



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In worship this week we continued to think about right judgement and discovered that it linked very closely to courage. We considered different scenarios and thought carefully about 'What could you do?' 'What should you do?' and 'What would you do?'. It was interesting to find that what we thought we should do is sometimes really difficult and that it isn't always what we would do. The challenge came to think about how we can keep ourselves safe in difficult situations, but also help someone who may be struggling. This linked very closely to Racial Justice Sunday. We decided that in each situation it would be wrong to do nothing, but that often it is safest for us to find help from an adult to help to sort out a difficult situation.

What would you do if...

- ...someone in town approached you and said they were lost?
- ...you could choose any job in the world?
- ...you forgot your homework?

What would you do if...

- ...you kicked a younger child's football over the fence?
- ...you picked somebody else's coat up by mistake?
- ...you had arranged to meet your best friend and they didn't show?

In Picture News this week, the children learned how scientists in St Andrew's University had been studying the way bonobos communicated and felt that it would lead us to understand how our ancestors may have communicated. **I wonder how many different ways to communicate you can think of?**



SECRETS OF SUCCESS

We want all children at BT to be successful, reflective and independent learners and have introduced the Secrets of Success to help them develop their 'learning behaviours', enabling them to succeed now and in the future.

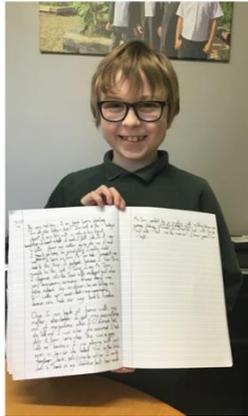
The Secrets of Success was developed by Chris Quigley, who believes that there are many elements needed for children to become successful and independent learners. The ethos behind 'Secrets of Success' states 'Success isn't just about money. It is about happiness, choices and feeling good about yourself. Successful people feel good about: how hard they have tried; who they are; what they spend their time doing; and the choices they have made in their lives.

The eight 'secrets of success' that will help create a fulfilled, curious and independent learner are: Try new things; Work hard; Concentrate; Push yourself; Imagine; Improve; Understand others; and Don't give up.

The 'Secrets of Success' are being introduced in Collective Worship each Tuesday with Mrs Pepin and a child from each class is selected and awarded with a certificate for the learning power they have shown.



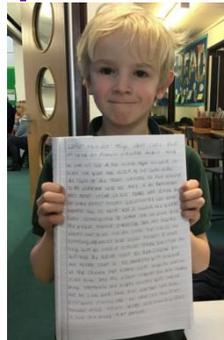
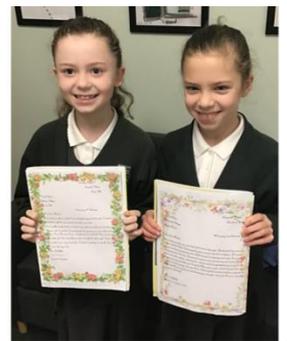
AMAZING WRITING



George popped into my office with the biggest smile this week. He had finished his flashback writing linked to the text 'Goodnight Mr Tom' and was extremely proud of his work. He could talk about his deliberate vocabulary choices, and was also proud to share with me how he had edited his work to make it sound even better. As we read through his work together he was quick to point out where he could make further improvements. This excitement to improve his writing is so fabulous and will help him to become an even more accomplished writer. Well done, George.



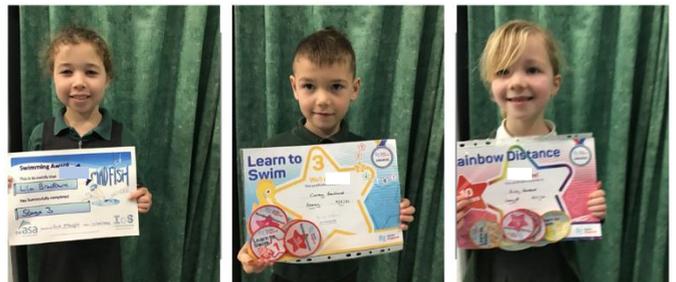
Eleanor and Maria also visited me with their formal letters of complaint from Drizella to the palace. Drizella was very clearly unhappy that the prince had spent so much of the evening dancing with one lady, when she had been invited and fully expected to spend at least some time with the prince herself. They had typed out their ideas and formatted them brilliantly too. You can read their letters at the end of the newsletter. Well done, girls.



