

BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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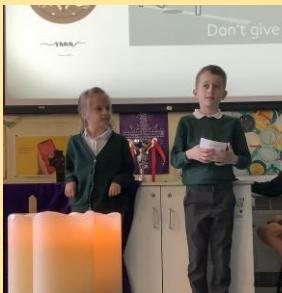
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Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher



Worship this week...

In worship this week we considered 'What did Jesus teach about God's forgiveness?' We acted out the story of the prodigal son, and Seb played the role of the father in the story so naturally. He had such compassion for his son when he returned and we were all able to celebrate the father's forgiveness. We thought about how his brother would have felt, and decided he would ultimately be able to forgive and accept him back into the family.
On Tuesday, our spotters shared who had been noticed persevering with a task that was tricky, and showing 'Don't Give Up'. It was lovely to be able to celebrate the resilience they had shown.



On Thursday our Picture News team shared a special 'World Book Day' worship with us. They enthusiastically celebrated our costumes and shared information about how exciting it is to read. There were so many fascinating facts shared and we were introduced to the book we shared together 'Window' by Jeannie Baker. [You can watch it here.](#)



A big 'Thank you' from St Basil's



The team at St Basil's have heard that Willow and Willow-Mai have been working hard to raise money to support the young homeless people that they work with. They sent Mr Harper into school with Basil the bear to say a giant 'Thank You'. The girls are continuing to run the bracelet workshops at lunchtimes – so if your child hasn't had chance to make their bracelet yet, don't worry – it will be their turn soon.

A musical moment...

We had a 'Musical Moment' in celebration worship this week. Albie and Cohen have been working really hard to develop their keyboard skills, and performed a duet together. It was especially impressive as they used the Clavinova in the hall rather than the keyboards they usually use. They were both fabulous!





Working together on World Book Day

On World Book Day, all of the children were paired with a buddy from another class and found a dark, private space to share a favourite book using torchlight. The children were really supportive of each other and shared stories for about an hour!



The children also shared a wordless book in class called 'Window' and collected their ideas together about how the view from the window had changed over time.



Shine S Fabulous World Book Day ‘word’ costumes

Thank you to all the adults who supported the children to find costumes linked to a word. Everyone looked phenomenal!





Measuring ingredients to bake bear biscuits

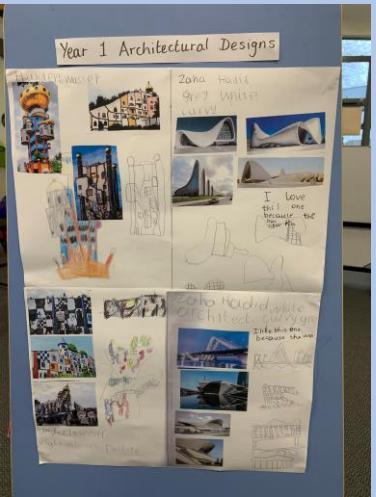
The children in both Reception classes have been busy baking bear-shaped biscuits this week. They have shared the story of 'Goldilocks and the three bears', and used a tablespoon recipe to make some bear shaped biscuits, counting the spoonfuls of ingredients carefully.



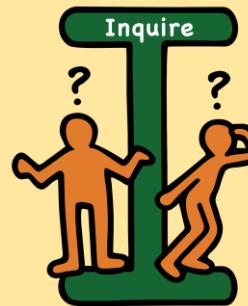


Amazing Architects

Year 1 have been studying modern architectural designs and considering which of the designs appeal to them and why. They then created their own building designs thinking about different shapes and colours. Their work is on display in the Learning Zone if you'd like to take a look at Learning Celebration.



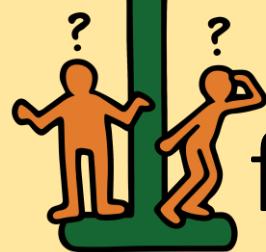
I wonder which of their designs appeal to you and why...



Can you guess the imperative verb?

Year 2 have been learning about imperative verbs this week, and have found that it is essential to use the most effective imperative verb to make the instructions clear to the reader. They had great fun acting out an imperative verb for the rest of the class to guess.





How do different surfaces affect friction?

Year 3 have been putting their scientific skills to work measuring how many newtons it took to move a boot on different surfaces. They had practised reading the scales carefully in previous lessons and this week conducted an experiment to see how different surfaces had different levels of friction. They were careful to make sure they used the same boot on each surface. Which surface do you think had the highest friction?





