

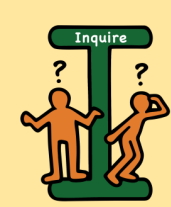
# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 24

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Mrs C. Kilbey  
Head Teacher



# Worship this week...

In worship this week we thought about Ramadan, and how many Muslims used this time to reflect on the previous year as well as build self-control in saying no to things that they would like. We found that many Muslims don't eat during daylight hours and spend more time praying. This helps them to realise what life is like for some people who don't have enough food too, and some Muslims give more money to charity during Ramadan. On Tuesday the Secrets of Success spotters celebrated people who had shown 'Work Hard' this week. It was a tricky task for the spotters with lots of children working hard across school! On Wednesday the children enjoyed singing the Easter songs in preparation for our Easter service next week.



On Thursday our Picture News team helped the children to think about the question: Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms? The children thought very carefully about the advantages and disadvantages of having their phones in lessons. Some children were allowed to play on iPads during the worship session, and while they could remember some key things that were discussed, struggled to be able to recall the details as the iPads had distracted them from listening fully.







# Super Story Telling

The children in RB have really enjoyed working together in the puppet show area of the classroom retelling 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' with fabulous vocabulary and character voices.

## Brilliant Bridge Building

They have also enjoyed being challenged to design and make a bridge between two blocks that was strong enough to hold a goat. They worked collaboratively and were so excited when they found that their bridge was strong enough!








# Architects in the making

The children in RP have also been busy building bridges linked to the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. They discovered different ways to make their bridges long and strong, working together to overcome any problems (like the straws being too short) that they met along the way. They counted how many bricks their bridges could hold to measure how strong they were. They used tape, straws, newspaper and string in their designs.





 **Weatherproof materials**  
After the wet start to 2024, we have had to think about preparing for the Spring Fair early. I have been worried about the bunting for the fair being destroyed by the rainy weather we might have to endure, so asked Year 1 to test some different materials to see what will make the best bunting if the showery weather doesn't stop soon.



They have also been exploring how wonderful woodlands are and found lots of lovely things in our woodland areas in school: birds, ferns, lichen, brambles, birds' nests, trees and a ladybird.







# Chocolate Crispy Cakes

Year 2 have been discovering how to make chocolate crispy cakes. After creating their own set of instructions for making the crispy cakes, it was important for them to taste the results to check that the cakes were tasty enough to share their instructions with others.

They thought of lots of different adjectives to describe the cakes they had made: sweet, crunchy, delicious, tasty, crumbly, yummy.

I think they can definitely share their instructions if the results are this good! Look out for instructions in next week's newsletter so you can make some Easter treats at home!







# Preparing for performance

Year 3 have been busy practising for the Year 3/4 performance by singing, dancing and acting. They are growing in confidence and starting to feel excited about sharing their work with the school and their families.







# Meticulous Measuring

Year 4 have been practising their skills in reading thermometers accurately in preparation for some scientific testing that they will be doing in the next few lessons. They needed to read the scales accurately, to the nearest degree. It was also important for them to wait patiently until the thermometer had adjusted to the same temperature as the water in their cup.

