

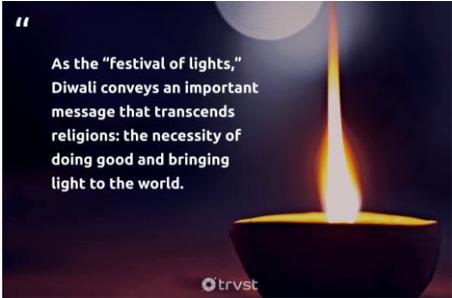


BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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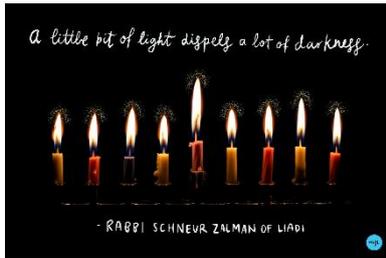
In worship this week, we thought about the importance of light in faith. As we lit the second advent candle, and thought about peace, we considered why light was so important in lots of different faiths.



As the "festival of lights," Diwali conveys an important message that transcends religions: the necessity of doing good and bringing light to the world.

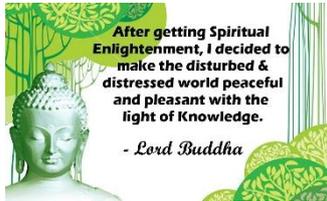
Lennox and Evie shared the diva lamps they had made with school and we talked about how the kind people lit lamps to guide Rama and Sita home in the story of Diwali. They could see the way as the lamps lit their path.

We also thought about the story of Hanukkah and how there wasn't enough oil left in the temple to light the menorah for more than one night, but that God provided light for the Jewish people as they returned to their temple for 8 days and 8 nights.



A little bit of light dispels a lot of darkness.

- RABBI SCHINEVA ZALMAN OF LIADI

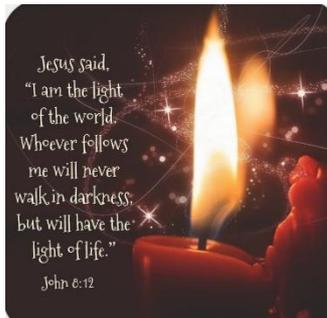


After getting Spiritual Enlightenment, I decided to make the disturbed & distressed world peaceful and pleasant with the light of Knowledge.

- Lord Buddha

We discovered how Buddhists light a candle to show that they have learned and understood teaching. We lit some candles to share facts about what we have learned about the Christmas story. Light can be peaceful and it can also guide the way.

Jesus said that he was the light of the world and that whoever followed him would not walk in darkness. We considered that this didn't mean that there wouldn't be dark times for Christian people, but that Jesus would walk with them through the dark times, making it easier. I wonder if you will light extra lights over the Christmas period, and how those lights will make you feel?



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL CHRISTINGLE

Year 4 visited Coventry Cathedral on Wednesday and took part in the Christingle Service. They performed their carol, singing and chiming beautifully. We received an email commenting on how well they had done. It was lovely to pop into Year 4 on Friday and smell the Christmassy orange smell of Christingle lights being made too. Well done, Year 4, you have truly shone this week.



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Thank you to all of the families that have given parental permission for the videos to be shared of the children's musical achievements. We need all parents to respond to be able to share the videos, and I'm pleased to be able to share with you the band's composition.

Please click on [the photo](#) to hear their original Christmas worship song. (It is important that you don't share the link outside of our BT family, please).



If you haven't completed the form to let us know if you give permission for us to share your child's class song you can still click the link here: [parent permission form](#).

RECEPTION AND KS1 NATIVITY

The children were absolutely fabulous in the nativity performance this year. It was such a joy to see them truly shining on the stage. There were so many different emotions – from nervousness to excitement – and the buzz in the classrooms when the performances had finished was lovely. The children were rightly very proud of themselves. Thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard to encourage the children and help them to discover their acting and singing talents. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting the children to learn their lines and songs at home too. It is definitely feeling very Christmassy in school now! Well done children.



INDEPENDENT WRITING

Year 1 have been working really hard to become independent writers. They have been using word banks to support them with spelling instead of asking adults for help. Mrs Power and Mrs French are so proud of how resilient and determined they are to listen to every sound in a word and to build sentences by themselves.



