



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



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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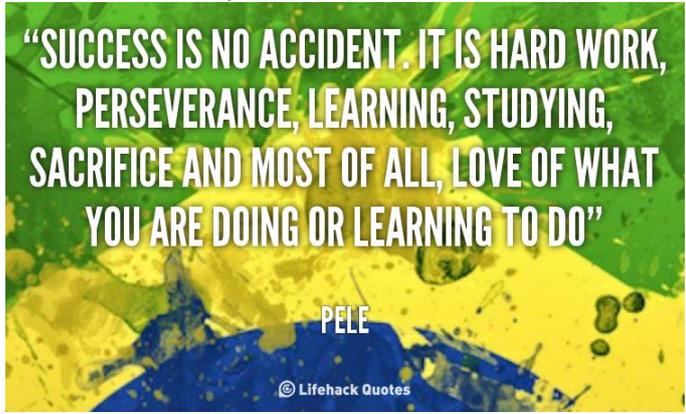


Happy New Year to all of our families!
In worship so far this term, we have started to think about our IDEALS and in particular 'Discover'. We started the new year considering New Year's Resolutions and how they are difficult to keep and decided that it would be better to try to create good habits as habits are harder to break. We challenged all of the children and families to think of a good habit they could try to **discover and develop** this new year; I hope you received the challenge on Marvellous Me.



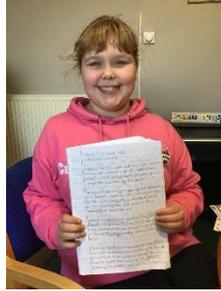
In Picture News we thought about renewable energy and how a young Scottish boy called Douglas Macartney designed a flatpack wind turbine that could be sent to areas of the world that needed power urgently: where natural disasters had struck, or in remote areas in the world that currently don't have access to power. He had **discovered** a solution to a problem that was **developed** by students at Glasgow University into a working prototype. We wondered if there were any children in our school that might enjoy **discovering** ways to use renewable energy to help to save our planet from climate change in the future. This week we learned about Andrea Spadolini-Sirieux and how she **discovered** ways to manage the pressure and stress of diving for a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games. We thought about ways that we could manage our worries when we were trying new things as we **discovered** what we were good at.

We have also been thinking about Pele and the determination he had to win the football world cup for Brazil after seeing how upset his family and neighbours were when they lost to Uruguay in 1950. We found out that after **discovering** something that we are good at, we still need to put in lots of practice and hard work to develop that skill and reach our full potential in it.



MAGICAL MOMENT

Brandon has discovered an interest in magic recently and was keen to share his new talent with the school. He performed a card trick for everyone in Celebration Worship with the help of an assistant. Everyone was very impressed with the trick and the way he delivered it in such an entertaining and inclusive way. Well done, Brandon!



AMAZING WRITING

Chloe has shared a fabulous piece of writing with me at the start of this new year. She had thought so carefully about her ideas and the way she wanted to express them, using a WAGOLL and scaffolding to support her to put her ideas into a piece of writing that she was rightly very proud of. Well done, Chloe.



A very large group of Year 5 children bounced into my office with their science books this week too. They were bursting with pride about the writing they had done expressing their feelings and ideas linked to a short video clip of the earth from space. Their vocabulary choices were excellent and they had collected them as poems with snippets of thoughts expressed as fleeting ideas linked to the video. You can read their poems at the end of the newsletter!

CREATIVE ARTISTS

Last week, Year 5 studied the work of Kevork Mourad, a Syrian artist who uses drawing and print-based techniques to create dynamic sculptures. After studying his work, the children used printing to collaboratively create a fabulous structure in the school hall. Mrs Dixon was especially proud of the way that they persevered with the task and were able to problem-solve and show resilience when things hadn't gone to plan straight away. What a fantastic attitude, and awesome result!



Reception have also been impressing Mrs Dixon with their listening and control of their paintbrushes. They had ventured outside on a very windy day to look carefully and sketch some winter trees, before coming back into the warm and painting their sketches. Mrs Dixon was proud of how sensibly they managed the windy conditions, and then came back and painted the most fabulous pieces of work. Well done, Reception!



REMARKABLE READING

It has been absolutely wonderful to see a group of Year 5 and 6 children offering to encourage the Year 2 children with their reading skills. At the end of lunchtime, pairs of children can be seen enjoying stories together in the learning zone. The conversations and smiles that are shared are a joy to see, and the older children are so encouraging as they help to build up the younger children's confidence and fluency in reading.



