



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In worship this week we began to think about our new ideal of 'Encourage'. Thinking about Lent, we found that some children and staff had given things up for 40 days – Mrs Boak has given up chocolate! We thought how we might need to encourage these people to stick with their

fast and that we could help them to avoid temptations. We also heard about Mrs Dixon's sister who lives in Istanbul in Turkey. She and her husband have decided to help the people in their country who have been affected by the recent earthquakes. We saw how the buildings had collapsed and, while people in the cities were being supported through large charities, people living in the more remote areas had not received the same level of support. They had packed their car as full as they possibly could and driven for over 12 hours to take supplies to people in these more remote areas. The children thought that this was a really good thing for them to do and wanted to encourage them by supporting what they were doing. School council have met to think about ways that we can raise money to support them. Watch this space – we will let you know very shortly what they have planned.



Reverend Jonathan also came to school to talk to us about Lent and told us the story of Jonah and the whale. Jonah certainly needed quite a lot of encouragement to do the task God had asked of him! Click on the picture to hear the story. Why Jonah need encouragement to go to Ninevah? What did Jonah discover there?



We also met James, who works with Reverend Jonathan in the youth group at St Chad's and are excited to hear that he is starting a lunchtime group for us in school soon. He will let us know more about what the group involves very soon.

MUSICAL MOMENT

Eleanor and Seb performed for us this week in Celebration Worship. They had been practicing a Welsh Lullaby in their lessons, and played it for us this week as it was St David's Day on Wednesday. They worked really well together and received a very big round of applause. Well done both – you have certainly discovered a talent to develop even further.



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.



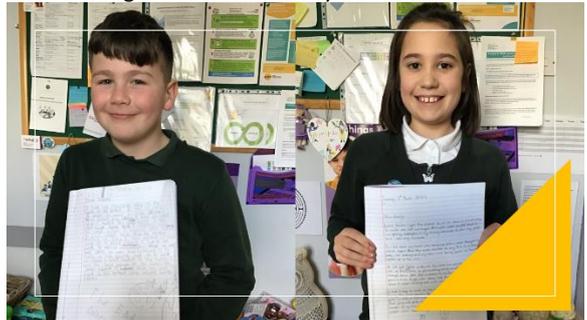
The Secrets of Success was developed by Chris Quigley, who believes that there are many elements needed for children to become successful and independent learners. The ethos behind 'Secrets of Success' states 'Success isn't just about money. It is about happiness, choices and feeling good about yourself. 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.

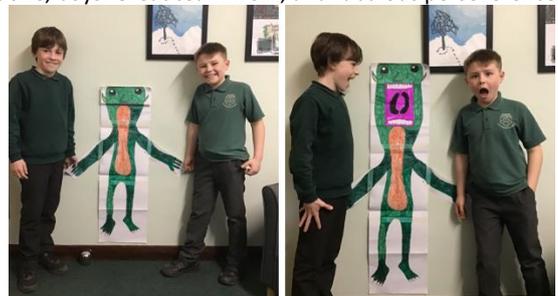
AMAZING WRITING

Noah and Darcey came to share some fantastic diary entries this week. They had thought about how Neil Armstrong would have felt on his adventure to the moon. They captured his feelings at take off, in space and as he was about to make history by stepping onto the moon. Noah was proud of his stamina for writing as well as the vocabulary choices he had made, and Darcey had captured his feelings really well in her writing Well done both of you!



JAW-DROPPING ART

Jacob and Harry brought a strange looking creature to meet me this week. They had been working as a team on the character all week and to begin with he had been folded into a pair of feet with some eyes. As he gradually unfolded himself a funny chap – not much smaller than them – appeared. They talked about how they had encouraged each other to keep going as their project grew and grew. Even he was surprised at how well they had done and opened his mouth wide in shock. Well done, boys. Great team work, and fabulous perseverance!





DANCING SUCCESS

Aika has been busy competing in a dance festival last weekend. She was dancing in large groups as well as smaller groups and earned four medals. Her tap work and character dancing had earned her the medals and she is really proud of them. Well done, Aika!



Sienna has also been working hard with her dancing and recently found out that she had passed her Royal Academy of Dancing Grade 2 ballet exam. She earned 81 marks out of a possible 100 and this meant she achieved a Distinction. Well done, Sienna – you are a superstar!



YOGA STARS

Year 1 began Yoga lessons this week and Mrs Rahman was blown away by how well they listened and followed her instructions. They quickly learned lots of different yoga poses and are really developing their balance already. We are super proud of you, Year 1!