AMAZING WRITING

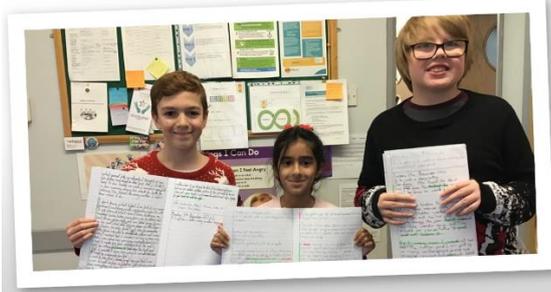
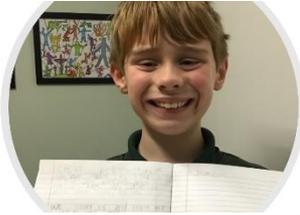
This week I have really enjoyed the range of writing that I have been able to celebrate with children from across school.



Evan brought a story about Jack based on 'The Tunnel' – a book that Year 3 have enjoyed reading in class. He was so excited and proud of the story that he had written, and I was impressed with the way he built up a sense of fear within the story.



Dylan's smile literally lit up my office as he shared his diary entry, written as if he was Ernest Shackleton. He had captured the feelings and emotions of Ernest very well, and had completed the task independently. His use of repetition of key phrases really helped me to realise the enormity of the experience.



Year 6 have also been writing diary entries. Jacob, Alby and Neesha shared their diary entries written as a mother who had found out that her son had signed up to go to war. In each of the diary entries the children had captured her emotions perfectly, as well as her desire to stay strong for her son. I had to fight back tears at times as I could really feel her sorrow in their writing!



Year 1 brought some fabulous writing about the Egg Box Dragon. They had been predicting how the story might end. It was very clear that the dragon was very mischievous and might make some

interesting and rather dangerous choices. Well done Lauren, Willow, Lily, Sienna, Ruby, Teddy and Emilia. I wonder how the story really did end...

INSPIRED BY HISTORY



Year 6 have been learning about World War I in history and their learning has resulted in Dylan and Gerry wondering what it was actually like for soldiers to dig and stay in the trenches. They were so curious that they decided to find out for themselves. They drew up some plans, and have already set to work, despite the ground being really hard at the moment. We are really looking forward to seeing how their work progresses. I wonder if they will actually spend an evening in the trench?



CAR DESIGNERS



The children in Year 2 have been discovering and developing their skills in car design. They thought carefully about different aspects of their design, and worked with great resilience – overcoming challenges with such determination. Mrs Dixon literally bounced into my office to invite me to see their finished designs with such a proud smile. The children could explain their designs, including the air-resistance and aesthetic features. You can feel the level of concentration in the photos... They were rightly proud of their work – well done, Year 2!



NAUGHTY ELF DAY

This Wednesday is 'Naughty Elf Day'. For those of you who house an elf over the advent period, you will know the sort of trouble they can create! We have decided to allow the children to break some of the school rules for themselves on 'Naughty Elf Day' in exchange for a gift of £1. The children will be given a card from Santa, to show that he is aware of what they are doing and won't put them on the 'naughty list' for breaking the rules. Here is a copy of what they are allowed to do differently:

My Naughty Elf Pass

Today, and today only, I am allowed to break the following 6 rules:

- Bring in a teddy from home
- Bring squash or juice instead of water
- Bring a treat for playtime snack
- Wear my own clothes
- Wear nail varnish or face paint
- Have any hairstyle and hair accessories

Signed:

Santa Claus

WINTER WEATHER

It's getting much colder now that winter is coming. Please can you send your child into school with a coat, 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.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 14th December – Naughty Elf Day & Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 15th December – Christmas Worship at St Chad's
Tuesday 3rd January – INSET Day
Wednesday 4th January – Children return to school
Tuesday 10th January – PTA meeting at The Leopard

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception: Arlo
Year 1: Aurelia
Year 2: All of Year 2
Year 3: Pippa
Year 4: All of Year 4
Year 5: Ellie G
Year 6: Julieta



RAISING AWARENESS OF PANS/PANDAS

PANS and PANDAS are conditions that often appear very suddenly and affect the physical and mental health of children and young adults. They develop in the wake of common infections (such as Covid-19, chicken pox, influenza, or strep A in PANDAS cases), when the infection subsequently causes a misdirected immune response and/or brain inflammation.

