



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

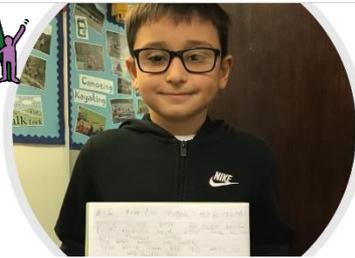
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In worship this week, we thought about the freedom to choose what you believe. We discussed some kings of the past who imposed their beliefs on others – King Darius, who threw Daniel into the lions den when he refused to worship him; King Nebuchadnezzar, who threw Mesach, Shadrach and Abednego into the fire when they refused to bow down and worship a statue of him; and King Antiochus who refused to allow the Jewish people to worship God and insisted they worshipped his gods – pulling down temples in Israel or converting them to worship his gods. In all of these stories, God protected, supported and stood with the oppressed – Daniel; Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego; and Judah Maccabee. The children were pretty clear that they felt it was important for people to find their own beliefs, but realised that with that came responsibility. If we believe that it is right to treat people with kindness, then we need to live up to that belief. You can listen to the full story of Judah Maccabee by clicking on the picture below:



AMAZING WRITING

Reggie came to share some amazing writing this week. He had been working independently and had worked so hard to make sure he heard all of the sounds in the words that he was writing. He explained very clearly how lives had changed from the stone age into the bronze age. Well done, Reggie.



CREATIVE ARTISTS

Claudia and Sophie clearly have a love of art, and are able to look closely and make fantastic observations. Both girls had worked at home to create a picture of all of the children in their class at school, thinking really carefully about the colour of hair and eyes, as well as hairstyles. Mrs Dixon was blown away by the effort and attention to detail in their work. Well done, girls!



INVESTIGATING LIGHT

This week, Year 6 have been using the light sensors on the data loggers to investigate which material would make the best curtains. Ask them what they discovered...



SPORTING CHALLENGE

Monty has been working really hard throughout November completing a rather tricky football challenge... He did 100 kick ups a day in order to raise money for Diabetes UK, after his baby sister, Serena was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes on her first birthday. His mum and dad are really proud of him and what he has done to raise awareness of this life changing condition. He was sent a scarf and laces for signing up, and a football shirt once he raised £100. **In total he has raised a huge £1080 to help find a cure for Diabetes!** Monty has certainly shown so many of our school IDEALS through this challenge, and has most definitely been shining! Well done, Monty!



DISCOVERING TOYS OF THE PAST

Mrs Cadman brought some toys into Year 1 on Friday. They were toys that were very very old, and the children really enjoyed working out what they were made of and finding out how old they were. They were able to talk about the different materials, but also enjoyed playing with the toys from the past. There was a small doll made from wax that was extremely old. They weren't allowed to touch it though. I wonder if you can think why they weren't allowed to touch it?



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

We had a very special visitor in school this week – James Henney from the Diocese came to work with us to explore how we could share the story of the incarnation of Jesus through worship songs. James works with churches all across the Diocese to think about worship. He shared a worship song with us with lots of ringing bells singing 'Ding Dong' and then set every class a challenge to create a musical masterpiece to perform in a 'Battle of the Bands' competition. Each class took on their challenge and the results were absolutely fabulous!



Reception children learned and performed a song about the shepherds. They even created their own headaddresses to wear as they performed.



Year 1 created their own Christmas song to the tune of 'Sing Hosanna' all about advent and the different messages the candles share. They even created their own candles to hold as they sang.



Year 2 took the tune of Jingle Bells and created their own lyrics to tell the story of Jesus' birth.



Year 3 learned and performed a song that was completely new to them – 'The Virgin Mary had a baby boy'. They had actions to go with their song and their performance was really good fun.



Year 4 took the tune of Frere Jacques and created new lyrics to tell of the story of the incarnation.