Seb shared his writing with me this week. He had retold a story about a fisherman's daughter. He was especially proud of the way he had thought about vocabulary choices and the different phrases he had used. He had captured the fear the fisherman's daughter felt when the moon disappeared, leaving her father alone in the darkness at sea, really well. He was also extremely proud of 'how much I've written', and it certainly shows that he has worked hard to develop his stamina for writing. Well done, Seb!

SENSATIONAL SWIMMERS

Ruby and Corey brought a wallet full of swimming awards to share with us this week. Corey was especially proud of his Level 3 award. He has grown in confidence in the water and is swimming a range of strokes well. Ruby was pleased to share her 10m award, showing that she can swim unaided and is well on her way to becoming a fabulous swimmer! Lila also brought her 'Mad Fish' swimming award Stage 3 to share with us.



The Year 3 children have been swimming this term with school and the teachers are really proud of how they are developing their skills. They have two more sessions left, then we will continue to take the children who have not yet achieved 25m unaided swimming.



DANCING SUCCESS

This week, Willow brought her banners from the competition she shared with us last week. Jessica also brought an exam certificate to share with us, achieving a Class Award for Primary in Dance from the Royal Academy of Dance. Well done to both of you.



SPORTING SUPERSTARS

Willow took part in her first gymnastics competition in Wiltshire and won a medal for 3 out of her 4 apparatus: bronze in bar, bronze in beam, and silver in her floor routine, making her finish 4th overall.

Sophia has also been busy competing in gymnastics, performing well on the beam but also competing well on all of the apparatus. Two very talented gymnasts – well done girls!



ACTORS AND ACTRESSES PERFORMING 'MATILDA'

This term, an enthusiastic group of actors and actresses from across school have been working hard to learn script, songs and dances from Matilda the Musical. They performed for parents and after school club children on Monday and were absolutely brilliant. They performed with such confidence and it was a joy to see children from across school working together. I had to smile when they performed the song 'Revoluting Children' as they are such a lovely group of children – clearly they acted that one very well! Well done to everyone who took part, and a big thank you to Mrs Webster who ran the club with Onside!



If your child is interested in joining in, they are going to be performing 'Wizard of Oz' next – rehearsals will take place on Monday evenings (see the information about Onside Clubs at the end of the newsletter).

STAR PERFORMER

Cleo attends Stage Coach out of school and has worked hard to achieve her Silver Young Performers Certificate. The comments mentioned that Cleo's singing was soft and gentle and that it was clear to the examiner that she had worked hard in rehearsals to remember her lines. The examiner also mentioned that it was easy to see that her team enjoyed working together. Cleo was also awarded Stagecoach Star of the week. Well done, Cleo!



TEAM TACHBROOK IN ACTION

A group of Year 3 and 4 children represented Bishop's Tachbrook CE Primary School in archery this week. Alex and Khylan had represented the school last year and were really encouraging Henry and Dylan – who were competing for the first time. They were a truly fabulous team and their attitude throughout the competition was brilliant. Mr Gardner was so proud of the way that they listened and focussed to make sure that they were doing the very best they could. They warmed up with some target throwing and then moved onto the bows and arrows. All four of them certainly have a talent for archery. Well done, boys!



Our Year 5 and 6 athletics team were also in action this week, competing indoors. They all performed really well in a range of different events, with many relay teams winning or placing second. It was more difficult to tell where the field eventers had finished and we are waiting to hear the final results. Miss Humphries, Mr Green, Mr Gardner and Mr Rellis were very impressed by the way they supported each other and cheered each other on in the different events. What a great team! Well done to everyone who took part.



SENSATIONAL SCIENCE

Mrs French has made some really exciting links with Warwick University Science Department this year, and this week it was Year 3 and Year 4's turn to take part in a Science Workshops led by students from the University.



They were looking at Digestion and investigating how our bodies worked. It was messy work, and emotions were expressed freely throughout the sessions! It was lovely to hear that 'it's a bit disgusting, but aren't our bodies amazing!'

There was so much learned, and the session will certainly be memorable for all of the children!



MUSICAL MOMENT



Year 6 have been learning to play brass instruments for a year now, from the end of Year 5 into the start of Year 6. They have worked so hard to develop their skills on cornets, trumpets and euphoniums. Brass instruments are tricky to play, yet the children have persevered and recently performed to the school so well. They read musical notation to perform some pieces, played together and in two parts, and also improvised. We were particularly impressed with Jacob and Arlo who stood in to play solo parts on the day due to another child's absence. Year 6, you are amazing! Well done!



