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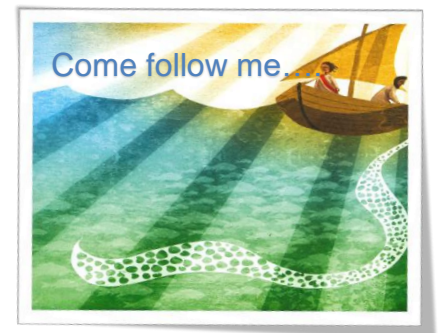
Dear Parents,

It's been another busy week at school, with Year 6 out on Thursday, living life as a Victorian in Quarry Bank Mill. Once again, we can be truly proud of our children who entered into the spirit of the day wholeheartedly! The staff at Quarry Bank were highly complementary about the behaviour and enthusiasm of our Y6 children. Well done everyone!

Next week Year 5 will be off to York for their residential; I'm sure they will continue to be excellent ambassadors for St. Gregory's.

Prayer and Liturgy

This week we began a series of Prayer times based on the Gospel of St. Matthew. On Tuesday, we thought about the fisherman whom Jesus called to follow him. We thought about how much they had trusted in Jesus and how in following Jesus they modelled their lives on Him and spread the Good News by their words and actions. We, too, are called to live good lives and reach out in love and kindness to others.



The first of our Parish Masses in school will resume on February 6th for Year 1, 2 and 3 at 9.15am. Parents and families are more than welcome to join us, but we understand most parents will be at work. With that in mind, Grandparents are warmly invited to attend. As it is the first Parish Mass in a while, we may even have a cup of tea afterwards to celebrate!

Together, in Jesus, we love, learn, create and celebrate!

Mrs Hynes – Retirement

After many years of devoted service to the children and community of St. Gregory's, Mrs Hynes has come to the decision to retire. We give thanks to Mrs Hynes for always going the extra mile for our children and being a supportive colleague and friend to all our adults. Mrs Hynes has always looked out for and cared for her colleagues, especially when one of them was going through a difficult time. She will now have lots of time to be with her family and enjoy more time with her grandchildren. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Although Mrs Hynes will be officially retiring on Tuesday 31st January, we will be saying our goodbyes and giving thanks at the Parish Mass in school on Monday 6th February.

The Importance of Breakfast

We have increasingly noticed that children are coming to school saying they have not eaten breakfast or even had a drink. This of course doesn't include children coming to Breakfast Club, as they receive a balanced healthy breakfast.

If this is based on the child's own personal choice, please can you encourage them to eat and drink before coming to school. If it is because of food not being available at home, then please do contact me confidentially to see how we can support you and your family. Hungry and thirsty children are not in the right mindset to learn, and so we must do all we can to enable all our children to be fully set up for the day's learning.

Thank you all once again for all your support.

With kind regards,
Deborah Albon



Newsletter

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St. Gregory's
Catholic Primary School

Year 5 – Off to York!

Children in Year 5 are very excited indeed for their two-night residential trip to York next week. There will be lots of pictures and updates available during their stay.

Have a wonderful trip Year 5!

First Holy Communion

Families of children in Year 4 who are making their First Holy Communion are invited to attend mass each week.



Application forms for First Holy Communion will also be available at mass. The mass times are as follows:

Saturday evening at 4.30pm in St Gregory's
Sunday Morning 9.30 am in Our Lady's and
11 am in St Gregory's

Application forms must be handed into church office (not school) no later than Monday 6th February.

Please introduce yourselves to Father Grant, so that he can say "Hello" and put a 'face to the name'.



Shoe Appeal



A huge thank you to all our parents who kindly donated shoes for Ormskirk Rotary Club to take to Uganda where they will be reused by some of the 300 orphaned, homeless or destitute children in the care of the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation living in Kamuzinda Children's Village.

Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school, please remember to report the absence. This can be completed in the following ways:

- Calling the school and speaking to Mrs King
- Ringing school and recording a message on the 'report an absence' extension
- Completing an absence form on the school app

Should your child's absence continue, Mrs King will ring you, to touch base and get an update on the child's sickness.

If your child has a medical appointment, we ask that you provide an appointment card or letter as proof



Year 6 Quarry Bank Mill

On Thursday this week, Year 6 were very fortunate to be able to visit Quarry Bank Mill in Wilmslow, Cheshire.