MAGNETIC INVESTIGATIONS

Year 3 have been investigating how magnets work and what they can be used for. They discovered that magnets can be used to help create a compass to find direction if they were balanced on a plastic covered card in a bowl of water:



They then went on to think about how magnets are used in toys and games that children play:



And finally, they used everything they had found out to design and make their own magnetic games and shared them with their classmates:



They have made such an excellent start to the year, discovering, inquiring and achieving. Well done, Year 3!

DANCING ACHIEVEMENTS



Before the Christmas break, Aika and Sadie took their Grade 2 ballet exam. They both received their certificates over the Christmas period and it was so good to see how their skills are developing through their hard work (along with the encouragement Mrs Boak gave them as she helped them both with a short warm up prior to them leaving school to take the exam!). Sadie was awarded Merit and Aika a High Distinction. We are hoping they might perform for us in Celebration Worship soon. Fifi also brought a selection of certificates that she had earned for dancing recently too. Fifi is part of Leivers Dance School and had received Honours for her tap dancing and distinction for ballet, modern and acrobatic dancing. Well done, girls!



BRAVERY FOR CHARITY

Dylan and Isabelle shared how they had been inspired to raise money for the RNLI Lifeboat appeal over the Christmas period. They were awarded medals for their efforts, after braving the extremely cold waters off the coast of Wales on New Year's Day. Their challenge was to run into the cold sea water in aid of RNLI. They were keen to share how cold it was and how deep they had ventured in. We were all very impressed! Well done Dylan and Isabelle.



MARVELLOUS MUSICIANS

Darcey, Abraham and Sachin have continued to be inspired to write their own versions of songs and made me smile, and chuckle, at their interpretation of 'Auld Lang Syne' this week. I can't wait to hear their next creation. Thank you!



YEAR 2 YOGA

This half term, Year 2 are doing Yoga with Dawn on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are already managing to balance and managing a range of different poses and balances.



LOOKING AFTER THE BIRDS

Reception have been learning about the birds that they might find in their gardens, or on the school field. They have been creating nests and recently have worked hard to make bird food using seeds and fat. They worked well together in a team.



SCHOOL DINNERS AT BT

Last academic year, the school council shared that they felt school could improve the school dinners that are provided for the children at BT. We listened carefully to their concerns and ideas and this week we invited two catering companies to visit our school to share with us what they could offer the children at our school at lunch time to improve school dinners for everyone. Members of the school council spoke to both companies and tasted their food. The children shared their thoughts and opinions really well and were keen to make sure that the dinners we provide are healthy and environmentally friendly with as little waste as possible. We are very excited to be working together to find a way to provide the very best lunch time experience for the children at school. We still have some discussions to have with each of the companies and the governors, and will let parents know of the outcomes of the visit as soon as we can.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Over the Christmas period designers have been creating ideas for our new school website. While it is still in the early stages of design, we are already pleased with the ideas that they have included. We are excited that the PTA have agreed to help to raise the money needed to make our website bespoke to our school. Thank you! If any parents have any ideas that they would like to share with respect to the website, it isn't too late to share your opinions and thoughts on our google form by [clicking this link](#).

CLERK TO GIVERNORS VACANCY

WCC have asked us to inform parents of clerking vacancies in Warwickshire. Please [click on the link](#) for more information. Thanks.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 20th January – Year 5 Space Night
Tuesday 24th January – School Photos am
Tuesday 24th January – School panto pm
Friday 17th February – Last day of this half term.
Monday 20th – Friday 24th February – Half Term break



Stars of the Week

(6th January)

Reception: Alice
Year 1: Chase
Year 2: Logan
Year 3: Samraj
Year 4: Ellison
Year 5: Isobel
Year 6: Oliver



Head Teachers' Star of the Week (6th January)

Lyla for showing interest in others' Christmas adventures and also asking how my Christmas had been over lunch time. She was genuinely interested to find out how other people had enjoyed Christmas.



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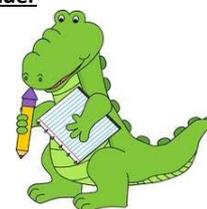
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Reception: Evie
Year 1: Aliyah
Year 2: Chloe
Year 3: Imogen
Year 4: Zak
Year 5: Joe
Year 6: Ben



Mighty Writers/Remarkable Reader

Reception: Darcie
Year 1: Harrison
Year 2: Abigail
Year 3: Evan
Year 4: Max
Year 5: Isaac
Year 6: Freddie



Head Teacher's Star of the Week:

Maisy for being brave to share the most thoughtful prayer at the end of KS1 worship. She bravely stood in front of all of the children and our visitor from the diocese to share her prayer. Thank you!