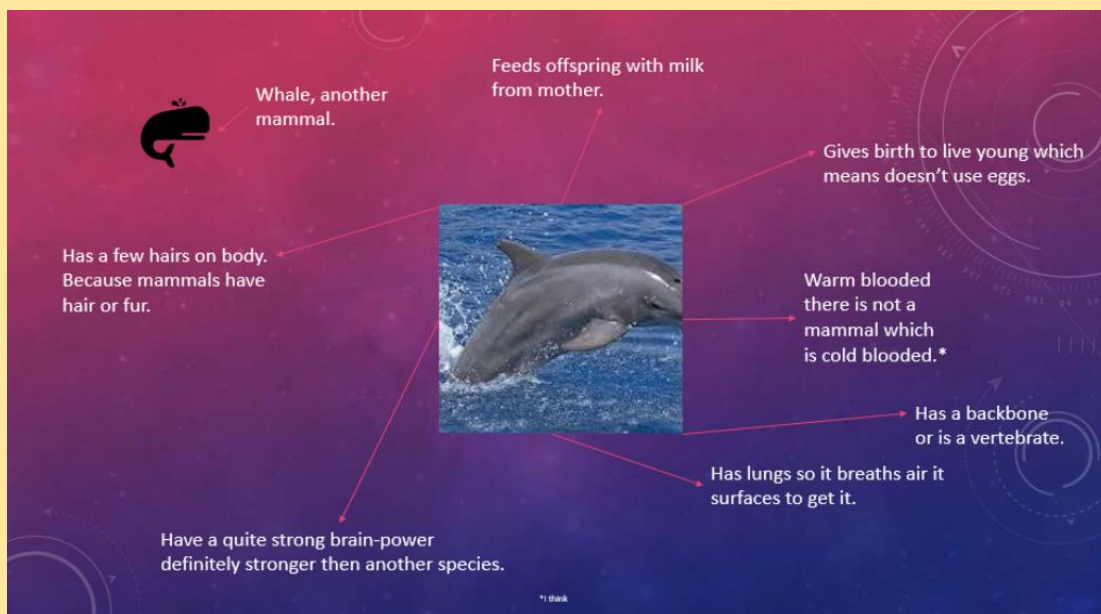






# What are the key characteristics of mammals?

In Year 5, the children have been learning about the characteristics of mammals. They each chose a mammal and researched different key facts about it. They then were able to find additional facts to add to their learning. When they compared the mammal they had chosen with their class mates they were able to identify key characteristics that all mammals have in common.

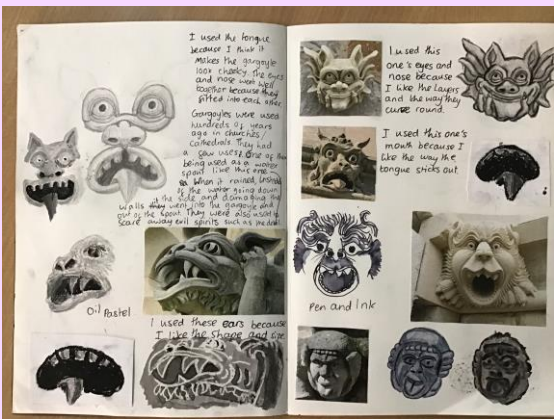






# Gargoyles galore!

Year 6 have been learning about architecture, and as part of their work discovered the role gargoyles have on buildings. They explored different gargoyle designs before using slab rolling, scoring and joining to make a high relief scary face from clay. Which gargoyle do you think looks most scary on the next page?











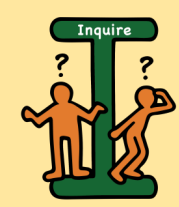
# Team Tachbrook in Action

This week our Year 6 girls competed in a netball tournament organised by Kingsley School. The girls had not played netball together in a match before. They quickly picked up the rules and played exceptionally well. They found space, passed accurately, defended and intercepted excellently and were fabulous at shooting. The girls used every player on their way up court and encouraged each other throughout the games. They won three of their games, drew two and lost two. Lexi was awarded our school's player of the match for excellent defending and showing a fabulous sporting attitude – encouraging others brilliantly.

*Team  
Tachbrook*







# What is spirituality?

On Friday, a group of 8 children from KS2 visited Radford Semele CE Primary School to take part in an Understanding Faith Workshop. During the morning, the children explored spirituality by looking through a window to the wonderful world and creating natural art; looking through a mirror to their own emotions and creating feelings based art; opening a door to putting action to our beliefs by creating a kindness jar with messages for others to read; and looking at a candle to think beyond things we can see – thinking philosophically about some big questions! The children were true ambassadors and worked with the children from other schools enthusiastically and respectfully.

Well done Oscar, Alice, Lila, Jacob, Seb, Eliza, Scarlett and Daniel.