DISCOVERING THE PAST

Nick came to visit school this week with his wonderful collection of fossils. Year 6 and Year 3 spent some time with him in groups, literally immersing themselves in the past. His enthusiasm and knowledge about the fossils was so inspiring. The children looked closely and learned so much. They asked lots of questions, and even discovered that poo could be fossilised! Yuk! What a fabulous experience, thank you Nick!



CAN YOU BUILD A HOUSE?

The Reception children have been exploring the story of The Three Little Pigs in their classroom this week. A builder's yard has appeared in the outside area and they have really enjoyed building homes with different kinds of materials. Lots of problem solving and team work has been needed and the children have worked together really well. I think they have found lots of different homes that they can build!



WHERE DO I COME FROM?

Ellie and her gran have been working hard to investigate who the members of her family were in the past. They managed to trace their family all the way back to Rollo the Viking! Ellie was bubbling with excitement as she shared how William the Conqueror had been in her family along with several people who were called Eleanor (maybe shortened to Ellie?). She had even found a large house that people in her family used to live in, and while it is used for golfers now rather than a home, it is magical to think about members of her family spending time there. It was a really interesting piece of work and we spent quite some time chatting about her family line.



SKIING SUCCESS

Lily travelled all the way to France in half term to discover that she was fabulous at skiing. She joined the ski school on her holiday and was awarded a medal and certificate for the progress that she made while she was over there. What a great skill to find you have, Lily!



A NEW BELT

Amelie has been continuing to train hard and develop her karate skills. She came to share that she was recently successful in grading and is now about half way to earning a black belt. Martial Arts take a lot of dedication and practice, and it is great how Amelie is so keen to develop her karate skills. Well done, Amelie.





WORLD BOOK DAY

It was such a joy to try to work out the different books that the children had enjoyed by reading their word clues, then flipping the bunting to see if we were right. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the bunting – we hope you enjoyed having a look at Learning Celebration too.

As well as the bunting, there was a trail for the children to follow around school with some favourite book characters popping up all over the place. The children were so excited as they recognised some favourite faces!

The children also gathered together in the hall to relax and read their favourite stories. It was so lovely for everyone to gather together and disappear into so many different adventures and visit so many different worlds. The teachers all joined in too! A big thank you to Mrs Rhodes for organising our activities, we had a great day!



MARVELLOUS MEASURING

Year 1 have been measuring in lots of different ways this week. As it was World Book Day, they measured the heights and widths of some of their favourite books using different units of measurement – from cubes to paperclips and rubbers. By the end of the week they were able to use a ruler with confidence to measure in centimetres too. They worked so carefully and their measuring was really accurate. Well done, Year 1.



AMAZING ART

The art gallery in the hall is now complete, with Year 6's posters completing the display. They were inspired by Luba Lukova's bold and passionate posters about fairness and injustice to create their own responses in a similar style. There are some really important messages shared! Well done, Year 6!



BMX SUPERSTAR

Alby took part in his first mountain bike race at Cannock Chase on Sunday. It was a tough 2 lap course with some steep hills (up and down) but he really enjoyed himself and is going to enter the next one of the series in April.

As a triathlete he has already discovered talents in swimming, running and road cycling, now he has found another skill –

well done!



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

After a very positive response to our parent questionnaire about Celebration Worship, we are excited to be inviting parents and carers to our Friday morning worship this week. If your child will be receiving an award in Friday's worship we will send you a text message on Wednesday afternoon to invite you, or a family member, to come and join us if you are able. Younger siblings are more than welcome to join us too.

We know that most of our parents work, and we will continue to take photos of all of our award winners to share in the newsletter for those parents that are unable to attend.

If you are able to join us, please drop your children to the classrooms as usual and meet at the front door to school where we will welcome you and take you through to the hall ready for the worship. Worship lasts from 9am – 9:30am (although can be a few minutes longer if we have lots of awards from home).

Thank you for your support with this.

PARKING REMINDER

We understand that some parents need to drive to school to bring and collect their children, but the zig-zag lines at the front of the school are there to help to keep our families safe. Kingsley Road is busy at the beginning and end of the school day, and it is essential that children can see, and be seen when trying to cross the road. The area in front of the school therefore has zig zag markings asking people not to park to aid visibility. Please make sure you are parking away from this area – we had a near miss this week.



We have fabulous neighbours, and I would like to ask all parents to respect them by not parking on the pavement and grass verges outside of school too.

