

Weekly Newsletter



'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

Working with National Trust Castlefield Viaduct

As mentioned last week, we have been working on something quite exciting in conjunction with our friends at Castlefield Viaduct and the National Trust Blossom Project.

The Blossom Project is being ran across four National Trust properties in Greater Manchester (Dunham Massey, Quarry Bank, Lyme Park and Castlefield Viaduct), each site is working with community partners and schools to host creative workshops to create artwork inspired by blossom. This is where Ellie and Hannah from Manchester's Little Artists come in – they facilitated brilliant blossom inspired art sessions for each of our classes, allowing our children the opportunity to immerse themselves within different art techniques (ink blotting, printing, junk modelling) and create some wonderful pieces of art.

The most exciting part of this project is that the artwork created by Crown Street Primary will be displayed at Castlefield Viaduct and across the four sites in a touring exhibition for all other visitors to see their brilliant artwork!

We are looking to arrange a visit for our children to see their artwork at Castlefield Viaduct (*we will share more information when details have been finalised*). Also, as an incredibly kind gesture and way of saying thank you for the hard work and energy from the children and staff at Crown Street Primary, all children will receive a community pass, which offers a free visit to Dunham Massey, Quarry Bank or Lyme Park (*free ticket for 1 child + 2 adults – again more on this to come*).

We are incredibly privileged that we were approached to work on this project and collaborate with Castlefield Viaduct, which is an incredible green space in the city centre – something we at Crown Street Primary are keen to promote and support. We know this is just the beginning of a lasting relationship with them. A big thank you to the team here for supporting with this, but especially Miss Mcleod Marsh who has led on this for us.

- Castlefield Viaduct National Trust page here: [@ntcastlefieldviaduct](#)
- Castlefield Viaduct Instagram here: [NT Castlefield Viaduct](#)
- Manchester's Little Artists Instagram here: [@manchesterlittleartists](#)



Local Community Visit – Archaeologist Dig

This week we went on our first educational visit – albeit just down the road, but it was a great opportunity to learn more about our (very) local area.

Thank you to a parent who passed on information to us that just at the end of our road, on one of the construction sites, an archaeology team had found some Roman artefacts. The archaeologist Stephen and his team from Civic Heritage offered to talk to and show the children some of the treasures that they had found at this site and some others from around the Castlefield area (which is known for being a large Roman settlement thousands of years ago!) Some of the artefacts date back to over 2000 years ago – and included pottery and a shoe! We talked about how these 'treasures' help teach us about what happened in the past. All our children were very sensible with walking to the site, they listened well and shared their ideas confidently, so well done to all!

Character Award!

The recipients of our Character Award for this week are



These were awarded for **Bravery** for showing this throughout all aspects of school life and the other for **Curiosity** for asking questions and trying hard with new learning! Well done to both of you!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

Assembly and Storytime

This week our assembly took a different focus and instead of sharing a story, we shared our School Rules. We talked about what a rule is and why we have them. We then unpicked what our rules look like and how we can follow them – for example, we are respectful by listening to our friends and the adults and taking turns within our games. We linked our school rules to our character trait of **Kindness**; how we show kindness to others and ourselves.



CROWN STREET
PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Rules

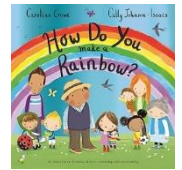
We are respectful
Everybody is valued and respected

We do our best
Everybody takes pride in all that they do

We make good choices
Everybody reflects on their behaviour and learns how to make good choices

Storytime this week

As we didn't have a story during assembly, I made sure I still got a chance to read to the children. This week we read 'How Do You Make a Rainbow?' by Caroline Crowe. This is a lovely story about how you can make your own rainbow with friendship, kindness and all the little things and moments with the people you love. We linked it to our character traits of **Kindness**, **Citizenship** and **Gratitude**.



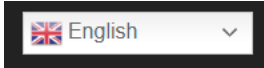
Spring Sing Performance

You are invited to join our first EYFS Spring Sing Performance on Thursday 3rd April, at 9.30am. Please book your tickets through this link – [Spring Sing Performance](#)



We are asking that tickers are limited to two per family to ensure we can accommodate all Pre-School and Reception parents in our hall. Should you require more tickets, please contact Mrs McGowan in the School Office.

Website – alternative languages

Our school website can be viewed in alternative languages. If you scroll down to the bottom of the home page, you will see a box like this:  If you click the arrow, you can then select a different language and the page (and any subsequent page) will be translated for you.

PARENTS' EVENING

A reminder that Parents' Evening will be held on **Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March**. Please ensure you have booked an appointment through your MCAS app. Any problems, please speak to the School Office.

PTA UPDATE



The PTA have been busy behind the scenes and are now looking forward for more ways they can support our school.

They will be offering light refreshments at our Spring Sing Performance, but are also looking to organise a pre-loved book sale. They are asking parents to donate any used, but good condition books that can then be sold for a small cost at the performance. Please drop-off any donations into the PTA Book Box in the Front Office of school.

Please see the new PTA Newsletter, which has gone out alongside this, for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 25th & Weds 26th March – Parents' Evenings

Thurs 3rd April – Spring Sing Performance, 9.30am start*

Fri 4th April – last day of term

Tues 22nd April – Inset day – school not open to pupils

Weds 23rd April – Start of Summer term – school open to pupils

Mon 5th May – Bank Holiday – school closed

For term dates for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026, please visit our [Term Dates](#) page on our website

