

## HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

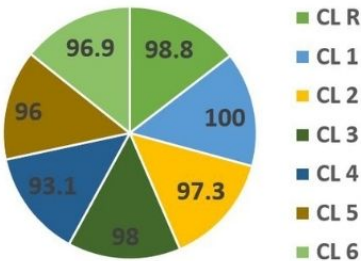
Dearest BGL family,

This week we have been checking in with our learning progress and reflecting on our targets. As a staff team, we carried out a writing moderation and it was fantastic to see the range of writing styles, creative composition and wonderful vocabulary on show. This half-term, as a school, we have worked hard on our handwriting and spellings and we have celebrated some of the individual progress made by our children in these areas. Keep working hard – you are all amazing! Our week was topped off by the Neon Disco. What a joy it was to see the bright colours, painted faces and fun dance moves. A big thank you to PTFA for organising another wonderful event for our children. A lively time was had by all! Thank you to our BGL family for all the support over this first half-term. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break.

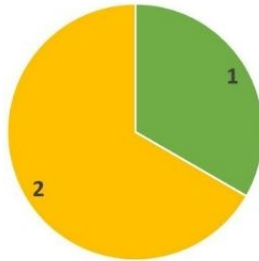
Mrs Esa

## ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance this week for the whole school 97.2 %



CLASS ATTENDANCE %



NUMBER OF LATE PUPILS



SCAN THE QR CODES TO VISIT OUR PAGES

## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 1

In science we tested different materials to see which ones are absorbent and in Geography we found out about different types of clouds.



"Absorbent means it soaks up water"



"Big grey fluffy clouds are called Nimbus, they are storm clouds"



"Paper is absorbent"



## BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

What a fantastic start to our 2024-25 academic year we have had at BGL. I have seen numerous children receiving over and above letters and amazing recognition during our Friday assemblies. I have been extremely proud of all the children in school and the positive behaviours demonstrated across classes when I have been around school. I am already looking forward to continuing these positive routines next half term. I hope everyone has a lovely break and comes back ready and raring to go.

Miss Pass





## Mrs Riley

This week we say a "goodbye for now" to Mrs Riley as she begins her maternity leave. Mrs Riley is being an amazing surrogate for family friends and we wish her and the new parents all our love for the next chapter in their journey.



## Secondary School Applications

A reminder that the deadline to apply for secondary school places is 31st October 2024.

## Cauliflower Cards

Please see school spider for more information about Cauliflower Cards.



## Y2 Visit to Smithills Farm

Y2 will be visiting Smithills Open Farm on Wednesday 6th November. Please make payment and complete the consent form on School Spider.



## UPDATE ON DEPUTY HEADTEACHER POST:

As you know, Mrs Morris joined us on secondment in the Autumn term whilst school recruited for a permanent deputy headteacher. Mrs Morris was due to return to her existing school in the Spring Term. Following the recruitment process, we have made the decision to re-advertise for the deputy headteacher role in order to secure the very best candidate for our school. Therefore, in the Spring Term, Mrs Morris will continue with BGL as deputy headteacher until the permanent post is filled.

## PTFA PUMPKIN DECORATING COMPETITION



The PTFA and Eco-Council would like to invite you to decorate a pumpkin! Over the half-term your child is encouraged to decorate a Pumpkin for the competition. The pumpkin is to be displayed at the front of the school on Monday 28th October (at drop off). An entry fee of £1.50 is to be paid on School Spider. Please ensure your child's name and class is on the bottom of the pumpkin. For further information please see the leaflet below and a School Spider message.

## BIKEABILITY

Bikeability will take place for Y6 children on Thursday 7th November & Friday 8th November. Please read the School Spider message to ensure you complete all relevant forms required for your child to take part.



## Attendance Reminder

As you are aware, the Department for Education introduced national changes in relation to school attendance. From August 2024 a maximum of 2 penalty notices (fines), may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period. Therefore, at the 3rd offence, a legal course of action, such as prosecution will be considered.

## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Monday 28th	School re-opens
Monday 28th	PTFA & Eco-Council Pumpkin Competition
Tuesday 29th	Joy of Moving during school day
Tuesday 29th	Y4 start swimming lessons (PE kit)
Tuesday 29th	Years 3, 4 & 5 Multigames Club 3.00 - 4.00pm
Friday 1st November	Whole school dance (PE kit to be worn)
Monday 4th	Vision screening for Reception class
Tuesday 5th	Prospective parents afternoon 1.30 - 2.30pm
Tuesday 5th	KS2 Multigames Club 3.00 - 4.00pm
Tuesday 5th	Dodgeball (after school event)
Wednesday 6th	Y2 Visit to Smithills Open Farm
Thursday 7th	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 7th	Prospective parents evening 6.00 - 7.30pm
Thursday 7th	Girls Football League after school
Friday 8th	Y6 Bikeability

Parents evening slots will go live after half term.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS



- GIRLS' FOOTBALL**  
 Please complete the School Spider form for the girls football league starting after half-term.
- SOUTH RIBBLE MULTI-SPORTS**  
 Places have been confirmed for the Multisports club with South Ribble starting on Tuesday 29th October.
- RUGBY AND CODING CLUBS**  
 School Spider forms will be sent out after the half-term for Rugby and Coding Club.



