

Connor & Adela

Chestnut

Cora H & Jacob D

Rowan

Lily T & Harry K

Oak

Simon & Dotty

Willow

Aleks & Mara

Hawthorn

Nile & Scarlett

Alder

William & Anghelina

Sycamore

Sophia R & Stanley P

School Games Values



In PE, we are concentrating on the school games values which are: determination, self-belief, passion, respect, teamwork and honesty.

Through PE lessons and competition, the children can learn how to handle victory and defeat, how to believe in their abilities and achieve their personal best and how to respect their opponents and work with their team-mates to achieve success.

Well done to all our children for showing respect in their PE lessons but particularly the children named below who received certificates for their efforts this week.

Sycamore	Sara S
Rowan	Sam W
Alder	Stanley T
Chestnut	Leo
Hawthorn	Rose
Birch	Nathan O
Willow	Poppy
Ash	Mikel P
Oak	Marley
Acorn	Willow



There has been a lot of exciting learning going on this week.....

CLASS NEWS

English

Reading & Responding

Reading & Analysing

Gathering Content & Planning

Our grammar focus is:

Complex sentences
 A complex sentence is a sentence with more than one clause. It has a **main clause** (makes sense on its own) and a **subordinate clause**. They are usually joined together with a **conjunction**.

What we already know

- No one really knows if the Loch Ness monster exists.
- It is called the Loch Ness monster because people think it lives in Loch Ness, in Scotland.
- Some people have claimed to see the monster and some have taken photos of it.
- Some of these photos have been fake.

What we want to know

- If the monster is real, is it still alive?
- Is it really a dinosaur or another animal?
- Could there be more than one monster?
- Is the monster a boy or a girl?
- Is the monster MAMMOSA?
- Could it live on land?
- Is it fierce?
- What does Nessie eat?

The Unsolved Mystery of the LOCH NESS MONSTER

Features of a magazine

- Information is in bite-size chunks
- Lots of pictures
- Quotes from the speaker
- Big headlines
- Bold colours
- Teasers
- Quizzes, games and puzzles
- 'Fun fact' boxes
- Articles have different layouts.

Fascinating Facts!

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Loch Ness is as big as 336 football pitches.
- If you emptied all the water out of Loch Ness you could fit every person in the world inside 3x.

1933 - A couple reported seeing Nessie crossing the road.

1934 - A doctor claimed to have photographed the monster but the photo was fake.

