

# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

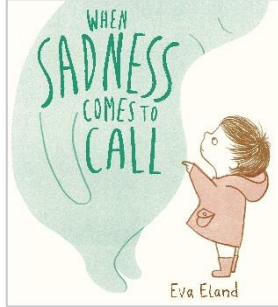
## Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2022

### Newsletter 6



In worship this week, we spent some time thinking about our feelings as many of us were feeling sad – or had noticed that people at home had been feeling sad. We talked about accepting that our feelings, whatever they

were, and allowing people to feel different emotions to us. We talked about what sadness was, and that it wasn't always there all of the time. As part of our worship we read the story 'When Sadness comes to call' by Eva Eland. If you would like to hear the story being read on YouTube you can [click here](#), or on the picture.



On Thursday KS2 children worked in their house groups in collective worship time to think about what faith was and what it meant to them. They shared lots of ideas about what faith is for people who belonged to a religious group, but also for those who didn't. Ellie was very brave and put her faith in me catching her as she fell backwards!



#### RE CONFERENCE AT ST MARGARET'S

On Thursday, eight children from across KS2 were chosen to participate in an RE Conference with children from Radford Semele CE Primary School and St Margaret's CE Junior School. They were asked to consider a Big Question: What is Faith? The children were able to confidently talk about and share ideas that answered the question from the perspective of people who belonged to a faith as well as of those that didn't. Mrs Benson and Mrs Anstee shared how they were impressed with how the children were able to express their ideas so thoughtfully and considerately. They also worked alongside children from the other schools to create some fabulous artwork that demonstrated their thoughts. It was a tricky task, and the children needed to be brave to work with children they had only just met.

It was lovely to be part of a conference and see the children encourage and build up other children's ideas and truly shine. They appeared in the Diocesan Newsletter that is sent to all Church Schools as they had worked so well on the task.

Well done Isabelle, Taylor, Priya, Jacob, Izzy, Abraham, Noah and Amberley!



#### HARVEST AT ST CHAD'S

This Wednesday was our Harvest Worship at St Chad's Church. The children from Year 1 – Year 6 walked down to church with their harvest gifts to say thank you for the food that we have. We managed to fit everyone in, with Year 6 sensibly joining the service from the bell tower – we think there will be enough space for Reception to join us at Christmas too!



Reverend Jonathan led the service for us with help from some of our Year 5 children. Darcey, Jess and Brandon helped to retell the story of Ruth and Naomi, and the kindness and love of Boaz to care for the ladies when times were so hard for them; and Willow and Isaac led the prayers for us. The children had brought so many gifts – thank you to all of our families who donated gifts for the foodbank!



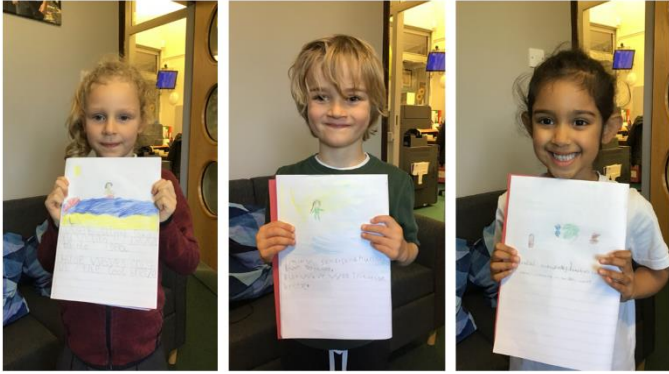
Even though Reception didn't walk down to the church with us this time, they still brought gifts to celebrate – thank you so much!

Year 4 had been working hard to learn the chime accompaniment to our Harvest Hymn and performed so well in the service. The chimes rang out through the church and sounded so beautiful. Thank you Year 4!



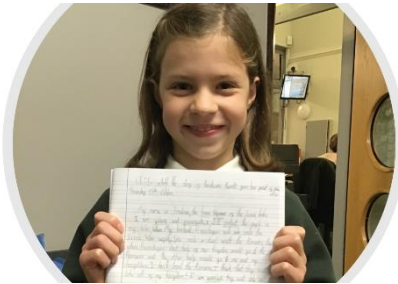
## AMAZING WRITING

This week several children from across school have visited me to share their fantastic writing! It has been such a pleasure to read their ideas and chat to them about why they think their writing is so effective.