C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher

Fun Fact:

Britain's smallest bird the Firecrest weighs the same as a teaspoonful of sugar

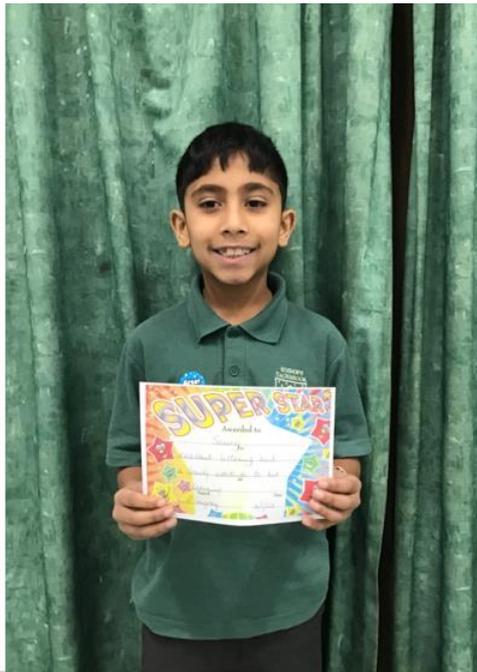
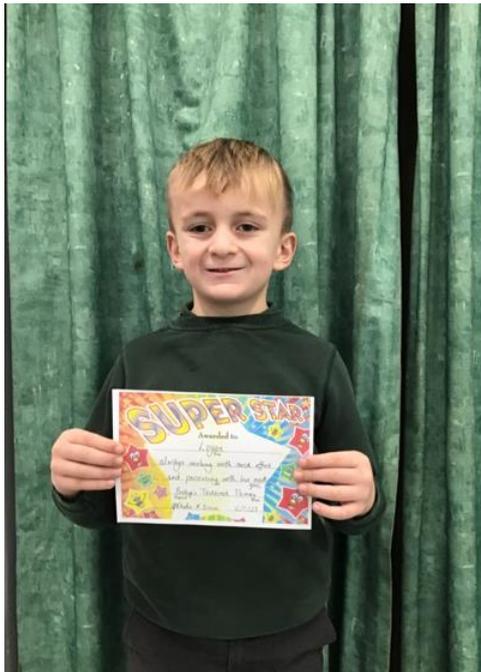
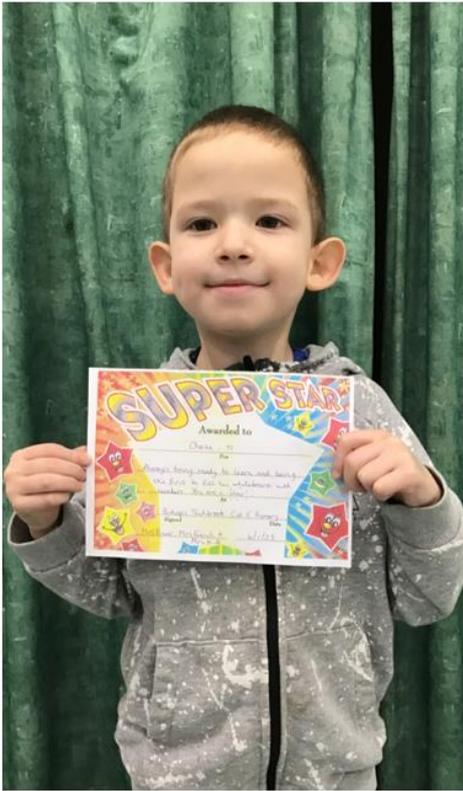