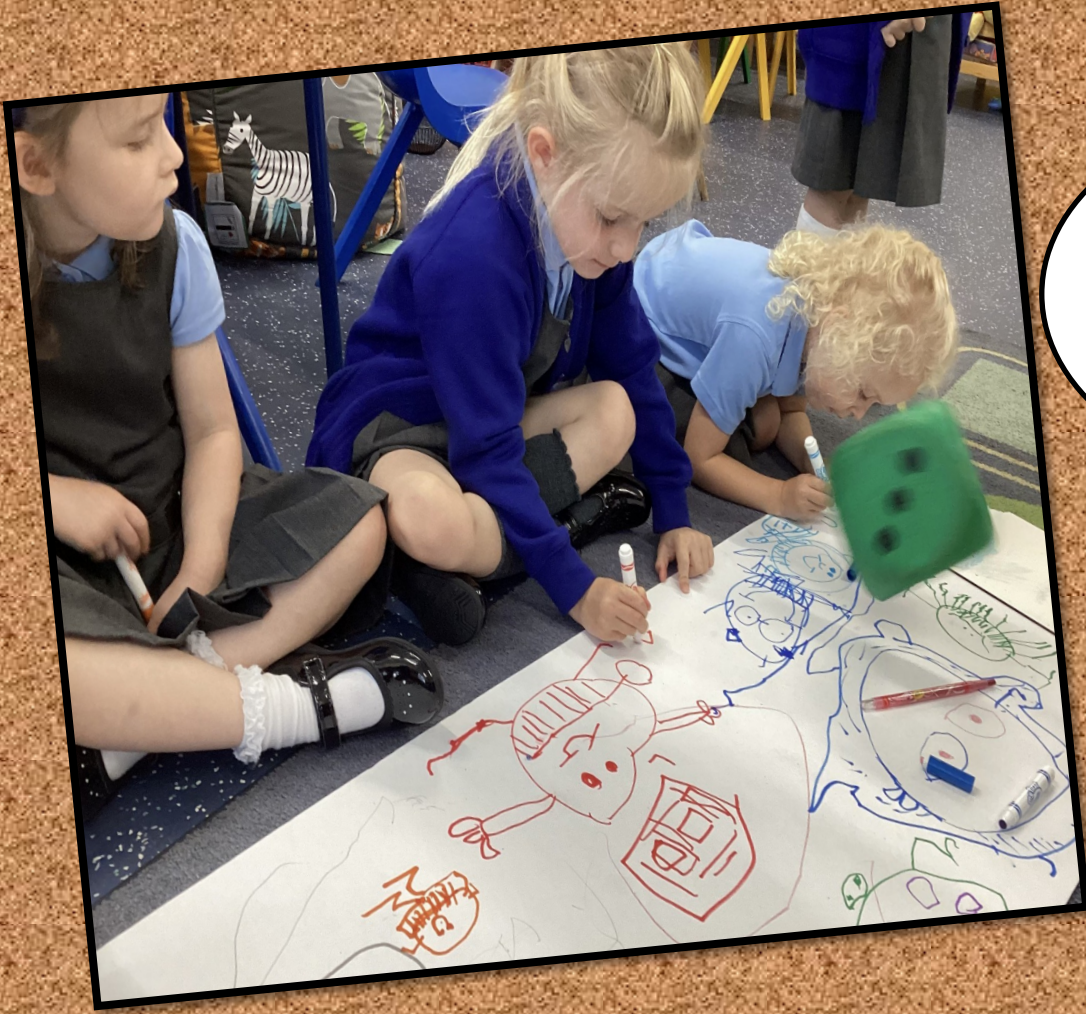
Some more sightings were reported over the next few years.

People started to use microscopes, underwater cameras and radar to scan the lake. Some also tried explosives.

