

# Lower Darwen Primary School

Milking Lane, Lower Darwen BB3 0RB

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Headteacher: Mrs S Addy BA (Hons)

**Newsletter 22**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

## Diary Dates

Non-Uniform Day (*in exchange for Easter goodies – further info to follow*)

Easter Bingo 'Egg'stravaganza

School closes for Easter

School Re-opens

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

## Star of the Week

Every week we will tell you, on the newsletter, of the name of the child in each class, who has been awarded 'Star of the Week'.

This week's 'Star of the Week' winners are:-

Reception L:	<b>Sienna</b>
Reception D:	<b>Phoebe</b>
Class 1L:	<b>Miya</b>
Class 1D:	<b>Zayaan</b>
Class 2L:	<b>Wyatt</b>
Class 2D:	<b>Bonnie</b>
Class 3L:	<b>Willow</b>
Class 3D:	<b>Malachi</b>
Class 4L:	<b>Soren</b>
Class 4D:	<b>Leen</b>
Class 5L:	<b>Ivy</b>
Class 5D:	<b>Emma</b>
Class 6L:	<b>Alfie</b>
Class 6D:	<b>Ella C</b>
KS2 HIP	<b>Ahmed</b>

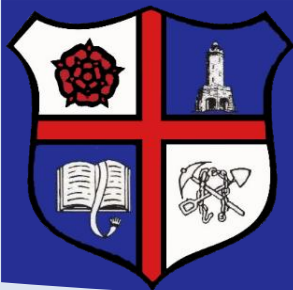
This week's 'Dojo Champions of the Week' are:-

Class RL	<b>Sienna</b>	Class RD	<b>Phoenix &amp; Rosie</b>	Class 1L	<b>Callahan</b>	Class 1D	<b>Isla</b>
Class 2L	<b>Ava Rose</b>	Class 2D	<b>Carter &amp; Emilia</b>	Class 3L	<b>Rayyan</b>	Class 3D	<b>Kayen</b>
Class 4L	<b>James</b>	Class 4D	<b>Leen</b>	Class 5L	<b>Aurora</b>	Class 5D	<b>Lennon</b>
Class 6L	<b>Alice</b>	Class 6D	<b>Ava &amp; Sophia</b>	KS2 HIP	<b>Habeeba</b>		

Just a reminder that if you need to contact a member of school staff, please can you do this via the school office email –

[office@lowerdarwen.blackburn.sch.uk](mailto:office@lowerdarwen.blackburn.sch.uk)

School is busy and the staff priority will always be teaching and caring for your child. With this in mind, we are not always able to respond immediately to requests but we aim to contact you within 48 hours. Thank you for your support with this.



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## Sports News

### Year 5/6 Football

On **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February** our B Team played in a football festival at **Witton Park**.

The team played 8 games, competing well and making a good account of themselves.

Thanks to **Mr Reid** for supervising on the night – he commented that ‘It was a great team effort and was really good to see all the players enjoying themselves and representing the school so well’. He gave a special mention to goalkeeper, **Deni**, who pulled off some great saves including a ‘triple’ save on one occasion.



Team: **Alfie, Ben W, Ben Z, Deni, Jack, Jacob, Leo** and **Muhammad Awais**.

### Year 5/6 Girls' Football *(report by Mr Hesketh)*

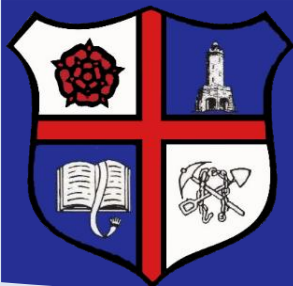
Our girls' football team were incredible this week (**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**).

They turned up ready to play, ready to work hard for each other and didn't stop running all evening. It was some of the best football I've seen them play all season. We started the night a couple of players short due to illness and a scouting session clashing with our matches, but the girls stepped up brilliantly. A big well done to **Jess B** for playing in a new defensive position for most of the games and helping the team secure two clean sheets. Every single player tracked back, supported one another, and worked tirelessly for the team throughout.