Please have a look at this website to find out more, including symptoms and support available: <https://www.panspandasuk.org/>

MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS

Reception: Emilia
Year 1: Cleo
Year 2: Abi
Year 3: Ollie
Year 4: Priya
Year 5: Amelina
Year 6: Neesha



ACT FOR AUTISM CONFERENCE

There is an upcoming AFA Conference that will be taking place on **Saturday 21st January 2023 (10am to 4:30pm) in Coventry.**

For further information about Act For Autism, please visit their website: <https://actforautism.co.uk/>

The conference is aimed at professionals, parents and carers of autistic children, adults, and for anybody wanting to better understand autism.

Together with Autism Conference 2023

FREE Event

For professionals, parents and carers of autistic children, adults and for anybody wanting to better understand autism.

act for autism and partners will be launching the autism strategy.

Please join us for inspiring talks, workshops and meet with your local services representatives.

Workshops include:

Sensory support
Getting into employment
School challenges
Autism and ADHD

Autism and girls
Equine Therapy
Dimensions Tool

Stalls include:

Sendias: Family support service,
CASS Coventry and Warwickshire Mind
Neurodevelopmental Team
And many other service providers

Saturday 21st January 2023: 10am - 4.30pm

Meadow Park School, Abbey Rd, Coventry CV3 4BD

This is a funded event, open to Coventry and Warwickshire residents only. Entrance only with a ticket from:

<https://bit.ly/TwAC2023Coventry>

FREE Tea & Coffee



NB: Lunch is not provided

HEAD TEACHER'S STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 2 for having such a focussed, determined and resilient attitude to the design technology task this week. Being so fabulous that Mrs Dixon literally skipped into my office she was so proud. Well done, Year 2!

C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher

FASCINATING FACT:

The speed of 100km/h was first reached by a car in 1899. The car was fully electric.



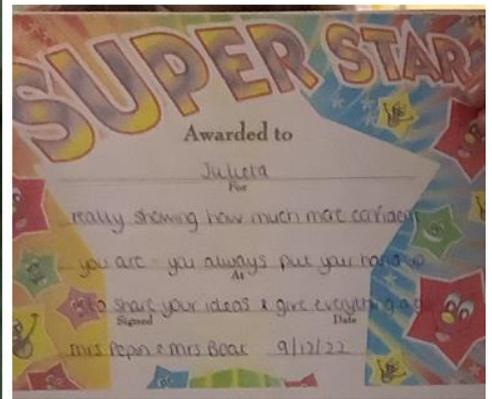
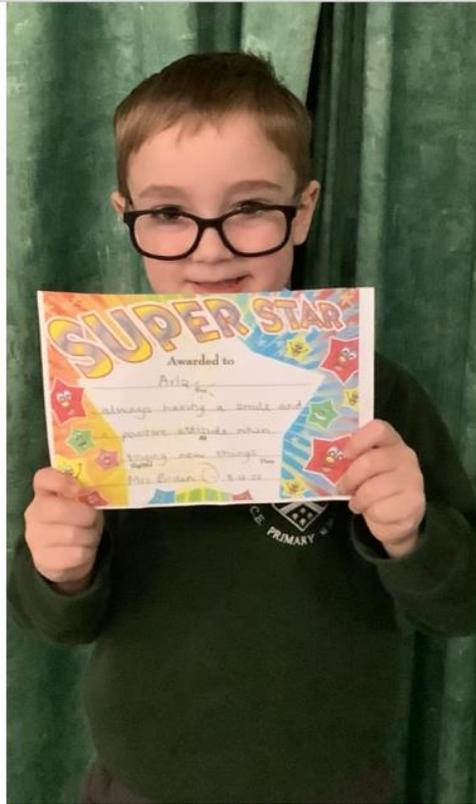
Word of the week:

sensational

The KS1 nativity performance was simply **sensational**.



STARS OF THE WEEK



MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICIANS