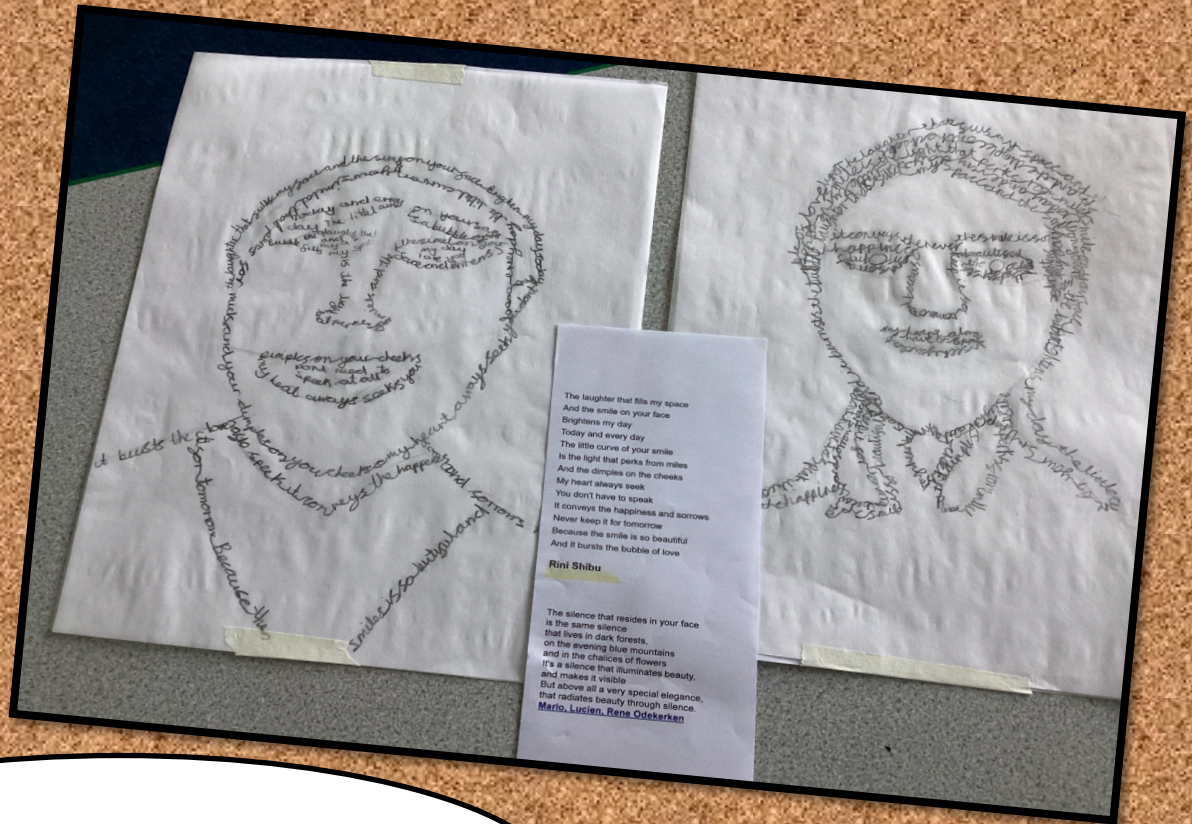
Hawthorn Class: In English, Hawthorn have thoroughly enjoyed reading up on the Loch Ness Monster and discussing their opinions on whether it exists.



The children in Hawthorn class have been learning to tell the time on lots of different types of clocks.



Acorn Class have enjoyed the "roll a Humpty Dumpty" game and mark making this week!