## JOB VACANCIES

We are recruiting. Please come and our join team. We have the following vacancies:



- Site Supervisor - Deadline: 9am on Monday 28th October 2024
- Teaching Assistant - Deadline: midday Monday 4th November 2024
- Welfare Assistant midday - Deadline: midday Monday 4th November 2024

Details can be found on the website.

## COATS



Please make sure that your child has a warm waterproof coat with a hood in school everyday and that ALL your child's uniform and coat are named, thank you.

## PROSPECTIVE PARENTS OPEN EVENT



**Tuesday 5th November**  
**1:30pm - 2:30pm**  
**Thursday 7th November**  
**6:00pm - 7:30pm**



## Vision Screening



**East Lancashire Hospitals**  
NHS Trust

### Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date.

**Safe | Personal | Effective**



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Vision screening will be taking place for the reception class children on

**MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

An Opt-out consent form will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date. If you do not receive one and wish to Opt-out, please contact the school.

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## PICTURE NEWS

## TAKEHOME



**What impact can music have on our lives?**

## In the news this week

Following a ten-year campaign, music exam boards have announced they will now be including Sikh sacred music, also known as Kirtan, on their syllabus. It will be examined alongside violin and percussion instruments. The campaign to get the music recognised was led by Dr Harjinder Lallie, the co-director of Birmingham-based Gurmat Sangeet Academy.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever learnt to play a musical instrument? Would you like to?
- What type of music do you like listening to? Ask others at home what they like to listen to. Is it the same as or different from what you like?
- Can you think of times when we listen to music or make music with others?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

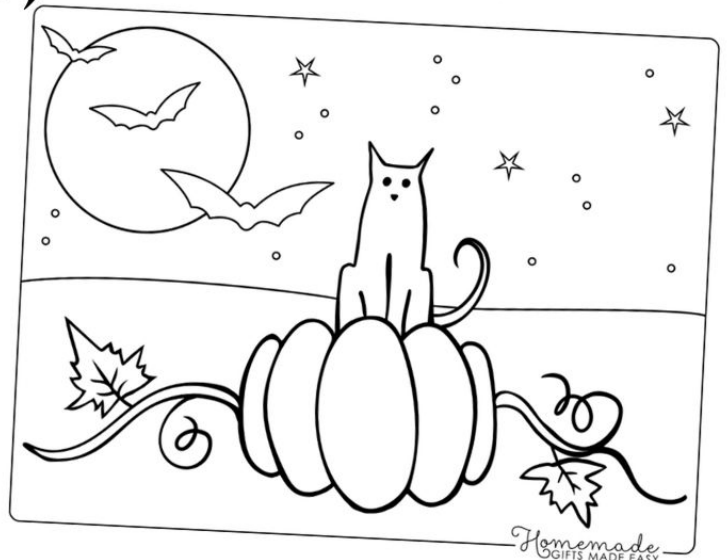


## Y6'S WEEKLY CHALLENGE

This half term we want you to get crafty and take part in a spooky themed colouring competition.

Let your creative flare shine through and submit either a Halloween themed drawing or colouring page by Midday on Wednesday 30th October. Printed colouring pages will be available to collect from the library after half term.

The winner will be selected on Thursday 31st October.





## COMMUNITY LINKS



**Crafty Christmas Market**  
Trinity Gregson Lane  
Methodist Church  
Breakfast PR5 OED Lunch  
16<sup>th</sup> November  
10<sup>am</sup> to 3<sup>pm</sup>  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
Craft, Gift, Cake, Books & More  
Collectable and Vintage Stall  
Raffle & Tombola  
Free Children's Crafts  
See Santa and his Elves



**BGLPTFA'S  
PUMPKIN DECORATING  
COMPETITION**  
MONDAY, 28TH OCTOBER  
£1.50 PER ENTRY  
ALL DECORATED PUMPKINS WILL BE  
SHOWCASED AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL  
& BLIND JUDGED BY A MEMBER OF STAFF  
THE PRIZE CATEGORIES ARE:  
THE MOST CREATIVE  
THE MOST UNIQUE  
THE ONE THAT MAKES US SMILE  
PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND  
CLASS ARE ON THE BOTTOM OF THEIR PUMPKIN.  
🍵 WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR CREATIONS 🍵



**Health Festival**  
Starting Life Well in Chorley  
**FREE**  
Saturday 2 November, 2024  
All Seasons Leisure Centre, Water Street, PR7 2DJ  
12noon - 4pm  
A fun, free day out for all the family. Bring your swimming kit so you can all have a free swim on the day, or book for a free session later in the month.  
We want our children and young people to have the healthiest start they can. Come along to find out what's available, take part and join in. There is so much support out there and we've brought it all together in one place for you.  
Join us in the leisure centre and be in with a chance to win prizes if you can complete the treasure hunt.



For more information contact  
[communities@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:communities@chorley.gov.uk)

Chorley  
Council

The Health Festival is aimed at Children, young people and families. We have an abundance of activities including arts, crafts, free swimming, soft play, giant games, treasure hunts, smoothie bikes, cookery demonstrations and more.

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Our next **Bag2School** collection  
has been arranged for  
**WEDNESDAY**

**30TH OCTOBER 2024**

WE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING GOOD QUALITY ITEMS...

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing  
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)  
landbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Soc  
Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Household curtains, Househo  
towels, Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duve  
covers)