Teamwork in gymnastics

Year 5 have been combining movements, balances, rolls and jumps to create sequences that require them to support each other and work extremely well as a team. As some children rolled across the mats, their class mates performed a forward roll over them. They designed, rehearsed and performed their routines with confidence and skill.



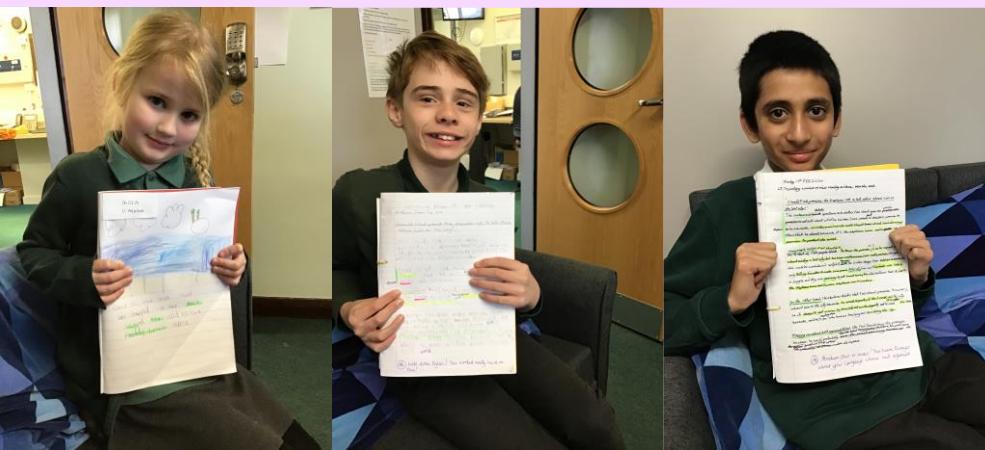


Awards from home

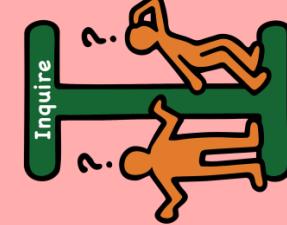
This week, we celebrated some new sashes from Shaolin Freestyle Chinese Boxing: Diana and Hugh earned their white sash, while Maisy earned her yellow sash. We also celebrated Sienna's swimming as she achieved stage 4 and swam 100m. Seb was awarded his Chief Scout's Silver Award – the top award a cub scout could achieve. Evie has passed her ABRSM Grade 2 singing for musical theatre performance with merit. A fabulous achievement for someone so young. Maria also shared her first attempt at an oil painting from her art group – the tiger looked so realistic!



Awards in school



This week Marlie came to share some fantastic writing with me. She has been growing in confidence with her independence when writing, and chose some excellent adjectives in her work. Abraham and Dylan have been justifying a point of view reading evidence from the text – their ideas were really carefully considered and they thought in detail about whether a character should keep a promise or not. Well done to all three.



IDEALS time:

The raffle ticket totals are growing at an alarming rate, with so many children living out our IDEALS in school.

The KS2 raffle ticket winners chose to play Uno, while the KS1 and EYFS winners chose Pop up pirate. We enjoyed a fruity treat and some squash or fizzy water while we played. I have discovered a respectfully competitive side to some of our children – it was great fun this week!

Raffle Ticket Totals so far this term...

298

313

292

297



Dates for your diary:

- w/c 11th March is Week B
- Tuesdays – Year 3 Swimming (Until 12th March)
- w/c 11th March – Bracelet workshop for St Basil's Charity continued
- Tues 12th Mar – Spring Learning Celebration 2
- Wed 13th March – Coffee and... Well-being (Zones of regulation) 8:45-9:30 drop in
- Fri 15th Mar – Understanding Faith Workshop at Radford Semele School
- Mon 18th Mar – iRock concert for parents 9:30 am
- Wed 20th Mar – Easter Service with Reverend Jonathan
- Wed 20th Mar – Voice in a Million Concert (Wembley Arena)
- Mon 25th Mar – Fri 5th April – EASTER BREAK
- Mon 15th Apr – Year 4 catch-up swimming
- Tues 16th Apr – Year 3/4 performance for parents 5:30pm
- Tues 21st May – Sports Day am
- Thurs 23rd May – Sports Day reserve date am
- Fri 24th May – INSET Day



