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'Together in Faith and Learning'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic morning we enjoyed today as we welcomed the poet David Bowden and children and staff from Banks Methodist Primary School. David led an exciting and motivating workshop with the whole school during which he performed his unique style of poetry and music, the children loved it and responded with great enthusiasm.

During the morning, David worked with Year 3 and Year 4 pupils to compose and perform poems on the theme of 'Positivity'. The morning was such an inspiration and Y3&4 children are now challenged to write poems on the same theme before two of them will be chosen to attend a celebration of poetry event at Banks Leisure Centre on Monday 1/7/25 at 6pm. During the evening they will perform their winning poems alongside pupils from other schools in our TARDIS Cluster. We are very grateful to Mr Draper from Banks Methodist Primary School for organising the event and thank the children from the school for being so great throughout the morning.

Our children described the morning as 'absolutely amazing!'

Thank you David for igniting the children's creativity and interest in exploring language in such a great way.

Further information about David's work can be found at <https://wordguerrilla.com/>



Many congratulations to everyone who was confirmed by Bishop Philip at Tarleton Holy Trinity Church last Sunday morning. Special mention to our own Charlie, Cohen, Dylan, Ella and Olly.

Thank you to Father Mark, Father Joe and all who have prepared these young people for confirmation.



Our Worship theme next week will be... 'Service and Commitment'

We will be considering what it means to make a commitment and stick to it. We will focus on the commitment that Jesus made to serve God and carry out his wishes. We will reflect on the service of our King during his reign and of other people in leadership roles across our world. We will think about what we can be learn from these examples.

Father Joe will lead our worship on Wednesday morning continuing the Diocesan Year of Prayer theme by looking at the different places we can pray.

'Let your light shine in the world' (Matthew 5:16)

200 Year Anniversary of the opening of School

Plans are progressing for next Thursday 19th June, 1pm until 3pm, when we will mark this very special anniversary with an afternoon of activities and memories. During the afternoon, Year 6 pupils will offer tours around school as classes take part in Victorian themed lessons. A display of photos from across the years will be based in the hall where cakes and drinks will be served. The afternoon will end with a short outdoor thanksgiving service led by the children. If you have not already done so then please return the reply slip sent last week. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

European Café

Next Thursday, 19th June, Mrs McCready will be running a European Café at morning break. Children will be able to purchase a maximum of 2 items each from a selection of brioche, croissants or pains au chocolat all priced at 20p per item. Gluten free options will be available for those pupils who follow a gluten free diet. Please send the exact change, thank you.

Y6 Trophies

It's that time of year again when we must ask our 2024 Year 6 leavers to return their trophies to school to enable us to prepare for our 2025 leaver's celebrations.

If you have a trophy from last year please would arrange for it to be returned to school as soon as possible. If you know of anyone with a trophy then please pass this message on. Thank you

Transition

As we prepare for the start of a new school year in September, we will be involving the children in a number of transition activities to give them the opportunity to get to know their classroom surroundings, teachers and support staff. Part of this work will involve transition afternoons on 2nd and 9th July.

Transition opportunities for Year Six pupils moving to high school are ongoing and children new to the Reception Class in September will start their induction programme next week with home visits, a meeting for parents/carers on Monday evening, an invitation to join us for Sport's Day and then two afternoon visits to school on the transition afternoons. We look forward to welcoming them and their families.

Sport's Day

Our annual sport's day event for all pupils takes place on **Wednesday, 25th June**, on the school field, weather permitting. **The main gates on Flash Lane will open to families at 12.35pm with the first races starting between 12.50pm and 1pm.** All children should attend school wearing their **Rufford School P.E. kits** consisting of navy shorts or joggers, a pale blue t-shirt and trainers, a navy hoody/sweatshirt may also be worn. Individual **water bottles** should be brought on the day, these will be re-filled as necessary. The children will be issued with caps and sashes in their team colour to wear for the afternoon and will be seated under gazebos.

Refreshments will be available for visitors to purchase courtesy of The Friends. During the afternoon we will also hold a pre-school/toddler race which any young children are welcome to join in with.

We look forward to a lovely afternoon and hope you will be able to join us. Spectators are asked to view from The Paddock side of the School Field, please bring your own seating.

Should the weather be against us on the day then the reserve date for Sport's Day is Wednesday 16th July where the same arrangements will apply.

Friends of Rufford School PTFA

Father's Day Online Shop: All orders will be sent home with the children today. Thank you to The Friends for organising this shop and for all your support.

Wishing you all a happy Father's Day weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Ellera
Headteacher



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