

School Newsletter 02.10.24

School Vision: As a church school, we aspire to live life in all its fullness; Loving Faith. Loving People. Loving Learning. - following the footsteps of Jesus.

'I have come to give you life in all its fullness.' John 10:10

School Values: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Collective Worship - Our thinking!

We continued our thinking about our focus value – THANKFULNESS.

We looked at a story from the Bible in which Paul and Silas were put in prison for telling people about Jesus. In this story, we saw Paul and Silas continue to give thanks to God and show an attitude of gratitude.

The children explained that this story challenged them to consider how you can be thankful while also being in the midst of challenges. They linked this to a couple of quotes we had read.

Two of our main songs this half-term – see if you can sing them at home!

I am **THANKFUL** & Thankful

'Always be thankful.'

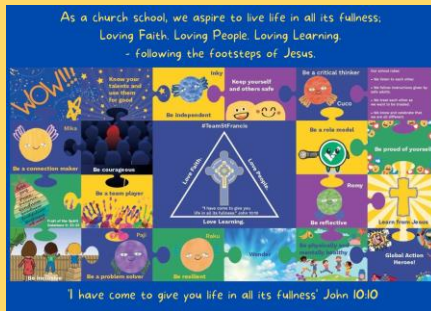
1 Thessalonians 5:16

Talk to your child(ren) about...



What do you think about this quote?

How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



Picture News (Link to Website)



What do you think?

How do you appreciate that life is not the same for everyone?



[Click here for more information about British Values.](#)



Which Protected Characteristics are in your family?

Upcoming Dates....

Thursday 3 rd October	All day	World Poetry Day	Whole School
Friday 4 th October	09:30 (following Celebration Worship)	Year 2 Charity Event: MacMillan Coffee Morning All parents/carers welcome for coffee and cake!	Whole School
Friday 4 th October	Morning	NHS Nasal Flu Immunisation	Whole School
Friday 4 th October	18:00-19:00	PTA KS1 Glow Disco	EYFS, Year1 & Year2
Friday 4 th October	19:15-20:15	PTA KS2 Glow Disco	Year3, Year4, Year5 & Year6
Monday 7 th October	14:30-15:30	Parent/Carer Stay & Learn: Arithmetic	Year6
Tuesday 8 th October	14:30-15:30	Parent/Carer Stay & Learn	Year2
Wednesday 9 th October	09:00	Parent/Carer Stay & Learn: Multiplication Test Check	Year4
Thursday 10 th October	09:00	Y3 Harvest Worship and Charity Event	Year3
Sunday 13 th October	10:45	St. Francis Church – Harvest Festival Service / October Church parade	Whole School

Click [here](#) to download the complete Autumn Term dates. (Please note: The most up-to-date version is dated 09.09.24)

Some Key Website Links

[Term Dates](#) / [PE Days](#) / [Curriculum information](#) / [How to contact us](#) / [Breakfast Club](#) / [After School Club](#) / [Policies](#) / [Parent/Carer Partnership Dates](#)

Parent/Carer Survey

With the extended deadline (Friday, 18th October) to increase the parent/carers view, I would be grateful for a few minutes of your time to complete a survey. Please complete the survey to share what we do well and what you think we could improve on. We will use the collated information to support our school self-evaluation and to improve St. Francis further! Thank you in advance, it is much appreciated. Survey: Click [here](#).

School Plan – Evaluation of 2023/2024

Click [here](#) to review what we achieved against our school plan during the 2023/24 academic year.

School Plan – 2024/2025

Click [here](#) to review our school plan for this academic year. It explains what we will be focusing on during this academic year. If you have any questions, please come and speak to me.

Uniform

Please see the uniform image on the following page and click [here](#) to access our uniform policy. Please note: If your child is wearing the Active Uniform, their clothing must be unbranded, so there are no Nike ticks, Adidas stripes, or Under Armor logos. I have bought a stock of shorts and trousers that align with our policy. If your child wears the incorrect uniform, they will be asked to change.

Please return the school uniform spares to the school office, and your child's clothing will be returned to you. I appreciate your understanding.

Breakfast Club Resources – HELP

Do you have any games and/or toys in excellent condition that we could have for our breakfast club? Please bring them to the office.

OPAL News

It was our accreditation day yesterday with our OPAL mentor.

To celebrate this, we will host a special OPAL celebration worship on Friday, 22nd November, at 2:30 pm, followed by an OPAL playtime. Please join us!

OPAL playtimes

at St. Francis C.E. Primary School



We did it!

We achieved the highest award
possible for our
OPAL Provision
1st October 2024



Platinum
Award



Uniform



There are two uniform options for all classes: EYFS to Y6.

Option One: Active Uniform - can be worn everyday.



Active Uniform

Option Two: 'Traditional' Uniform can be worn on non-PE days; Active Uniform on PE days.



Traditional Uniform

Gold, purple or green cotton T-Shirt
Royal blue hoody (with or without a zip)
Plain (unbranded) navy or black joggers or leggings
Plain (unbranded) navy or black shorts or skirts
Plain (unbranded) black or navy trousers or pumps

White, blue or gold polo shirt
Royal blue school sweatshirt or cardigan
Navy blue or tartan skirt or pinafore dress
Blue check dress can be worn in summer
Grey trousers or shorts
White, navy or blue socks or tights
Plain black shoes



No jewellery is allowed. This includes earrings, friendship bracelets or necklaces. Watches can be worn but not for PE.

Long hair must be tied up with a small, plain bobble.