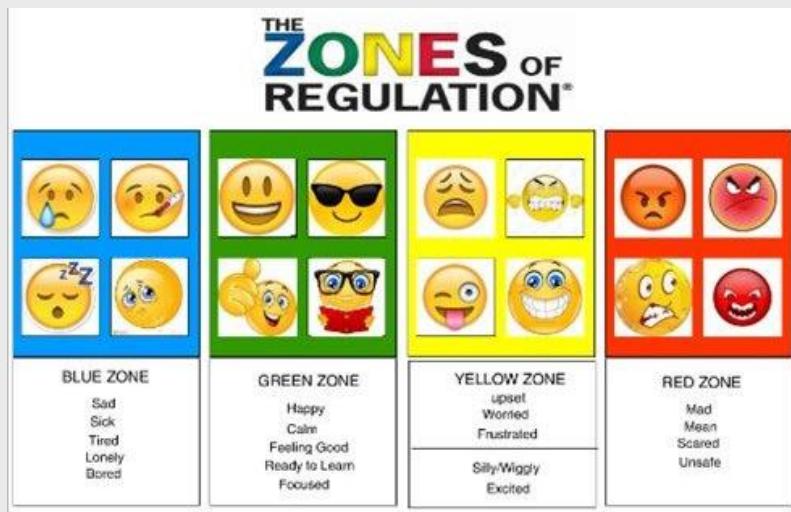
Coffee and... well-being

Our first drop in session for parents is being held between 8:45 and 9:30 on Wednesday 13th March.

After you have dropped your child to class, feel free to pop along to the lodge for a coffee (or a cup of tea) and as part of this session we will invite some of the children to come along and talk about how we use the zones of regulation in school to identify and name how we are feeling and consider strategies to help us to return to the green zone.

It is a drop in session, so please don't feel you have to stay until 9:30 if you need to leave before then.

There will be information to take away and Mrs Pepin will be there to answer any questions you may have.



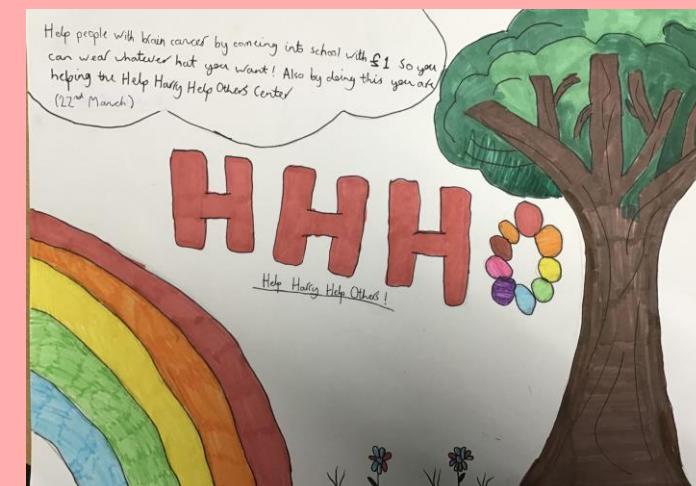


Charity Hat Parade

[Help Harry Help Others is a local charity](#) which was started by Harry Moseley before he lost his battle with cancer in 2011 aged just 11 years old. Harry was inspired to raise funds in the fight to beat brain tumours. Brandon and Sienna have a real passion for wanting to raise money to support this charity and have organised a hat parade for the last day of term.

To join in the hat parade you can design and make a hat especially for the occasion, or simply wear your favourite hat. We will have the chance to admire all the hats in a parade at the end of our Celebration Worship on **Friday 22nd March**. If you would like to be part of the procession, please start having a think about a hat you can make, or wear. It will cost £1 donation for the charity to join in.

There will be some chocolate prizes for the best hat designs.





Marvellous Marathon Challenge

Mrs Potter has been training for some time now, preparing to run in the London Marathon this year. To encourage her on, and to help to raise some money for her chosen charity 'Phab' we are going to hold a Sponsored Marathon Challenge in school.

On 12th April we are going to challenge each class to run (or walk) 15 laps of the path around the school field. The children may run a few laps on separate occasions through the school day, run as a relay with their classmates, or run the complete distance themselves. When each class has completed their 15 laps we, as a school, will have covered the marathon distance as a team. We are hoping our efforts will encourage Mrs Potter to complete the race herself!

We will be sending sponsor forms home with the children before the Easter break so they can ask family and friends to sponsor them. All money raised will go towards Mrs Potter's chosen charity – Phab.



