



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

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MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

STEM stands for **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**aths. I'm sure that you would agree that it is really important that our children learn and excel in these areas as we look to a future that is increasingly advancing.

Over the last few weeks, we have provided a number of rich and engaging activities for pupils in these areas. A few weeks ago, we had a STEM workshop for our Year 6 pupils and the winning group went this week to The Grand to compete against teams from other schools.

On Thursday Alder and Rowan class went to Ribblesdale High school and had a science lesson in their lab. They were really engaged and particularly enjoyed working with Bunsen burners (SEE PG3)!

You will also be aware that over the last two years we have utilised a **3D** printer in several of our KS2 classes. This has involved teachers training on how to use this technology. Again, pupils have really enjoyed this experience.

We continue to invest in technology across school and in the last year we have purchased a brand-new set of laptops and IPADs which allow pupils to learn in their classrooms with the latest technology.

Collective Worship

"Wise people think before they act; fools don't—and even brag about their foolishness" Proverbs 13 v 16

This week we have been learning about how our actions affect others. On Monday we looked at making wise choices. We saw from Jesus' story of the *house on the rock* that when difficulties come our way, if we have made wise choices, the house (our lives) stands firm. Let's all keep encouraging our precious children to make wise choices.



Update us

Have you moved or changed your contact details recently?

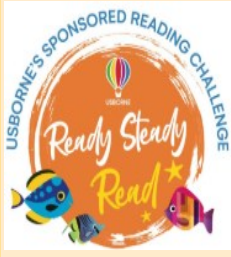
Please inform the office asap.

Attendance

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



HAWTHORN



Our recent **Ready Steady Read** event was a resounding success. Thanks to the enthusiastic participation of our pupils and the encouragement from parents, we raised an impressive **£1118.40** for new books. This substantial sum will significantly enhance our school's literary resources.

Our Spring **Parents Evening** will take place on **Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April** from **3.30pm - 6.00pm**, in the **Junior Hall**.

Invites to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher were sent out on Wednesday. Bookings could be made from 7.00am on Thursday 13th March.

If you have not received a link, or are struggling to book an appointment, please contact the school office.



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:



STARS OF THE WEEK



Acorn

Luca & Raela

Ash

Dylan & Stanley

Birch

Angel & Isaac

Chestnut

Jaxon & Franki

Rowan

Imogen-May & Isaac K

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Oak

Jason & Harry C

Willow

Oliver & Albie

Hawthorn

Leah & Beatrix

Alder

Emmie & Grace

Sycamore

Stan & Ruby

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Our boys' **football team** demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship in their recent matches, winning two games, drawing two, and losing only one. We commend their efforts and team spirit.

A few photos from Alder & Rowan's science lesson in a real lab at Ribblesdale High School!





Mother's Day is Sunday 30th March - why not treat someone to a nice surprise with Friends' special Mother's Day Gift Bags, including keepsakes for the children to create and gift? See our poster for more details, order online at PTA Events -

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends/index.cfm>

Early orders would be fantastic to help us plan, thank you!

This year, let Friends help surprise that special someone...

Mother's Day Gift Bags

Who wants to treat their Mummy/Mum, Nana, Aunty, Grandma or Mother figure in their life to something special this Mother's Day?

Let Friends help! Our gift bags contain a potted plant, painted craft to make & gift, a card to personalise and other treats to spoil that special someone, whilst helping raise funds to support school too!

Gift bags will be delivered & handed out in class on Friday 28th March, ready for Sunday 30th.

£5
each

Sibling bags **£2**
(Extra craft & card)



Order online at PTA Events by Tues 25th March

Cash orders taken via the school office - put £'s in a sealed envelope with your child's name & class, and 'Mother's Day bag' written on.



Thank you so much to Ribble Valley Tales - Bookshop. In partnership with Usborne Books and Castle Chippy Clitheroe for your very kind donation of books! We are passionate about reading & will thoroughly enjoy reading them!



APRIL CRASH COURSE

Monday 7th- Friday 12th = 4-7pm (£33.00)

Monday 14th-Thursday 17th = 4-7pm
(£26.40)

If your child is a non-swimmer, beginner, or just needs to gain a confidence boost and you would like to use this opportunity for them to learn/improve an essential life skill, please contact Ribblesdale pool reception on **01200 424825** to book your place.



4 Years and over.



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