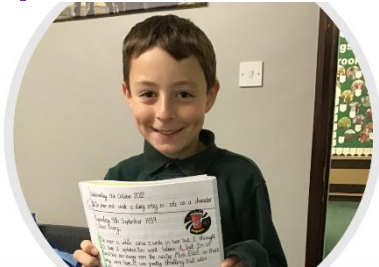
Ayva, Emilia and Teddy brought some poetry to share. They had all thought really carefully about the adjectives they had used to describe the sand and the waves, and used their knowledge of phonics to make some great spelling choices. I felt that I had been transported back to the summer holidays!

Sophia had worked really hard to retell the story of Boudicca's revolt from Boudicca's point of view. I was expecting it to be a difficult read, and I was proved correct. From the very opening, where Boudicca declared herself to be brave, fierce and



powerful, to the end where she was unable to accept the defeat her army had faced, Sophia's writing created a true feeling of determination with a cold-hearted view of war. Well done Sophia!

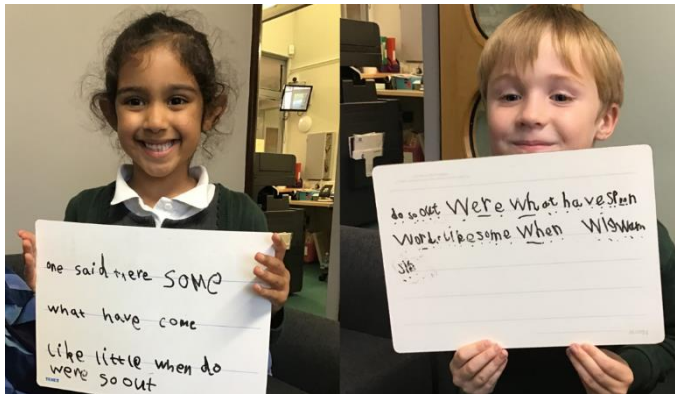
Dylan brought a really reflective diary entry to share with me. He had written it in role of the character Sophie in the story 'Rooftoppers' that the class have been reading. There were some effective moments where Sophie's character were shared, as the



'fancy buildings with fancy furniture' were commented on shortly before Sophie sharing her disgust at having to wear a dress as she was in disguise. Well done, Dylan!

## SUPER SPELLING

The Year 1 children have been working hard to learn how to spell some really tricky high frequency words. Ayva and George had really impressed Mrs Power with their spelling and it was lovely to see how proud they were of their work when they came to share it with me! Well done!



## EXPLORING FRICTION

Year 3 have been thinking carefully about friction and how different surfaces would impact the speed of a car travelling over them. They were making predictions based on their understanding of friction from previous lessons. It was great to hear their use of vocabulary and the way that they were able to explain why they thought different surfaces would result in the car travelling slower.



## CAN YOU REMEMBER?

Year 1 children have been following a rope trail, challenged to remember eight objects that were hanging on the trail in exactly the right order. Mrs Power said that they were absolutely amazing at remembering the objects and she was extremely impressed with how they could sound out the letters they needed to record them when they returned to the classroom. They had all discovered that they had a great memory! She said that it was lovely to see all of the class busily writing at the same time.



## SPORTS STARS

This week we celebrated James' swimming achievements as he earned his Level 1 swimming certificate and is already making excellent progress towards Level 2. He can now swim 5m without any swimming aids, float like a star and jump into the pool. Well done James!



Leon and Oscar have recently played in a rugby tournament and were awarded a medal. They had played extremely well as a team, encouraging each other and developing their rugby skills too. Well done boys!

Maria has added another talent to the many sporting skills she has already discovered and has started dancing lessons. She has made a fabulous start! Amelia attends the same dance school and has been developing her dance skills for some time now. She brought her 'wine rosette' to share with us for ballet. Well done girls!



## MARVELLOUS MUSICIANS

Many children at BT learn to play musical instruments. We have guitarists, brass players, keyboard players, flautists and recorder players. Several children also learn to play instruments outside of school too. Learning to play an instrument is such a great skill to develop! We have a weekly 'musical moment' in celebration worship, so if your child learns to play outside of school please do let us know if they would like to perform for the school. This half term, Mrs Merry – our woodwind teacher – wanted to particularly recognise the fabulous effort that Maria, Sophia and Lila had put into practising their flutes. Well done girls!