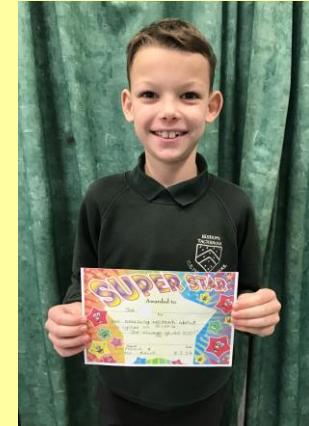


Stars of the Week

RB – Isabella



RP – Tommy



Year 1 – Darcie-Mae



Year 2 – Evie and Cleo



Year 3 – Albie



Year 4 – Evie



Year 5 – Joe



Year 6 – Lexi





Remarkable Readers:

RB – Elias

RP – Joshua

Year 1 – Alice

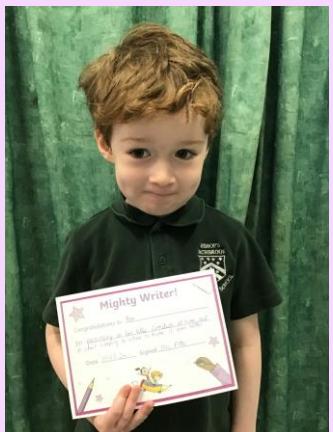
Year 2 – Emilia

Year 3 – Claudia

Year 4 – Lila

Year 5 – Eliza

Year 6 – Noah



Mighty Writer:

RP - Ben



Secrets of Success Champions

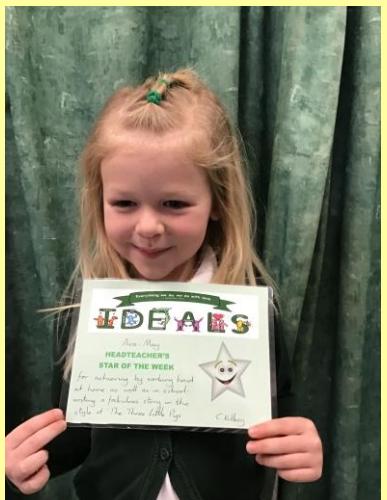
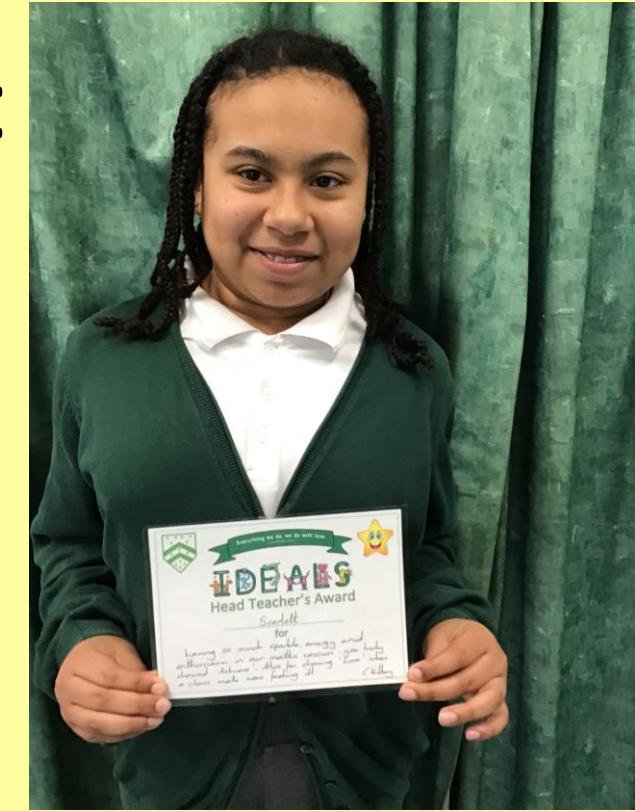
This week's Secret of Success focus was 'Concentrate'. Here are our Concentrate champions, and our spotters from this week who awarded them with their certificates. Well done!





Head Teacher's stars of the week:

Scarlett was my star of the week this week as she had so much sparkle, energy and enthusiasm in our small maths group – she used lots of our secrets of success to achieve. She also showed ‘Love’ the following day looking after another child who was feeling really poorly. Thank you for living out our school vision and IDEALS, Scarlett, you are a true role model in school.



Ava-May was poorly last week when her Head Teacher's Star award was given out, so received it this week. I had really enjoyed the story that she had written at home in the style of 'The Three Little Pigs' with three little cats and a dog.