

# Headteacher's Blog



## **This Week.....**

This week we have had a fire drill and an emergency practice. Our school is very different to mainstream schools – we have anxious pupils who really dislike the fire alarm and we have pupils who use a wheelchair or walker to get about. That poses additional issues to risk assess. However our staff all work together like a well-oiled machine to keep themselves and our children safe. I am proud of the way the school remains calm and purposeful when we run through these practices. Hopefully, we will never deal with the reality.

Welly Walk season is really upon us. The pupils all enjoy splashing about in puddles and making mud. All our classes are accessing the outdoor areas especially the forest school part. We recently cleared the adventure play area. Our idea is to have soil delivered and make this area into a grassy wild flower meadow. In spring we could really use some parents to help make this plan happen – could any parents offer any help? It would really be appreciated.

I went to Stoneyhurst College to talk to A level students about sharing stories with our pupils as part of our 'We are reading' pledge. This is a Lancashire wide initiative aimed at promoting reading, enjoying books, sharing and talking about stories. The Stoneyhurst students have been working on making well-loved stories more interactive to share with our pupils on Thursday afternoons. I know that everyone will benefit from the experience.

## **And another thing! ....**

We made £126 for Macmillan cancer care last Thursday – Huge thanks to everybody who attended, sent in money or who baked (and bought) cakes. The pupils were very excited to see family members and it was great to see you all for a catch up!

## **Reminders**

We are decorating our library with photo's of our children reading in unusual places! Send in any photo's and we will print them ! The more unusual – the better!!!!

## **And Finally...**

Next week we are having a harvest assembly. A class from St Gregory's Primary School are coming to share the experience and we are giving the donations to a food bank in Leyland. Tins, dried and packets only please.

Best wishes to all from Mrs B.