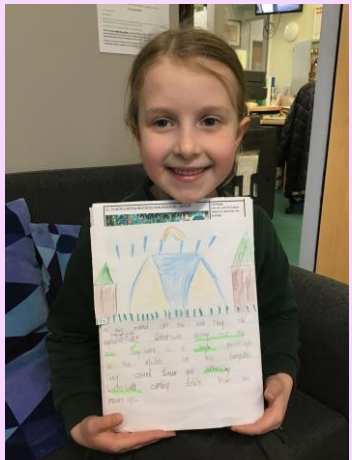






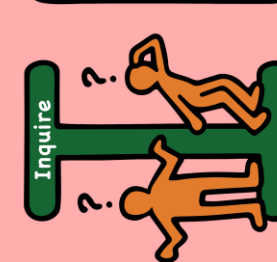
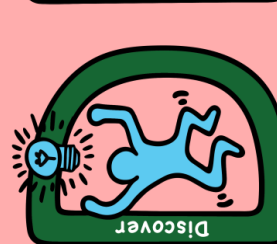
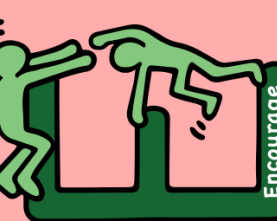
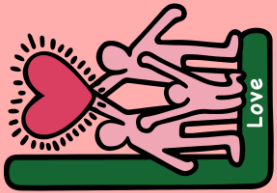
# Awards from home

This week, we celebrated some new Rainbows. Althea, Mila, Alma, Grace and Ava-May have all made their Rainbow promise, and are ready to discover lots of new and exciting adventures in their girl guide journey. Caspian shared his swimming award Stage 1 and is growing in confidence in the water moving forwards, backwards and sideways as well as pushing and gliding across the pool. Dylan came to share a remarkable achievement – he has raised £100 for Comic Relief by entertaining friends and family with his jokes. He shared a few with me too and really brightened my afternoon – well done, Dylan!



## Awards in school

This week Isabella came to share her writing with me. The children in Year 1 have been thinking really carefully about the best adjectives to use in their setting descriptions, and Isabella had made excellent choices. She had described her waterfall beautifully.

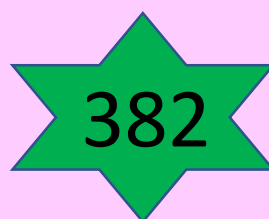
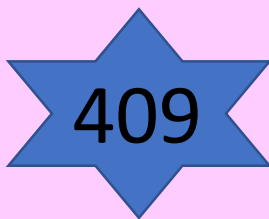


# IDEALS time:

With one week to go it is very tight with the raffle tickets in school this half term. The children have really taken on the challenge to show the IDEALS and earn raffle tickets for their house.

The KS2 raffle ticket winners chose to play Labyrinth this week, while KS1 and EYFS winners chose Pop up pirate. We had lots of fun and enjoyed some fruit and fizzy water as we played.

Raffle Ticket Totals so far this term...






# Dates for your diary:


- w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March is Week A
- Tuesdays – Year 3 Swimming (Until 12<sup>th</sup> March)
- w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March – Bracelet workshop for St Basil's Charity continued
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – iRock concert for parents 9:30 am
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Easter Service with Reverend Jonathan
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Voice in a Million Concert (Wembley Arena)
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Hat Parade in aid of Help Harry Help Others Charity
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER BREAK
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> – Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Apr – Bridge House Theatre presents the junior version of Les Miserables (with Ellie G from Year 6 in the cast). [You can purchase tickets on this link](#). (Suitable for UKS2 children).
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Apr – Sponsored Marathon Challenge
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr – Year 4 catch-up swimming
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – Year 3/4 performance for parents 5:30pm
- w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs week
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – Sports Day am
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Sports Day reserve date am
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – INSET Day




# New menus after Easter

After Easter we will be introducing new lunch menus. The school council children met with Cherie from ABM to discuss the options they like most, and all children in school were asked about which meals they enjoyed most before the new menus were decided. You can find the new menu options on the school website by [clicking this link](#). A reminder that school dinner prices will increase to £2.50 per child after Easter. (Find out if you are eligible for free school meals by [clicking this link](#).)

Week One Menu					
Week Commencing: 08/04/24; 29/04/24; 20/05/24; 17/06/24; 08/07/24					
					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	CHICKEN & SWEETCORN PASTA BAKE SEASONAL VEGETABLES	PORK SAUSAGES WITH WEDGES & GRAVY SEASONAL VEGETABLES	ROAST TURKEY ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY SEASONAL VEGETABLES	BEEF LASAGNE, WARM BAGUETTE & SALAD	FISHFINGERS & CHIPS WITH KETCHUP
VEGETARIAN	CHEESE & TOMATO PINWHEEL & DICED POTATOES	VEGETARIAN LASAGNE, WARM BAGUETTE & SALAD	CAULIFLOWER BROCCOLI CHEESE BAKE WITH ROAST POTATOES SEASONAL VEGETABLES	VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE WITH WEDGES & SEASONAL VEGETABLES	CHEESE & POTATO PIE WITH BAKED BEANS
VEG / JACKET PASTA DISH	JACKET POTATO WITH CHEESE, BEANS OR TUNA MAYO	TOMATO & BASIL PASTA	TOMATO & BASIL PASTA	JACKET POTATO WITH CHEESE, BEANS OR TUNA MAYO	TOMATO & BASIL PASTA
DELI OPTION	CHEESE SANDWICH OR BAP	½ HAM BAGUETTE OR SANDWICH	TUNA MAYO WRAP OR SANDWICH	½ EGG BAGUETTE OR SANDWICH	CHEESE SANDWICH OR BAP
DESSERTS	BANANA TRAYBAKE	SHORTBREAD	CHOCOLATE SPONGE	VANILLA ICE CREAM & PEACHES	FRUITY FRIDAY

