



Year 6 Camp

Year 6 have been having great fun this week on camp at PGL Little Canada, Isle of Wight. They have been throwing themselves into a series of activities and challenges with energy and enthusiasm. Whether it has been tunnelling under ground or dangling high in the air they have really shone.



Headteachers' Award

Well done to our Spring Term Headteachers' Award winners. These children have shown great consistency across the last few months in terms of their behaviour and their effort in class. Well done to you all - wear those badges with pride!

Bronze Badges	
	<p>INFANTS</p> <p>Olivia B Tabby C Tilly B</p>
	<p>JUNIORS</p> <p>Josh G Josh H Thomas H Isabella A Rosina D-L Ben C Isabella W Rosie S</p>

Staffing

We have managed to keep staffing consistent for most of this term, with thankfully little Covid absence. However, some of you will have noticed that Mrs Williams has not been in school for the last few weeks as she is poorly. We wish her all the best and hope that she recovers soon and is able to join us back in school.

We both hope that you have an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 25th April.

Mr Turull and Mr Dix



Notices

- **CHICKEN POX/SCARLET FEVER** - with outbreaks of these being seen across BANES, please let us know if your child contracts either of these infections.
- **Banes Music** - Music lessons start the first week back.
- **Clubs** - All clubs start the first week back and the allocation list can be found [here](#). Unfortunately due to low numbers, Chromebook Lunchtime club has been cancelled and a new option of Jogging/Golden Mile Club with Mr Marvin for Reception, Year 1-2 is available. Please email the office to be included on the list. Those who have booked Football, Athletics and Cricket clubs should make payment now please.
- **COVID update** - Please refer to the email sent to parents on Monday.
- **Dinner Menu** - Please remember to book your options from the **new** menu by midnight on Thursday 21st April for the first week back and ideally it would help if you are able to book a whole term in advance.
- **Ecowild** - it is Class 4's turn to take part in EcoWild from the first Wednesday back next term.
- **Lost Property** - Please check the unnamed lost property which will be put in the playground. It was there Tuesday and will be out again today (weather permitting) and in the first week back. Any unclaimed clothing will be given to Friends to sell in the Second Hand Uniform sale next term.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following link [to see what's happening over easter](#). Easter Fun includes Easter crafts, Bob the Builder story time/crafts and Lego Lab.
- **Medication** - Please ensure inhalers/medication which are in school are in date and ensure your class teacher/office is given all medication directly. Medication can only be administered in school when prescribed by a Doctor (unless agreed with the office) and the medication form [here](#) is completed. All medication should be in its original labelled packaging.
- **Music for Schools Lessons:** Lessons start the first week back. There will be no lessons on Friday 6th May due to exams.
- **Parking** - Please avoid parking on the road alongside the play park as this presents a hazard for the emergency services or deliveries requiring access to the village hall. It would be appreciated if you could use either the car park opposite the school or next to the village hall. Thank you.
- **School Nurse Service:** Reception screening is rescheduled from 27th April to 16th May. Year 6 TBC.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Swimming** - it is Class 3's turn to swim from the first Tuesday back next term.
- **Terracycle Crisp Recycling Scheme** - Closure Reminder - the scheme ends today. Please recycle soft plastic waste at your local supermarket. Many thanks to those who have supported the scheme and especially to Mrs Chivers who has tirelessly collated and packed them off to Terracycle.
- **Uniform Labels** - For those who would like to purchase labels for their child's clothing please go to My name tags link: <https://www.mynametags.com/> Please add the school code 59675 to be when going through the check out process and a donation will be made to Friends.

Diary Dates

April

Monday 25th	Term 5 begins
	Clubs start
Tuesday 26th	Class 3 Swimming starts
	Class 2/Class 4 Cricket in curriculum time
Wednesday 27th	Class 4 Ecowild
Friday 29th	Music Lessons begin

May

Monday 2nd	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 4th	Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Event at Writhlington
Friday 6th	Celebration Assembly (2:30pm at the Memorial Hall)



LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight*

Face to face, group support for children aged 5-10 years (with family), receive a **FREE 3-MONTH leisure centre pass** upon completion for the child and nominated adult**.