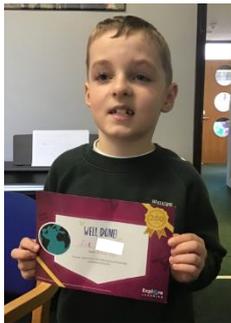
PTA DISCO

Thank you so much to the PTA for organising another fantastic disco and helping us to end the half term in such a fun-filled way. The children had a fabulous evening and the disco was very well attended. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time on the evening to help - parents and staff.



MASTERING NEW SKILLS

Zak brought a certificate to share with me that I had never seen before. He explained that he has joined the 200 club created by Explore Learning. This means that he has master 200 skills by using his knowledge to answer multiple questions right in a row. He was very proud of the knowledge that he had learned as part of the project and is already keen to move towards the 300 club.



CONQUERING MIDDLE EARTH

Alby brought a very impressive medal to show me this week. He has completed the first stage of a virtual 'Lord of the Rings' challenge. He has to cycle, run or swim (or a combination of all three) between the different stages that Frodo travelled on his journey to return the ring. He has completed the first stage, a huge 233km of exercise. The medal contained the ring that he is attempting to destroy. As a triathlete, this challenge is perfect for him – and he is hoping to complete it before he leaves BT in July. We will be celebrating each stage completion with him. You can do it, Alby!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child may be entitled to free school meals, and additional support with funding for school trips etc if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- *Income Support
- *income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- *income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- *support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- *the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- *Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- *Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- *Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically receive a free school meal – however if you are in receipt of any of the above benefits, they may also be entitled to additional funding. This additional funding is used to provide financial support to children for school trips, music lessons in school and extra-curricular clubs. It also provides access to HAF vouchers for holiday clubs. If you think that your child may be entitled to this additional funding, please [click on this link to apply](#), and inform school if you are successful. Thank you.

ONLINE CLUBS – SPRING 2

These are the after school clubs that children are very welcome to attend this half term. To sign your child up to attend a club, please go to the Onside website by following this link.

For any questions, please email kidsclub@onsidecoaching.co.uk

Monday – Performing arts – Wizard of Oz – All
Dodgeball – KS1 and KS2

Tuesday – Climb and roll – Reception & KS1

Wednesday – Football – KS2
Girls Football – KS2

Thursday – Bootcamp – KS2
Football – Reception & KS1

Friday – Dance – All

The February Half Term Kids Club was very well attended and at Easter Onside are accepting 15 spaces for HAF vouchers. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, you are also entitled to HAF vouchers. Please contact school, or Onside, for further information about how to access the HAF vouchers. It would be a good idea to get your child booked onto the Easter course early, as places will fill up quickly...



Reception to Yr6

THIS FEBRUARY HALF TERM AND EASTER

Chill out and relax or take part in exhilarating and exciting activities during Kids Club. There is something for everyone!

Only **£16** Per day

9.30am to 3.30pm

Early drop off **£3.50** 8.30 to 9.30am (Breakfast and tea are not provided)

Late Pick up **£3.50** 3.30 to 4.30pm

Book via our dedicated website below.
btkidsclub.onsidelive.co.uk

To book using Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free Childcare please contact us
Email kidsclub@onsidecoaching.co.uk or Call **01926 496 406**

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

We recently asked parents and carers to share their views on attending Celebration Worship on Friday mornings. The results showed a huge majority (97.4%) in favour of being able to come into school to celebrate with us when your child receives an award. We will send you a text message on the Wednesday before to let you know if your child will be receiving an award that week and invite you or another family member to come along. (Younger siblings not yet at school are welcome to come along too.) We understand that not everyone will be able to attend, due to work commitments, and will continue to celebrate all children in the newsletter too. The first invites will be sent on 7th March for worship on 10th March. Thank you for your support with this.

Word of the week:

squander

(Shared by Maria, Year 4)

Kirsty vowed not to **squander** her opportunity to take part in the school play.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2023

To celebrate World Book Day this year Mrs Rhodes has organised a whole school reading challenge for us where we will spend some time together as a school in the hall simply enjoying a good book (or two). Please can you send your child into school with their favourite book (or two if they are picture books) on Thursday so that they can have a go at completing the challenge and last for the full hour reading time. There will be a small prize for all of the children, and staff, who complete the challenge.