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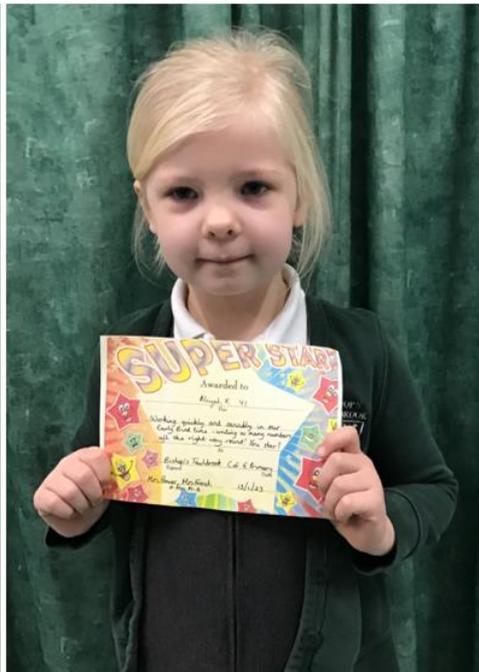
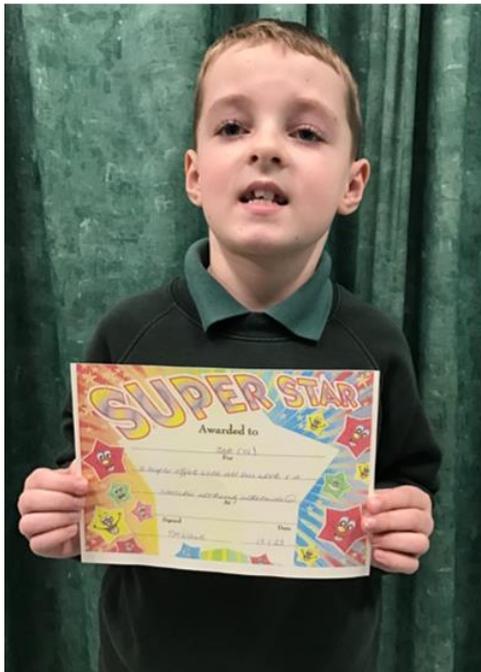
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The ballerina performed.

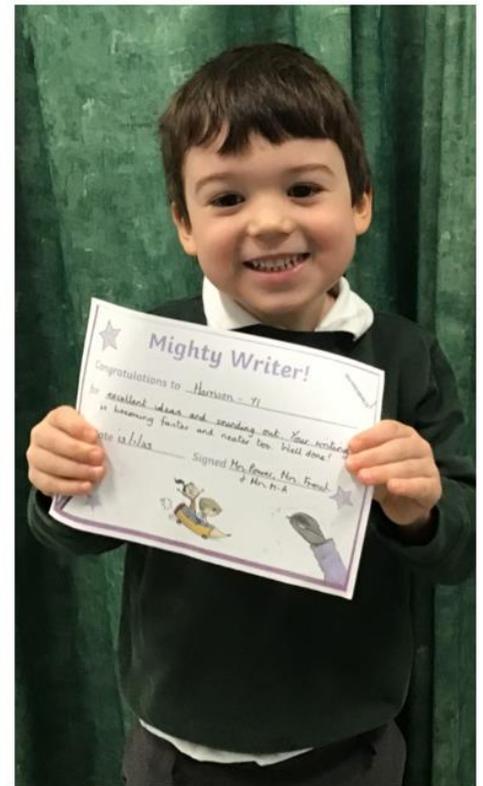
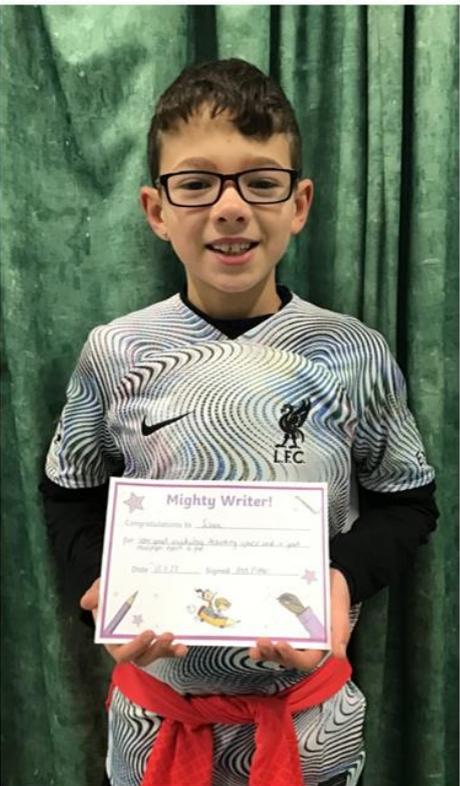
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MIGHTY WRITERS



The Magic Box by Chloe Don

Monday 9th January 2023
L^o: Descriptive writing

Imagine a box that can hold the most precious memories, that can store sounds, smells and tastes. A small child, called Sam, was given a magic box like that by his friend.