Topics covered:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical Activity/active play
- Impact of screen time
- Food choices

Upcoming course dates:

- Wed 27th April- Wed 15th June, Bath Leisure Centre, 4-5pm
- Thurs 26th May-Thurs 14th July, Writhlington Leisure Centre, 4-5pm

To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub:

t: 0300 247 0050

e: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com or



*Referral criteria apply
**Terms and conditions apply

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We hope the children enjoyed their Easter eggs this week, there were lots of happy faces running around the playground searching for their names!

After Easter we will begin planning our sponsored 'Danceathon' for the children, to take place late May.

More will follow about an extra special day for the children which is currently being planned for the week before half term!

We are planning our next school disco (festival style) for the 1st July, so please save the date.

We will be holding a school uniform amnesty in the summer months, to pass on used but good condition school clothing. If you have any please hold onto it or pass on to Claire Rippon who has kindly offered to store it in the meantime.

We hope you all have a cracking Easter break!



Mr Marvin's Thought of the Week

***"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh."***

(Luke 6:20-21)

There is a lot of persecution in the world at the moment, but it amazes me how much of it doesn't ever seem to reach the news. The situation in Ukraine is terrible and we only need to read the front page of a newspaper or Google the latest news on our phones to see just how bad things are. But what about the news that is not reported on?

For example, were there any reports about the situation in Nigeria, where around 10,000 people have been killed since 2015, many of these happening in the last 18 months? Christmas Eve 2020, 24 people were killed and more than 20 abducted in Borno and Adamawa states, with the perpetrators claiming it was a "Christmas present". Again, in August 2021, 34 people were killed in Plateau State when a bridge was destroyed to prevent the residents from escaping the attacks. In Kaduna State, 8 people were killed in May, a further 28 killed in July and another 47 in September.

In North Korea, there have been reports of "re-education" camps. A campaign group, called Korea Future, reported in 2020 that tens of thousands of people were being tortured and abused in these camps, compiling evidence from the testimonies of detainees who had managed to escape. Some of the conditions that prisoners have been put under are too shocking to share.

There are many more examples of persecution from countries like Eritrea, India, Kenya, Mali, Pakistan and Somalia, where people are being victimised, imprisoned and killed on a regular basis. You may ask, why is this happening? What do all these victims have in common? The answer - a Christian faith.

As we approach Easter, many Christians all over the world will be celebrating the season with an edge of caution. Easter is a time when the church becomes more visible and therefore more vulnerable to attack. In Sri Lanka 350 Christians were killed by suicide bombers in 2019, Christians in Egypt were attacked on Palm Sunday in 2017 and at Easter in Pakistan in 2016. There was also an attack on a church in Indonesia on Palm Sunday last year.

It almost seems that Jesus is speaking directly to these persecuted believers when we look at what he said in Luke chapter 6. Over the last three weeks, we have looked at how Jesus states that the poor, the hungry and the mourners are all blessed. This week we finish by looking at those who are hated because of their hope and trust in Jesus.



***“Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.
Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because
great is your reward in heaven.”*** (Luke 6:22-23)

Surely these Christians have a hope that goes beyond their day to day existence, otherwise they would deny their faith and put an end to their misery. That’s what Peter did.

After Jesus had been arrested and put on trial, Peter, who was one of his disciples, was asked by three different people if he knew and had spent time with Jesus. Peter didn’t want to suffer the same fate that Jesus had so he denied he knew him every time. It was at this point that Jesus turned to look at Peter. Peter’s denial of his faith didn’t put an end to his misery, it just made things worse and I’m not sure how long it took him to forgive himself.

The verses today also remind us of the persecution that Jesus went through from Maundy Thursday and into Good Friday. He was hated, excluded, insulted and rejected because of who he was and what he stood for.

For Christians, Good Friday is “good” because it means that Jesus has taken the punishment for all the wrong things they have done (and will no doubt continue to do) and they can receive forgiveness from God. They believe they will now experience eternal life in heaven where all fear, pain and sickness is dealt with.

Regardless of whether they are facing daily persecution or a fear for their lives or just maybe a loss of popularity, Christians all over the world can rejoice this Easter knowing this one thing - *‘great is your reward in heaven’*.



Blessed are you when men
hate you, and ostracize you,
and insult you, and scorn your
name as evil, for the sake of the
Son of Man. **Be glad in that day**
and leap for joy, for behold, your
reward in heaven is great.
Luke 6:22-23