Quarry Bank is a place of stark contrast, where the power of the Industrial Revolution sits alongside the beauty of picturesque gardens and lush countryside. The children discovered facts about the industrial community and experienced the very different worlds of owner and worker, who lived and worked there, side by side, with very different lived experiences!

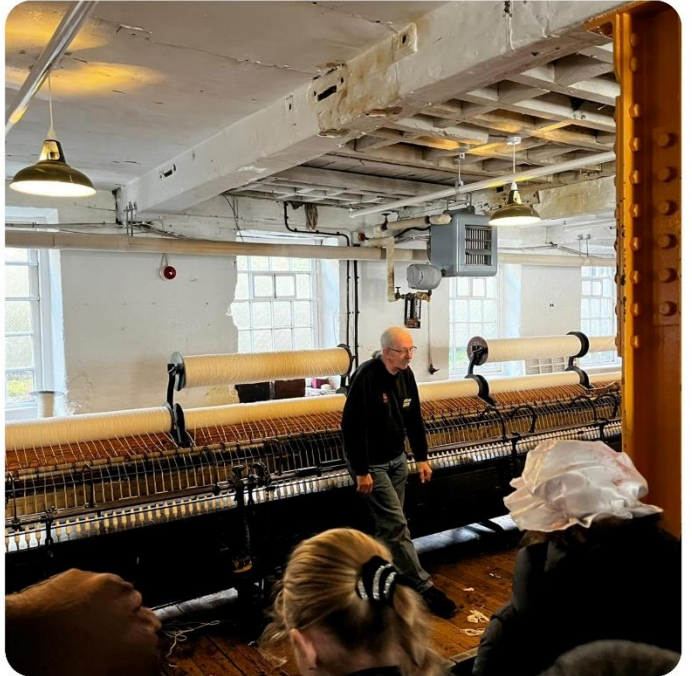
The children were tasked with passing some (rather basic – Mr Greg wanted all the workers he could get!) tests, before signing the Indenture to be enrolled as apprentices. They learnt all about the grueling daily lives of apprentices living in the Apprentice House under the supervision of Mrs Shawcross, before heading down to the Mill to experience some hard labour for themselves!





Outside of their 12 hour working days, apprentices had to take care of their living quarters: making beds, dusting, tending to the vegetable patches, and even emptying the chamber pots – sorry, boys!

Quarry Bank Mill is a rare surviving eighteenth-century cotton mill, built by the industrialist Samuel Greg, with working heritage machinery. The children experienced what it was like to be working in the mill, where children used to work up to 12 hours a day.





The children soon realised that 'idle chit-chat' wasn't tolerated by Mr Greg: to him, 'time is money'! After being spoken through the developments in weaving, from a wheel through to the spinning Jenny and then the factory's giant machinery, Year 6 took on some of the roles of a 19th century apprentice: 'carrying the can', changing the bobbins, and scavenging.

All the children really threw themselves into their roles. Although, eating together in the workers kitchen, was not like eating lunch back at St. Gregory's!





The children all looked amazing dressed in costume for this trip. We would like to thank all our parents for their efforts in providing the outfits for the children – they were commended highly by volunteers and public for their appearance and enthusiasm. They have learnt so many extra life skills during this trip, too: parents, their bedrooms should always be tidy from now on!





Mr Perree, Mrs Gordon and Miss Williams would like to praise the children for their impeccable behaviour and enthusiasm to learn, during this trip.

The staff at Quarry Bank Mill all complimented our children throughout the day.

Well done Year 6!

We would also like to thank the staff at Quarry Bank Mill for their vast knowledge and expert teaching during our visit.

This is a wonderful trip that St. Gregory's thoroughly enjoy each time we visit (nearly 20 years and counting!).



Special Mention Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Special Mention Award this week.



Year 3
Eleanor



Year 2
Esme

Year 5
Brooklyn

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Year 6
Lucas

Year 4
Felicity



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Reception – Sienna
Year 1 - Shay

Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Gold Medal Award this week.



