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- ✚ **Lenten Reflections** – our popular weekly programme in preparation for Easter kicks off this year on **Thursday 10th March at 1245hrs**, running till 7th April. See poster attached or click on [Reflections](#) Everyone is welcome, with soup and rolls to finish. For the ‘non gardeners’ among us, the image on the poster is that of a Lenten Rose.
- ✚ **Milad-e Nabi** – our belated best wishes to all our Muslim friends who celebrated the Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) earlier this week. As with many world religions, there are different interpretations on how special occasions are celebrated.
- ✚ **Discover Muhammad** – following the success of last year’s event, do join us at the Centre for a celebration organised by our friends at Building Bridges in Burnley on **Monday 7th March between 1600hrs and 1900hrs**. See poster attached. Further details to follow after half term. Do make a note of this enjoyable event in your diary.
- ✚ **Kung Hei Fat Choy** – last Friday we were absolutely delighted to welcome around 120 of our wonderful nursery students from Reedley Hallows for their Chinese New Year celebrations and the ‘swearing in’ of the Year of the Rabbit. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting their day, as we did for a similar celebration with Barden Primary Reception students a few days previously. Splendid to see our little ones having such fun and learning about new people and cultures. For images - see [Kung Hei Fat Choy](#)
- ✚ **Barden Buddhist Encounter** – earlier this week we really enjoyed facilitating a visit by our resident Buddhist monk, Kelsang Paljin to meet Yr 1 students at Barden Primary School. An opportunity for our pupils to learn about another faith and to ask lots of interesting questions. Thanks to everyone concerned. We look forward to arranging further encounters very soon, For images - see [Buddhist Encounter](#)
- ✚ **Holly Grove** – to complete a busy week with our Primary Campus Partners, we greatly enjoyed facilitating a visit by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service who met with all our wonderful students at Holly Grove Primary School, which caters for students with various learning disabilities. The programme was a lovely digression from the busy schedule of faith encounters which we have arranged for them this year. Many thanks to Faz, Peter and Moira from LFRS. For images see [LFRS Visit](#)
- ✚ **Support Materials for Lancashire Schools** – earlier this week we were pleased to complete and submit support materials for the new RE Agreed Syllabus across Lancashire. This important document is being prepared by Helen Harrison and her colleagues at Lancashire SACRE. To view our submission, see **Information for Teachers** on the front page of our web pages by clicking on [Info for Teachers](#)
- ✚ **Radio Lancashire** – in case you listen to the station, just to advise that the Faith Centre will be featured in an interview with John Gillmore on Tuesday 1st March between 1500hrs and 1530hrs – an interesting excursion on St David’s Day!

- ✚ **School Linking** – on Monday of this week we were delighted to welcome Year 6 students from Christ the King RC and Heasandford Primary Schools, as part of an ongoing and growing school linking relationship. Great to see the two sets of students coming together and working so well, conscious that both schools concerned are great supporters of our work and regularly come and visit. We look forward to the next encounter! For images from the morning - see [School Linking](#)

- ✚ **Interested In Teaching?** – then why not come pop along to the Faith Centre on **Wednesday 9th March 2011 between 1300hrs – 1900hrs** when Edge Hill University will be running a Recruitment Day for all those who may be interested in a PGCE programme – or teaching in general. The **drop in session** is particularly geared to secondary teaching, though guidance can be offered on primary as well. We still have a small number of hard copy information leaflets available at the Centre – or by simply click on [PGCE Day](#) For further information before the day, email Alyson Midgley on Midgleya@edgehill.ac.uk We are very pleased to support this initiative.

- ✚ **Celebrating RE 2011** – it was good to meet up with local teachers and faith partners yesterday to gather our thoughts and ideas leading up to a planned celebration in late March – **provisionally during w/c 28 March**. Look out for further updates in the next couple of weeks. We intend to forward information about workshops and other activities to all RE teachers at secondary level in the Burnley and Pendle area. If anyone has any queries or suggestions, do please get in touch. See also [RE 2011](#)

- ✚ **International Visitor** – yesterday evening we were delighted to welcome Fr Barnard Litabo from the Diocese of Free State in South Africa, as part of his 3 week visit to the area. Good to compare notes and explain how the Faith Centre had developed.

- ✚ **Burnley Campus Library** - leading digital arts agency *folly* and Lancashire County Libraries and Information Service are delighted to announce: **'Radar' - a new programme of artists' residencies in public libraries across the county**. Burnley Campus, Brierfield and Nelson Libraries are to host **The Lost Artist** who will be resident in the library spaces while developing an ongoing story, which will be affected by his interactions with users of each library. His artwork can be said to sit between the realms of fact and fiction and uses new technologies, including the internet. Why not come along and meet David on **March 9th** and **March 24th** at the Burnley Campus Library and contribute to the new chapter of his interesting life . . . so far! People of all ages welcome. Look out for more information, including times, in Faith Centre News very soon <http://www.folly.co.uk/programme/radar>

- ✚ **What is the Big Society?** – date for the diary = **25 March 2011**, when Blackburn Diocese will be holding a conference at St Cuthbert's Church, Lytham Road, Preston For more details contact Rev Ed Saville on ed.saville@blackburn.anglican.org

**"The still small voice within you must always be the final arbiter
 when there is a conflict of duty"
 Mahatma Gandhi (1869 – 1948)**