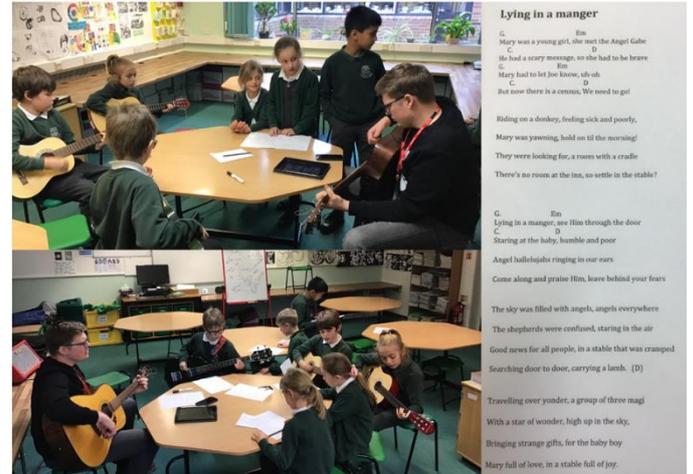
Year 5 were very creative writing their own lyrics and melody to create a brand new Christmas worship song.



Year 6 took ideas from 'The First Noel' and used the melody of 'Wonderful Christmas Time' to create a new song about the incarnation.



James worked with a small group of musicians (who have been busily writing their own songs in school already) to create a new Christmas worship song.



It was absolutely fabulous listening to all of the classes' songs – and it was lovely to see huge smiles as they performed in front of the rest of the school. What incredibly talented children! School would love to share the videos of their performances, but we need to gain full [parental permission first](#).

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Dylan shared his latest swimming award with us this week. It is so great to see his skill developing and his confidence building as a result. Level 3 means that he can now push and glide both on the surface of the water and underneath the water, as well as changing directions and swimming unaided. He is a real star, and rightly proud of his achievement. Well done, Dylan!



PTA FUNDRAISING

The PTA would like to say another huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fair. The money has now been counted and the school family raised a huge £2173.48. This money will be used towards the new school website in part, but also towards a more secure fence and gate next to the lodge that will include a buzzer for access for after school club parents. Thank you for your support!

The Christmas fun is continuing this week with a Sparkle And Shine day, where children can come into school with Christmas jumpers or any sparkly or festive non-uniform for a silver donation.



There is also a film night on Friday 9th December, where the children can watch Sing 2, Encanto or Toy Story for £1 (which includes a bag of popcorn). Please can children bring a cushion to sit on and a drink of water with them. If you haven't let us know which film your child would like to watch yet, please [complete this form](#) before Thursday so we can make sure we have enough popcorn, and allocate the films to suitably sized rooms. Thanks.



RECEPTION AND KS1 NATIVITY

The rehearsals are going well for this year's Nativity performance, and we are looking forward to inviting families to watch the children on Thursday evening at 6pm and Friday afternoon at 2pm. The performance is also being recorded, so if you would like a copy of the DVD for £5, please let school know so that we can be sure to burn enough copies.



NEW WEBSITE

As you are aware,

we are in the process of designing a new school website. We would like to offer families the chance to contribute their ideas to the design. If you would like to help us to capture what makes BT school unique and special for the children and families, [please spend a few minutes completing this google form](#). Thank you in advance for your support! **We are meeting with the designer this Wednesday (7th December), so please share your ideas before then.**



WINTER WEATHER

It's getting much colder now that winter is coming. Please can you send your child into school with scarves, hats and gloves to keep them warm at playtimes. We will be taking the children to play outside if it is not too wet, so please wrap your child up warmly as the cold wind can blow cold across the field onto the playground – thanks. **Names in hats and gloves are essential so that we can return any lost belongings.** Thank you.



KEEPING SAFE BEFORE SCHOOL

We have noticed that some families are arriving onto the playground before 8:45. There are no members of staff outside before school, so we would like to remind families that the children are not to use any equipment - this includes the climbing equipment, but also balls and ropes etc. We have had some children starting the day with injuries from playing football before school with children in older year groups, and also some children coming in feeling angry because of incidents that have happened playing football without a 'referee' before school has started. As the children are developing their skills, mis-timed tackles occur regularly and need to be managed by adults to help the children to understand and learn.