Week Two Menu					
Week Commencing: 15/04/24; 06/05/24; 03/06/24; 24/06/24; 15/07/24					
					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	BEEF CHILLI & RICE WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES	CHICKEN & SWEETCORN PIE & WEDGES WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES	TOAD IN THE HOLE WITH MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES	HAM PIZZA WITH DICED POTATOES & SEASONAL VEGETABLES	FISHFINGERS WITH CHIPS & KETCHUP WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES
VEGETARIAN	CHEESE PIZZA WITH DICED POTATOES & SEASONAL VEGETABLES	CHEESE & BAKED BEAN PUFF & WEDGES WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES	QUORN FILLET ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES	VEGI TOAD IN THE HOLE WITH DICED POTATOES & SEASONAL VEGETABLES	VEGETABLE FINGERS WITH CHIPS & KETCHUP WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES
VEG / JACKET PASTA DISH	JACKET POTATO WITH CHEESE, BEANS OR TUNA MAYO	TOMATO & BASIL PASTA	TOMATO & BASIL PASTA	TOMATO & BASIL PASTA	TOMATO & BASIL PASTA
DELI OPTION	HAM SANDWICH OR ½ BAGUETTE	TUNA MAYO SANDWICH OR WRAP	EGG MAYO SANDWICH OR BAP	CHEESE SANDWICH OR BAGUETTE	HAM SANDWICH OR WRAP
DESSERTS	CHOCOLATE ORANGE SPONGE	APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD	ICED SPONGE	VANILLA ICE CREAM & FRUIT COCKTAIL	FRUITY FRIDAY

Week Three Menu					
Week commencing: 22/04/24; 13/05/24; 10/06/24; 01/07/24					
					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	BEEF BURGER IN A BUN WITH WEDGES & SEASONAL VEGETABLES	CHICKEN PASTA WITH CHEESE SAUCE & SEASONAL VEGETABLES	ROAST CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES	BEEF PASTA BOLOGNESE WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES	FISHFINGERS WITH CHIPS KETCHUP & SEASONAL VEGETABLES
VEGETARIAN	VEGETABLE FALAFEL BURGER IN A BUN WITH WEDGES & SEASONAL VEGETABLES	MACARONI CHEESE & SEASONAL VEGETABLES	QUORN FILLET ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES	BEAN ENCHILADA WITH SAVOURY RICE & SEASONAL VEGETABLES	VEGETABLE FINGERS WITH CHIPS KETCHUP & WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES
VEG / JACKET PASTA DISH	TOMATO & BASIL PASTA	JACKET POTATO WITH CHEESE, BEANS OR TUNA MAYO	TOMATO & BASIL PASTA	JACKET POTATO WITH CHEESE, BEANS OR TUNA MAYO	TOMATO & BASIL PASTA
DELI OPTION	TUNA MAYO SANDWICH OR BAP	EGG MAYO SANDWICH OR ½ BAGUETTE	CHEESE SANDWICH OR WRAP	HAM SANDWICH OR 1/2 BAGUETTE	TUNA MAYO SANDWICH OR BAP
DESSERTS	LEMON SPONGE	FLAPJACK	CHOCOLATE BROWNIE	MIXED FRUIT CRUMBLE & CUSTARD	FRUITY FRIDAY