## LEARNING CELEBRATIONS

Learning celebrations are being held on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30-6:30 in the school hall**. This is a chance for parents and children to meet with the class teachers to discuss how they have settled into their new class, and how they are progressing with their learning – celebrating their successes and thinking about their next steps forward.

## Dates for your diary:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM BREAK  
 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Deadline for applications for Secondary Schools  
 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Learning Celebration 3:30-6:30 (School Hall)  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 start Forest School  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – PTA meeting @ The Leopard 7pm  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Open Morning for prospective Reception parents  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Learning Celebration 3:30-6:30 (School Hall)  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform for Toys/books/gifts  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform for chocolate/bottles  
 Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fayre  
 MORE CHRISTMAS DATES TO FOLLOW...

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS WHO HELPED TO ORGANISE THE SCHOOL DISCO LAST FRIDAY!! THE CHILDREN SHARED SO MANY SMILES AND LOTS OF DANCE MOVES TOGETHER! WHAT A GREAT NIGHT!**  
**A HUGE THANKS TOO, TO ALL PARENTS AND STAFF WHO HELPED ON THE NIGHT TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING RAN SMOOTHLY.**



## RECYCLING QUALITY CLOTHING

We are looking to collect any clothes that members of your family have grown out of, or no longer intend to wear as part of the Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools initiative. Our collection is booked for: **23rd November 2022**. The clothing becomes affordable clothing around the world, this is going to Ukraine right now. The clothes need to be clean, dry and something you'd wear yourself, and can't be 'worn out' or old fashioned. We have been set a challenge to collect 50 bags of clothes – let's take it on together!

Every family has been sent a bag home and we will be ready to receive your donations from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please bring your washed items into school at any time from this date until **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories. Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING**

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website [www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)

## WE DO NOT ACCEPT

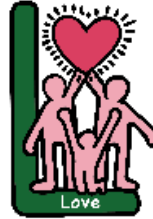
**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES. PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDS OR ANY UNIFORM**

## SNACKS AT PLAYTIMES

This is a polite reminder to families that BT is a healthy school and we only allow children to have fruit as a snack at playtimes. Children in KS1 are given a piece of fruit to eat, and children in KS2 are welcome to bring in fruit if they would like to. No cereal bars, or yoghurt and fruit bars are allowed, although can be eaten at lunchtime.

## HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

We have been asked to share with families a guide to ensure packed lunches are a healthy option for children. Please [click on this link](#) if your child has packed lunches in school.



## VIPs - Love

Finlay, Toby, Bianca  
 Isla, George, Phoebe, Ruby  
 Olivia, James, Cohen  
 Pippa, Taylor, Lila  
 Connor, Amelia, Priya  
 Izzy, Riley  
 Jacob, Luke, Amelie

## HEAD TEACHER'S STAR OF THE WEEK

**Jacob** for stepping up at late notice to speak to prospective parents about the learning at BT. He spoke so clearly and knowledgeably – Jacob, you truly shone! Thank you.

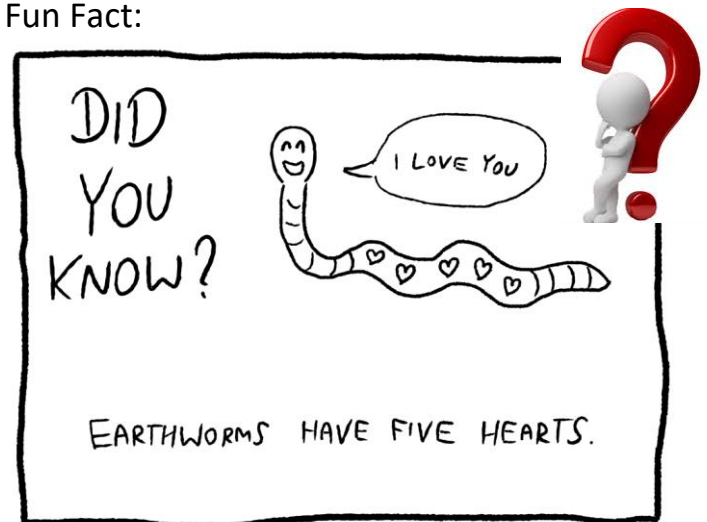


I would like to wish all of our families a safe half term break. I am looking forward to hearing about the autumn adventures everyone has had when you return!

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Mrs C. Kilbey  
 Head Teacher

## Fun Fact:



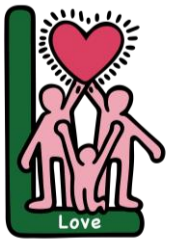
## Word of the week:

**capable**

"I'm **capable** of looking after myself!" Fatima insisted.