The first game was tight, but we were dominant from start to finish. Despite facing a very defensive side, we stayed patient and composed, earning a well-deserved 5–0 win. The second game started a little closer, but once we found our rhythm, we really began to play our own game – passing the ball beautifully and creating chance after chance. A couple of our strikers were frustrated early on, as the ball just wouldn't hit the net, but once the first one went in, the goals kept coming! With five different goal scorers contributing, we finished with an outstanding 11–0 victory. I couldn't be prouder of the effort, teamwork, and attitude shown by every player. Well done, girls!



Team: **Ava, Bella, Jess, Katie, Lucy, Mia, Minnie** and **Olivia**



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## Year 6 Leavers' Party



Please see above information for all Year 6s for their leavers' party in July.

### World Book Day

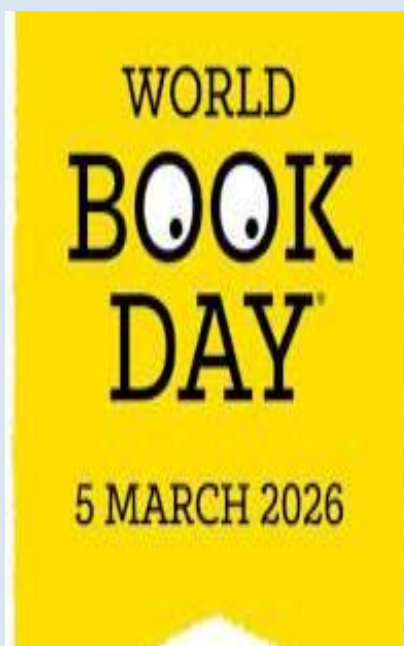
This year our World Book Day will focus on stories relating to our wonderful world and the challenges faced due to pollution, climate changes and environmental issues.

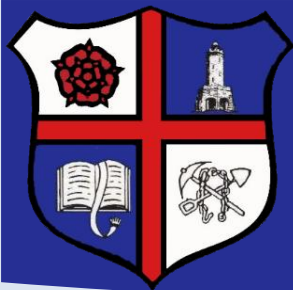
To reduce the cost and worry for parents, pupils do not require a costume this year, as they will all be making their own character mask as part of their activities linked to their book.

We are all looking forward to an exciting day of learning which will hopefully lead into developing our school landscape and environment, all linked to beautiful story books.

On **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**, Curious Cats Bookworms will be coming into school with a wide selection of books, which children can purchase on the day. All books are priced at £3.50 each and they can use their £1 voucher against the cost. Classes will visit the bookshop based in the library on that day. If you want your child to purchase a book, please send them in with £3.50 or £2.50 and their voucher in a sealed envelope with their name on.

The bookshop will also be available for an hour after school for anyone who wants to purchase and pay with a card.





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## Potato Competition

The whole school are taking part in the 'Grow Your Own Potatoes' Project. Each class are planting and growing their own potatoes; the first stage is chitting our potatoes which takes place for the next two weeks. We will then plant and grow them until the end of the Summer term. The aim is to grow the most potatoes with the greatest mass! The children are very excited about this first outdoor learning project and this will begin our development of our school garden where we will start to grow our own fruits and vegetables, which we can then use in our cooking projects in design technology and use them in our school kitchens.



## Well Done Harvey

I would like to pass my congratulations on to one of our past pupils, **Harvey**, who has recently signed a professional contract with Blackburn Rovers F.C.

**Harvey** represented the school team in both Years 5 and 6 and I'm told always seemed destined to be a professional footballer.

Well Done **Harvey** – we wish you all the best for the future and look forward to seeing you play on Ewood Park.



## Finally...

A few of you have been asking as to the welfare of the lady who got hit by a car outside school last Friday. Unfortunately she suffered several fractures to her foot but is recovering well. We send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery. As a thank you from her for the attention she received outside and the well wishes passed on to her, she has sent a lollipop in for each child (suitable for halal), so your child will come out of school with one tonight.

**Simone Addy, Headteacher**