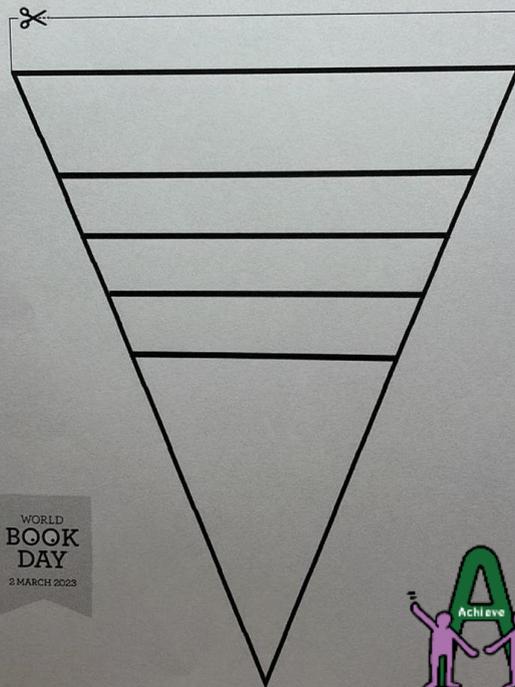
The children have also brought home a Bunting Book Game in their bags at the end of last half term. There are instructions for joining in the game and creating the bunting written on the sheet, and we are hoping to create a real celebration of our favourite books with the children's ideas. Thank you for supporting your child to take part. There is a special menu for hot dinners on Thursday too – linked to some of the World Book Day free books that are available to buy with the book day vouchers. If you would like your child to join in with school lunch on the day, they are more than welcome. (Have a look at the menu at the end of the newsletter.)

Every child will bring home a world book day voucher for £1 to buy one of the special World Book Day books for £1, or to receive £1 off the price of any other book.

This year is not a 'dress up' year – we invite the children to dress up every other year, as we know that it can be quite expensive to source costumes each year.

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, we would like you to take part in the Bunting Book game! (We only dress up every other year – phew!)

- 1) First you will need to choose a favourite book you are going to give clues about.
- 2) Next, think of 5 words that will give clues about your favourite book and write them on each line of the bunting flag. (Use fancy colourful writing to make it look special!)
Eg. Spiker, Sponge, Earthworm, James, Peach – James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
- 3) Then cut out the bunting flag. ✂ Be careful to leave the flap at the top of the flag.
- 4) Finally, on the back of the flag, write the title of your book, the author and draw a picture from the book.



Dates for your diary:

Monday 27th February – Children back in school

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March – Learning Celebration 3:30-6:40

Tuesday 7th March – Learning Celebration 3:30-6:40

Wednesday 8th March – Year 5 allotment visit

Friday 10th March – RE Conference at Radford Semele CE Primary School

Friday 24th March – PTA PJ and 'bed hair' day

Wednesday 29th March – Easter Service

Thursday 30th March – Year 2 Compton Verney Visit

Thursday 30th March – Year 3/4 performance to parents 6pm 'Dragon Days'

The children at BT are encouraged to discover and develop their talents and skills in every lesson, each day in school. We would like to thank parents and carers for also encouraging them to discover and develop their talents and skills outside school too. We certainly have a very diverse range of talents and skills in our Bishop's Tachbrook CE Primary School family. We will continue to celebrate them throughout the year, so do please encourage your children to bring any certificates or awards from clubs and activities they take part in into school on a Friday morning. Thank you!

I wonder if anyone has given something up, or taken something up, as Lent has begun?

C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher



VIPs - Discover

Darcie, Chase
Aaleigha, George
Rowan, Albie, Evie, William
Henry, Dylan, Samraj, Evan
Ellison, Jacob, Joe
Joe, Ellie, Willow-Mai,
Ava, Oliver, Dylan



Secrets of Success Champions



Oscar,
Aaleigha,
Sophie,
Theo
Amelia,
Ruby,
Ethan



Fun Fact:

The town of Olney in England has hosted an annual pancake race in celebration of "Pancake Day" every year since 1445. The relay race involves running with a pancake in a frying pan and flipping it along the way.



DISCOVER – VIPs



SECRETS OF SUCCESS CHAMPIONS

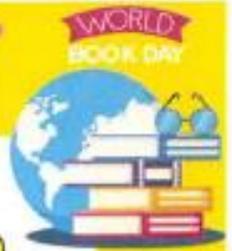


FORMAL LETTERS – by Maria and Eleanor





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World Book Day Lunch

Thursday 2nd March

WORLD
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DAY**
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Dave's (not quite) Pigeon Pie

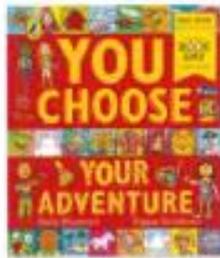
chicken and sweetcorn pie

or

(v) You Choose Cheesy Pizza



**Crispy Potatoes
and Big Bright Veggies**



(v) Burpee Bears Biscuits

or

Creepy Crawly Jelly

with added grapes