Smiling and dreaming, sniggering and remembering Sam thought about all the inspiring things in the world. Cheerfully he started to collect his thoughts together and positioned them delicately into his magic box.

Without hesitation, Sam picked up his ^{avourite} ~~favourite~~ blanket and ^{positioned} ~~positioned~~ it in the corner of his magic box. Next to the blanket he placed a small, cuddly, fluffy teddy with a little, ^{cute} ~~cute~~ hat.

Thinking about fun times, he quickly ^{positioned} ~~positioned~~ his mum and dad in the center of the box, so he could see them when he opened the box. Also he placed the sound of his ^{avourite} ~~favourite~~ cheers of his friends right at the top of the box.

At the front of his box were his ^{avourite} ~~favourite~~ foods & Chinese, Sushi, fluffy rice and soft, slimy, Salmon.

Happily closing the lid, Sam sealed his box with a smile and stored it safely under his bed.

Space – imagery poems – by Year 5

I look around.
This is space.

I take a glance at our Earth, our dear home.
Like a blue, green globe.

The blue sky, the green grass, a feeling of gratitude
spreading over me.

The colours swirling like a marble, suspended in
nothingness, as if an invisible string is protruding
out of its top.

The stars winked and flickered like candles that
never go out.

Like a fiery furnace, the sun blazed and burned,
providing the planets with warmth and light.

(Izzy B)

I see swirling, whirling balls of white surround the
Earth.

I see a huge ball of green and blue.

I see glowing fields of stars.

I see thick black heaps of darkness never-ending.

I see space.

(Isobel)

As I get up close to the glistening stars they look
like a bunch of glamorous, vast candles.

The never-ending colossal space with amazing
quiet stars makes me so calm and relaxed.

(Willow S)

The beautiful stars of space,
That would be my favourite place.

Just think of the vast earth
An inedible marble with zero dirt.

Beautiful, gleaming,

Just disbelieving,

THAT'S our beautiful universe!

(Hollie)

The quiet, dark, spiralling, never-ending space spun
around my head.

Calm and quiet, peaceful and glowing, there were
stars and planets swirling around me in the
midnight sky.

Coloured curtains of cloth covered a ball of life.

Mars, Jupiter, Uranus and more, exciting colours
just waiting to be adored.

(Ellie M)

The shiny, sparkling, flickering stars brightened up
the top of my head,

The freedom, the quietness was abandoned by
black,

The emptiness was endless and never-ending
blackness,

The blue and green globe was circled by swirling
white clouds,

The wonderful atmosphere was glowing around
the colours.

(Darcey)

The quiet, calming, peaceful, darkness of space,
Glorious, glowing, glimmering dots swirling above
my head,

Blue glistening sea of Earth phenomenal in front of
me,

This never-ending beauty in front of the
magnificence of Earth.

(Albert)

The glorious never-ending emptiness of space.
Glowing, shining, glistening stars shone above my
head.

The vast wow of the infinite, calm, black and tiny
specks like candles lit up the dark and amazing
space.

The calm emptiness and glorious rings and gasses
lit my heart.

(Abraham)

Blue sky

Green grass

Turquoise water

It's like shards of glass.

Looking into dark

With shining stars.

I really feel it's whelming

In my heart.

Out in space

It's my favourite place.

So much space to roam

But then I look back at

Our bright shiny home. (Joe)

The serene, vast, colourful Earth revealing itself,
Flabbergasting every ounce of my body
The glorious gob-smacking atmosphere of Earth
will
Amaze me for life – this is a life changing world.
(Jai)

Asteroids shooting throughout black space
When it ends it's an unsolved case
Earth is just like a single dot among millions
Why just look closer, it's like a palette of colour.
Space is so wide, so glorious
The stars are like ants
Glowing and glistening, glimmering all over.
Galaxies are amber or swirling all over
Each one is different but it sparkles and glows
There is so much more that no one knows.
(Daniel)

The swirling stars, glistening at me.
Earth hanging like a shining marble suspended in
the never-ending blackness.
The peaceful, serene, sparkling emptiness of the
unknown.
The beautiful glistening stars shining like a beacon
of light in the darkness. (Josh)
Earth is like a marble, it glistens and glimmers in
the day and night sky. But like a marble, it's fragile.
Some people think of stars as just balls of gas, but
other people think of them as glorious shining
chandeliers with invisible string.
(Isaac)