No extreme hair cuts including shaved styles, braids or hair colours are allowed.

No make-up or false nails are allowed. Nails should be kept short.

From September 2024, Y6 do not have a separate uniform.



scan me to apply



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

For September 2025

Primary school applications are open

3rd September 2024 to 15th January 2025

Secondary school applications are open

3rd September 2024 to 31st October 2024

If you need help contact the school admissions team:

tel: 01254 666605

email: admissions@blackburn.gov.uk

online: www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions



REMINDER: School Admissions 2025

Please note the important dates on the poster surrounding EYFS and Year 7 school places for September 2025. For Year 7 places, you must complete your application by 31st October 2024. For EYFS places, applications should be completed by 15th January 2025.

REMINDER: OPEN WEEK – WB 14th October 2024

During the week beginning 14th October, we are hosting an OPEN WEEK for prospective families starting September 2025.

Please spread this information to ensure we have a good attendance. Prospective families can view the school each afternoon between 1:30-3 pm. On Tuesday 15th October, we will host an open evening between 5:30-7 pm.

REMINDER: PTA Glow Disco

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL PTA

GLOW DISCO

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

PLEASE PAY VIA PARENTPAY

INFANTS: 6pm - 7pm

£5 entry

Includes: Goody bag, treats and unlimited drinks

(Infants do not need to bring any money)

JUNIORS: 7.15pm - 8.15pm

£3.50 entry

Includes: Free unlimited drinks

Treats on sale to buy

Adults are invited to stay in a separate area on the night

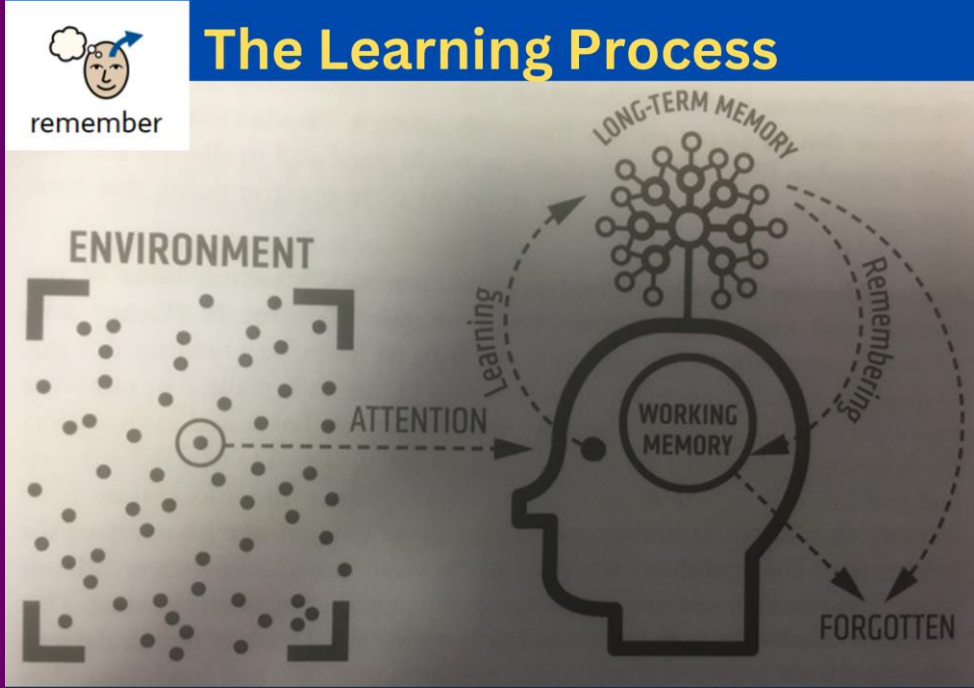


NO MOBILE PHONES FOR CHILDREN AT THE GLOW DISCO.

New Celebration Certificate

We introduced a new certificate during our Celebration Worship on a Friday morning. The certificate is for children who have impressed their class staff by remembering their learning. The curriculum has been sequenced carefully to ensure that new learning builds on previous knowledge.

We are teaching children more about the LEARNING PROCESS. You will see from below that the learning process starts with children showing excellent attention to information that enters their brains and links with previous learning.



We have MIKA, the CONNECTION MAKER, where we encourage children to make connections between their learning. This makes learning more secure and less likely to be forgotten.

MEMORY is crucial in learning. Learning only happens when the child's long-term memory is changed. The more memory games you can play with your children, the better. Children's memory levels are a strong indicator of future academic success.

The Learning Process

remember

Curve of Forgetting
For newly learned information

The graph shows '% Memory Retention' on the y-axis (0 to 100) and 'Weeks' on the x-axis (0 to 4). A blue line represents the 'Forgetting curve', which starts at 100% at week 0 and drops to approximately 10% by week 4. Four pink lines represent '1st repetition', '2nd repetition', '3rd repetition', and '4th repetition'. Each repetition curve starts at a higher retention level than the previous one and shows a shallower decline over time.

Be careful not to forget!

The new certificate will be given to children who DEFEAT the 'Curve of Forgetting'.

If your child comes home with one of these certificates, you will know they have been attending well, making links in their learning and remembering learning in readiness to connect new learning to prior learning.

Playing memory games will really support your child.

The Learning Process Award

Proudly presented to

YAY!

You defeated the Curve of Forgetting!

HOORAY!

The award certificate includes a key icon, a 'YAY!' banner, a space for the recipient's name, and a small version of the 'Curve of Forgetting' graph.