Year 3
Hollie



Year 6
Noah

Year 5
Amelia

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Year 4 – Callum
Reception - Jasmine

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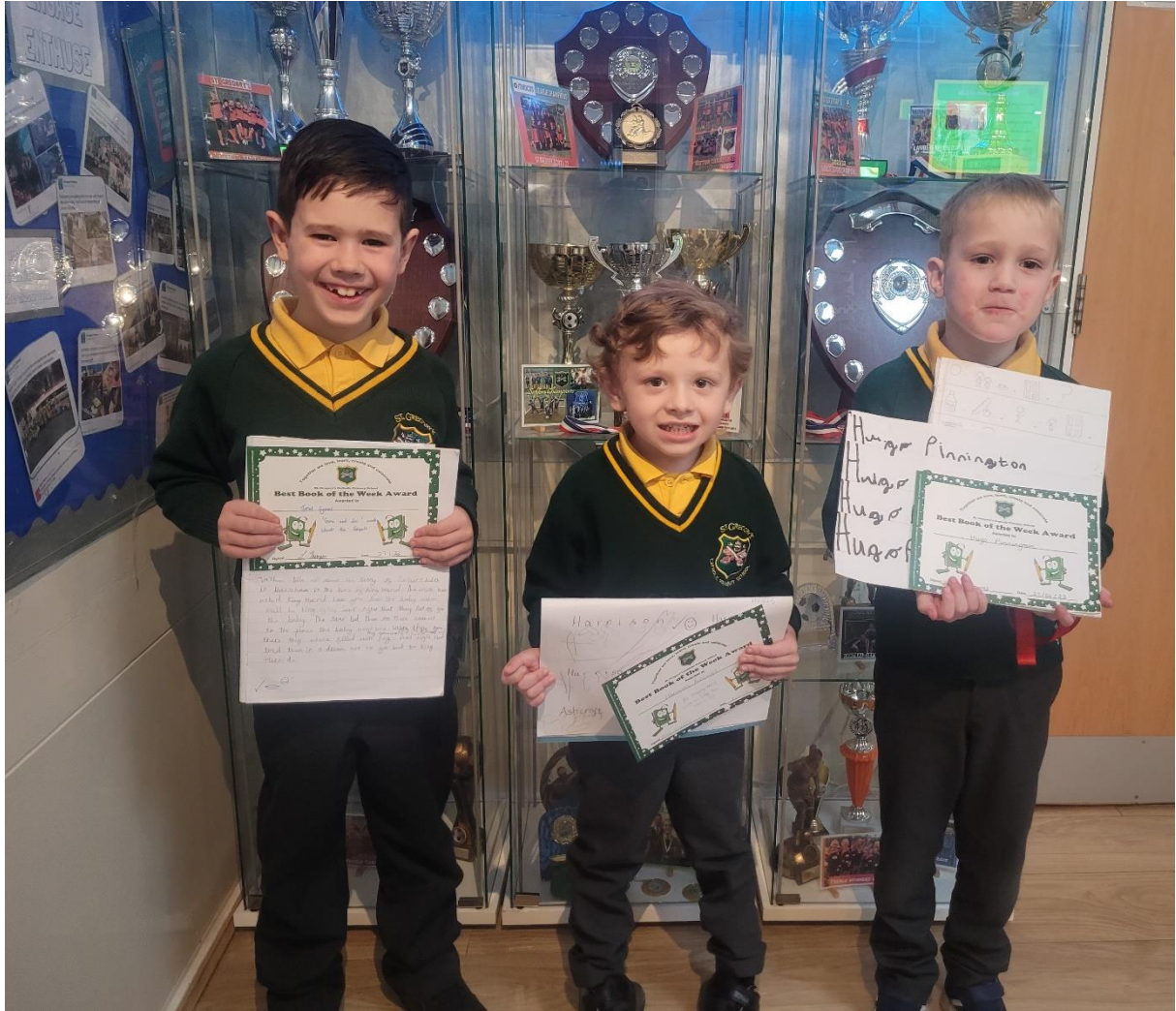
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Year 1 – Chloe
Year 2 - Xander

Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Year 2 – Joel
Year 1 – Hugo
Reception - Harrison

Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Year 3 – George
Year 5 - Ava

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.9%	96.7%	96.7%	96.8%	97.3%	88%	98%

Congratulations to Year 6 on winning the Attendance Cup this week. Only just pipping some of the other classes to the post!