Everything we do, we do with love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14.

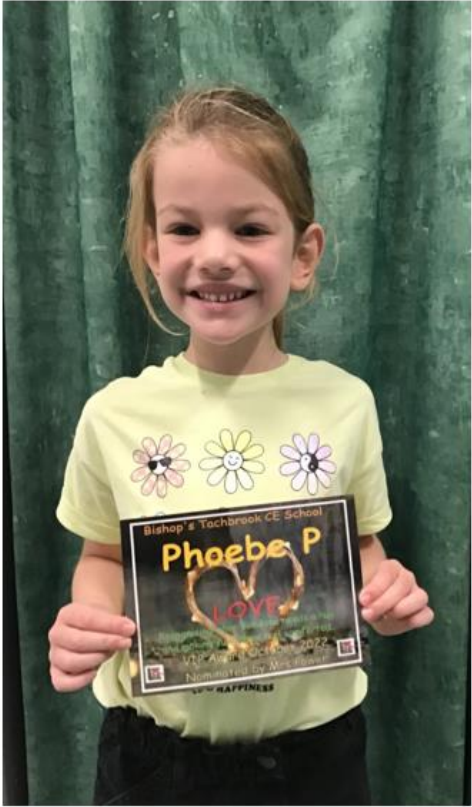


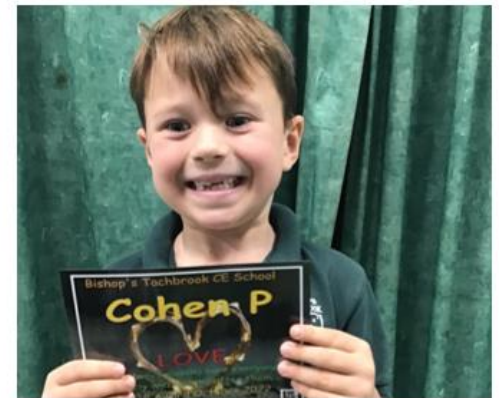
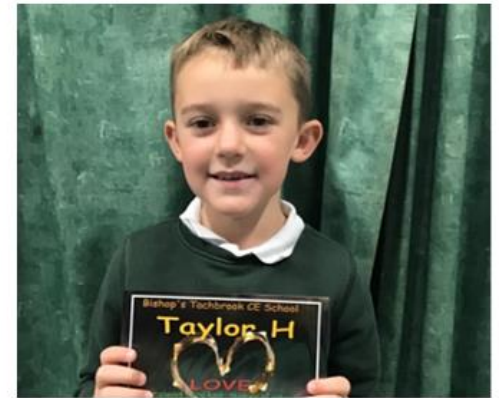
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## VIPs (VISION IN PRACTICE)





## The revolt... by Sophia (Year 4)

My name is Boudicca, the brave queen of the Iceni tribe. I am fierce and powerful. I will protect the people in my tribe. My husband, Prasutagus, will rule the Iceni tribe safely. We made a deal with the Romans that when Prasutagus died half of our kingdom would go to the romans and the other half would go to me and my daughters. I don't trust the Romans, I think that they will take all of my kingdom! I am worried they will take all of our food, water, weapons and animals. I'm not sure I like this deal.

When my husband died the Romans came, just as I expected. They wanted all of our land! I couldn't stand this. I stood up to the Romans and said, "No, this isn't fair. We made a deal!" But the Romans got me and my daughter whipped in front of all my people. I was so angry. My daughters got treated very badly by the Romans. I felt so worried and so furious about the Romans. I wanted revenge. I decided we shall burn down all of the towns – Londinium, Camulodunum and Verulamium. With my army of Celts we arrived at Londinium. We burnt it all down and killed all of the villagers. Then we did the same with Camulodunum and Verulamium. Finally I had taught the Romans a lesson. I heard news that we were going to a big battle against the Romans. Me and my tribe gathered up more tribes. We had 100,000 soldiers. There was no way the Romans were going to beat us. We finally met the Romans in a big battle. I told my warriors to fight with all their might. We were fierce and killed lots of Romans, but the Romans killed 80,000 of my soldiers. In the end, the Romans were too good and organised and the Romans won. I hid in the bushes and drank a poison because I didn't want to be a roman slave. I killed myself so nobody would ever find me again.