Rowan Class did self-portraits then wrote a poem over the picture,

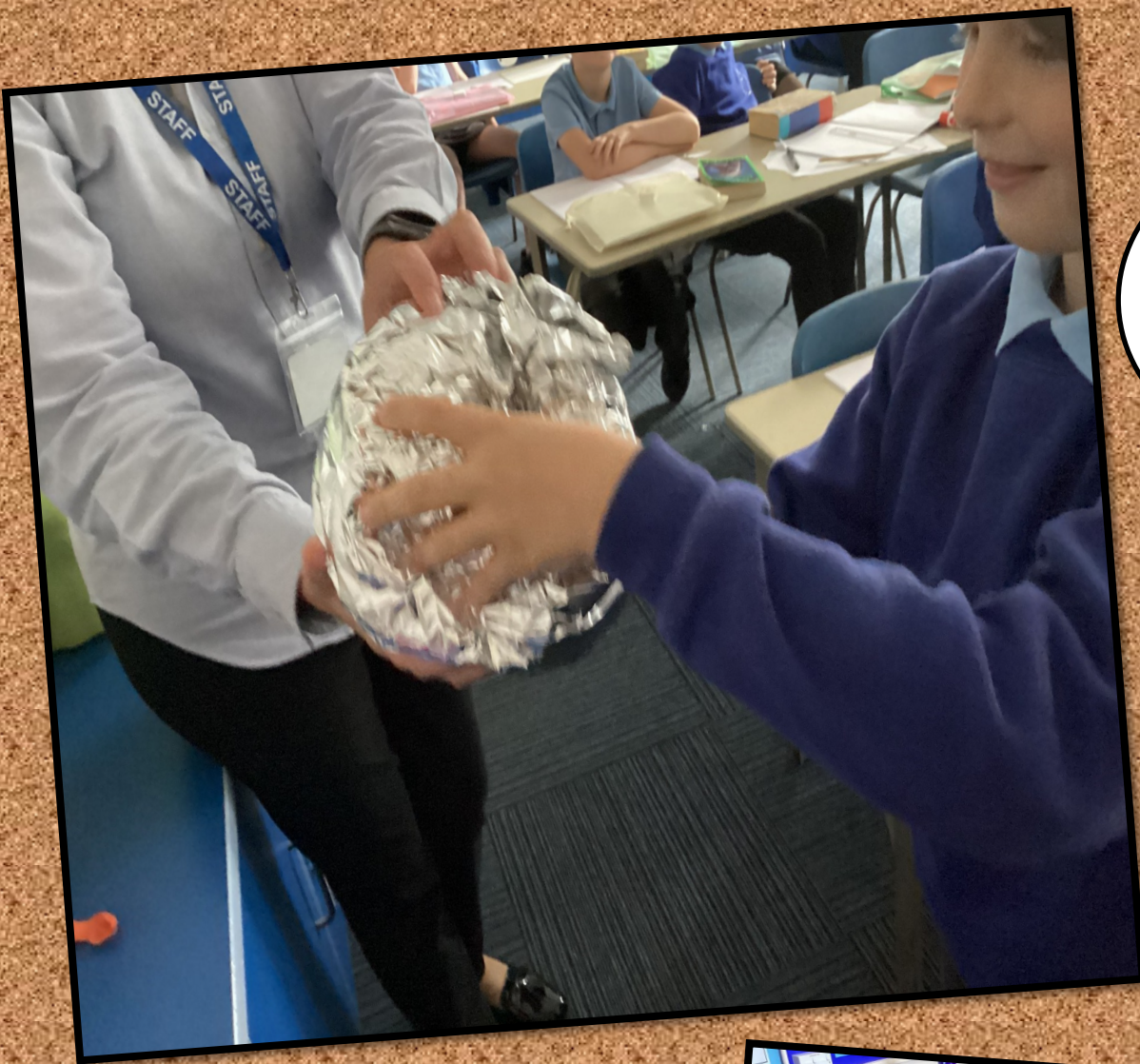
The laughter that fills my space
 And the smile on your face
 Brightens my day
 Today and every day
 The little curve of your smile
 Is the light that perks from miles
 And the dimples on the cheeks
 My heart always seek
 You don't have to speak
 It conveys the happiness and across
 Never keep it for tomorrow
 Because the smile is so beautiful
 And it bursts the bubble of love

Rini Shibu

The silence that resides in your face
 is the same silence
 that lives in dark forests,
 on the evening blue mountains
 and in the chalice of flowers
 it's a silence that illuminates beauty,
 and makes it visible
 But above all a very special elegance
 that radiates beauty through silence.
 Mario, Lucien, Rene Odekerken



In our RE lessons, Ash Class are learning about Joseph and they enjoyed creating their own multicoloured coats.



Alder Class enjoyed exploring how black holes are made.



Chestnut Class working on place value in Maths this week.





PIC•COLLAGE

Oak Class Yr 1's have been making messy maps in geography and the reception children have been looking at 2D shapes.



PIC • COLLAGE

Willow Class enjoyed developing their ball skills and playing a game that involved attacking and defending.



Birch Class really enjoyed their first Forest School session this week. They played in the mud, counted the rings of the fallen tree to work out how old it was, investigated some of the insects that live in the EcoZone and helped to tidy up some of the more overgrown areas. They were very busy!



Friends of St James' PTA bake sale

We will be on the infant playground raising money to improve our playgrounds.

Some members of the PTA will be available to talk more about friends and what we do.

We need cake/baked goods donations. If you are able to donate please drop off at the reception.

Thank you

Saturday 5th October 2024

Clitheroe TORCHLIGHT Procession

50 years of Ribble Valley Borough Council & Clitheroe Town Council

70s themed

An evening of
fun, celebration and family
entertainment

Saturday 5th October 2024
Festivities on the castle grounds from 4pm.
Procession begins at 7.30pm.

Further information contact:
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Or see our facebook page for updates

Raising funds for:



Ribble Valley
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