Thank you for your support with this.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a new parent governor starting in December. Our parent governors play a really valuable role within our governing body. If you would like to help to drive our school forward to be the very best it can be as part of our team of governors, we would love to hear from you. **Closing date for applications is December 9th.** If there is more than 1 candidate, voting will take place w/c 12th December. For more information, please email admin3141@welearn365.com or call 01926 426020.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

A vacancy has come about for a lunchtime supervisor role at school. You would be required from 11:45-1:15 on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes, although there is a possibility for the role to be extended to include more lunchtimes. Please email admin3141@welearn365.com or call 01926 426020 for more information. **Closing date for applications will be Friday 9th December. Interviews will be held w/c 12th December.**

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th December – Sparkle and Shine Day (Christmas Jumpers)
Wednesday 7th December – Year 4 to Coventry Cathedral Christingle Service
Thursday 8th December – Year 2 and Year 1 to church
Thursday 8th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity performance for parents 6pm
Friday 9th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity performance for parents 2pm
Friday 9th December – PTA Film Night 6:00-7:30pm
Wednesday 14th December – Naughty Elf Day & Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 15th December – Christmas Worship at St Chad's
Tuesday 3rd January – INSET Day

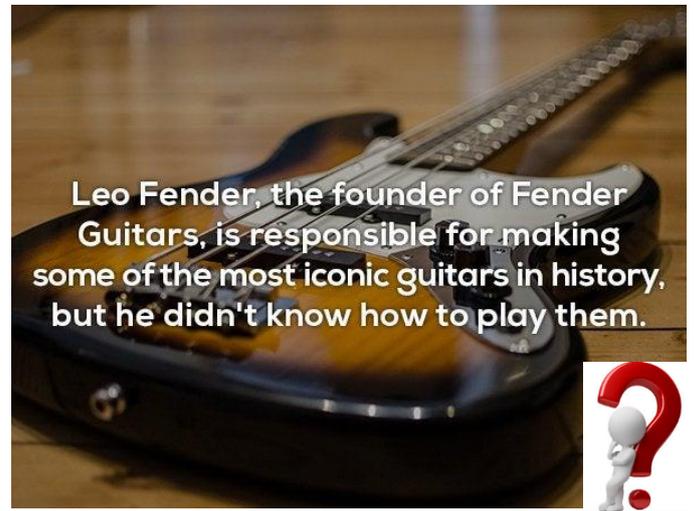


STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception: Harrison
 Year 1: Harrison
 Year 2: Sophia
 Year 3: Jessie
 Year 4: Abigail
 Year 5: Ruby
 Year 6: Rhian



FASCINATING FACT:



MIGHTY WRITER

Reception: Harry N
 Year 1: George R
 Year 2: Evie
 Year 3: Imogen
 Year 4: Alex and Harry
 Year 5: Sachin
 Year 6: Jacob



HEAD TEACHER'S STAR OF THE WEEK

Izzy for having the most wonderful attitude to learning. She is always ready to listen and learn and her determination to work hard and achieve the very best she could in assessments this week was fantastic to see. What a star, Izzy, you definitely have 'Achieved' your very best this week.



C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher

Word of the week:

incarnation

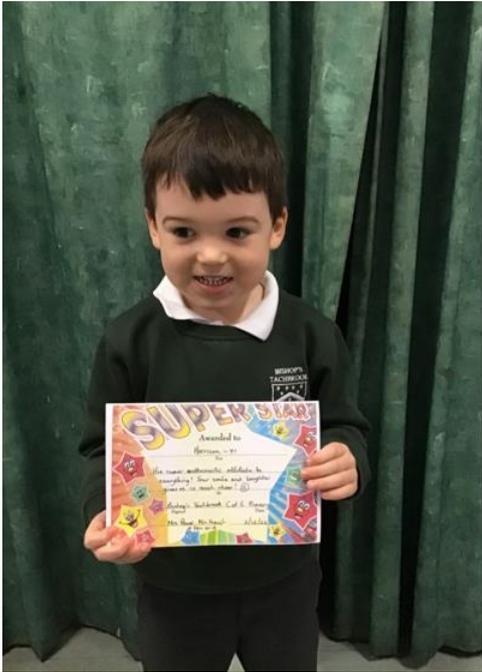
Christians believe that Jesus was the **incarnation** of God.

ADVENT ART

Reverend Jonathan will be setting up an Advent Trail at St Chad's this week. Some of the Year 5 children have created art work to accompany the trail. We will let you know when you can pop along to follow the trail for yourselves.



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Mighty Writers

