Newsletter

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Golden Children

Nursery: Adam D and Yahya D
Reception: Binyameen A and Mohammed Hanzalah H
Year 1: Mohammed Huzaifa N and Anayah H
Year 2: Muhammad Uwais M and Nayyab A
Year 3: Zohha N and Aisha N
Year 4: Zain A and Aamina N
Year 5: Zeeshan H and Ameera F
Year 6: Mahira N and Hussain A

Compassion

Our school value for this half term is 'Compassion'. Our quote for this half term is ***"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you"*** Ephesians 4:32. It would really help if you could follow this up with your children at home and talk to them about what courage means.

St Thomas'

St Thomas''Privacy Notice' (How we use pupil information) is now available to view **HERE** in the 'Parents' section.

Winning Planet Team

The winning team this week is Mars

Time Beaters

Well-done to Year 6JM/DR class.

Attendance Award

Well done to Year 6HU class with 100% attendance.

Diary Dates

27.11.2024 – Parent and Toddler Group
04.12.2024 – Parent and Toddler Group
10.12.2024 – Parent Progress Meetings
11.12.2024 – Parent and Toddler Group
17.12.2024 – Reception Nativity
19.12.2024 – Christmas Dinner
19.12.2024 - Christmas Jumper
19.12.2024 - Christmas Parties
20.12.2024 – School closes at 2pm
06.01.2025 – School opens for Spring term

Parent Progress Meetings Years 1 to 6

Following the Autumn Term Assessments, we are holding Parent Progress Meetings. This meeting gives a chance to understand the format of the tests, your child's results and next stages to help your child develop in various areas of Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. During the meeting, you will be provided with information stating your child's achievements and how we can work together to further develop your child's progress.

Meetings will take place:
Date: Tuesday 10th December
Time: 3.30 – 4.00pm or 4.00pm – 4.30pm

Please note: This is not a 1:1 parent meeting with your child's teacher, 1:1 meetings will take place in the Spring term.

Please log onto Parent Pay and book the relevant time allocation with your child/ren's class teacher to attend the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



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Attendance

Please see the table below for school's attendance figures.

RDB	87.70%
RAMc	93.00%
1AH	94.00%
1SM	96.70%
2SWd	96.90%
2LB	87.90%
3MB	97.70%
3LD	82.70%
4SW	92.00%
4SP	95.30%
5VKD	96.30%
5KM/JB	98.70%
6DR/JM	100.00%
6HU	90.30%

The Great Lancashire Debate

Our school participated in The Great Lancashire Debate, sharing our thoughts on what life in Lancashire will be like in 50 years' time. The debate team explored various factors that might change over time, ultimately choosing technology as their focus due to its constant evolution. After submitting our video, we were thrilled to learn that we had won the local area competition for Blackburn. This led us to be shortlisted to compete against the winners from Preston, Chorley, Pendle, Burnley, and Rossendale. We are excited to announce that we secured second place in the competition! We are incredibly proud of our team.



Calling all Parents and Toddlers!

Mrs Munir looks forward to welcoming new friends to our St Thomas' family in our parent and toddler sessions that are held every Wednesday in school at 10.00 am until 11.30 am. The sessions are for both parents and children, where the focus is on learning through play. Time is spent exploring a range of carefully selected toys, engaging in songs and rhymes and enjoying a snack together. If you would like more information, please call the school office.

School Admissions

The school admissions process is now live. All applications are submitted online at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. If you are interested in a Nursery place for your child please speak to the school office so that your child's name can be added to the list.

The deadline dates for all applications are set out below:
Reception Class Admissions – 15th January 2025
Nursery Class Admissions – 19th January 2025

Physical Geography Photography Competition

Don't forget about our competition! Have you submitted your entry yet? Please send all photographs via email to: office@stthomasblackburn.org with the subject: "Physical Geography Competition - Child's Name". The competition will run from 20th September until 6th January 2024.