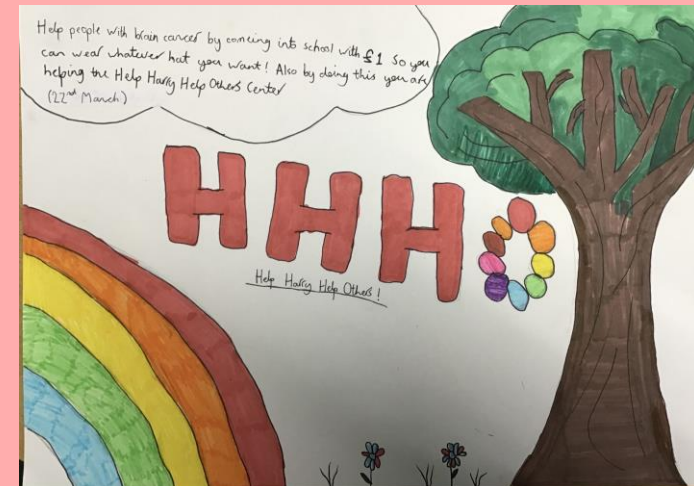
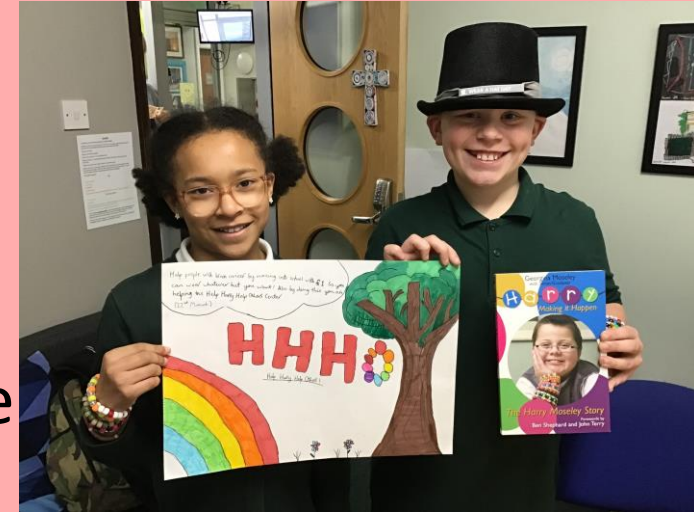


# Charity Hat Parade

[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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



# PTA notices:







# 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 – Freddie

RP – Harrison

Year 1 – Chase

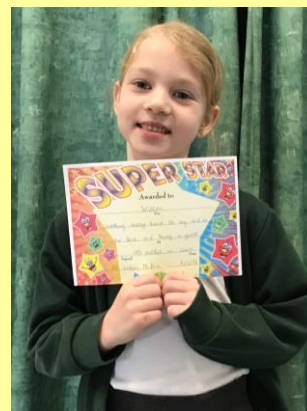
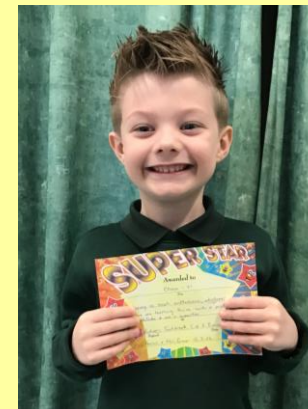
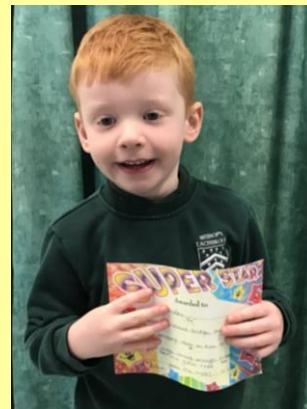
Year 2 – Willow

Year 3 – Ella

Year 4 – Lucy

Year 5 – Ben

Year 6 – Jess







# Mighty Writers:

RB – Callum

RP – Rohan

Year 1 – Zack

Year 2 – Ruby

Year 3 – Denny

Year 4 – Sehj

Year 5 – Eliza

Year 6 – Albert





## Head Teacher's star of the week:

Abraham was my star of the week this week. I was working with Year 2 on Tuesday and they were learning about the festival of Eid al Fitr. Abraham willingly came to teach them about Ramadan and Eid from his perspective. His knowledge was outstanding and he shared a prayer that many Muslims recite at the start of Eid. He shared it in English then Arabic. At first, the Arabic sounded a little bit strange to Year 2's ears, but by the end of the prayer Abraham had created a room full of peace and reflection. Thank you for being a true example of 'Shine', Abraham!