The Sports and Social Club have kindly agreed that parents can use their car park at drop off and collection times free of charge. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for your diary:

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

Wednesday 8th March – Year 5 allotment visit

Thursday 9th March – National Grid workshops for Year 4-6

Thursday 9th March – PTA meeting at Sports and Social Club 7:30pm

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

Tuesday 14th March – Year 3 and Year 5 swimming starts (non-swimmers)

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

Thursday 30th March – Whole School Easter Service at St Chad's Church

Thursday 30th March – Year 2 trip to Compton Verney

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

WELCOME TO ABM CATERING

The school council asked us, about a year ago now, if we could improve the school dinners that we are currently offering to the children. They shared that the portion sizes were not right, with younger children being given the same amount of food as the older children, and the food not always being as delicious as it could be – resulting in lots of food being thrown away. As a result we asked different catering companies to come to visit school to share with us what their menus and ideas were. The school council members all spoke to and tasted the different companies food and considered the menu ideas very carefully. There scores were calculated and members of the Leadership team listened to presentations made by the companies about what they could offer school.

We are now pleased to announce that ABM will be working with our school from Easter, providing a new menu and lots of fresh food for the children. Chefs will be working with our kitchen manager and her team to help them to understand and prepare the new menus well, and there will be an opportunity for parents to taste samples of the food that will be provided before the Easter break.

At Learning Celebration we will be giving all families a leaflet introducing ABM and sharing the menu for the Summer Term.



SEPTEMBER 2023

In September 2023, we are excited to be inviting two reception classes to Bishop's Tachbrook CE Primary School. In order for us to have space to welcome the additional 30 children, we will be having a modular classroom added to the school site located next to the KS2 playing equipment. There will need to be lots of preparation for the modular classroom to arrive, including relocating the KS2 playing equipment, and removing some trees and planting lots more in our grounds. We will also be improving the drainage in school at the same time as part of the project. The work will cause some disruption, but will also be a fabulous learning opportunity for the children as they watch the developments. We are meeting with the project managers in the next couple of weeks, once the planning permission is granted, and will keep you all updated with the plans for the work that is going to be carried out.

Thank you all in advance for your support and co-operation while the work is undertaken.

NEW WEBSITE

The new school website has been designed and is now currently being built. We would like to thank the parents who contributed to the questionnaire about which pages and information they found most useful on the website, along with ideas of pages they would like to see that we currently don't include.

There is still chance for you to share your thoughts about pages you find most useful, and information you'd like us to include that we currently don't.

If you would like to share any ideas, please use this [Google Form](#) so that we can incorporate as many as we can. Thank you.

LED LIGHTING IN SCHOOL

This week LED lighting was being installed throughout school. The new lights give a cleaner light in the classrooms, but are also much more energy efficient. Caring for the environment is something that the children and staff at BT are incredibly passionate about, and we are pleased that we are able to do our bit to help.



Stars of the Week

Reception: Bella
Year 1: Sienna
Year 2: Ellis
Year 3: Lyla
Year 4: Sophia
Year 5: Sienna
Year 6: Gerry



Mighty Writers

Reception: Henry
Year 1: Joe
Year 2: Denny
Year 3: Henry
Year 4: Priya
Year 5: Darcey
Year 6: Luke



Secrets of Success Champions

Anika, Sienna, Abi, Pippa, Ben, Joshua, Neesha



Head Teacher's

Star of the Week:

Imogen for being so kind and encouraging while trying to teach me a new skill of hula-hooping. I have got lots of improvements I need to make before I am anywhere near as good as she is, but her kindness and positivity are helping me persevere.

Thank you, Imogen.

C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher

Fun Fact:

A single Google search requires more computing power than it took to send Neil Armstrong and eleven other astronauts to the moon.



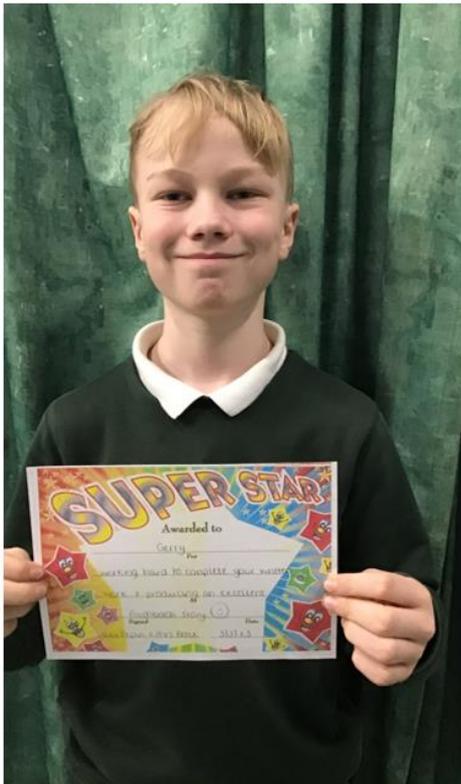
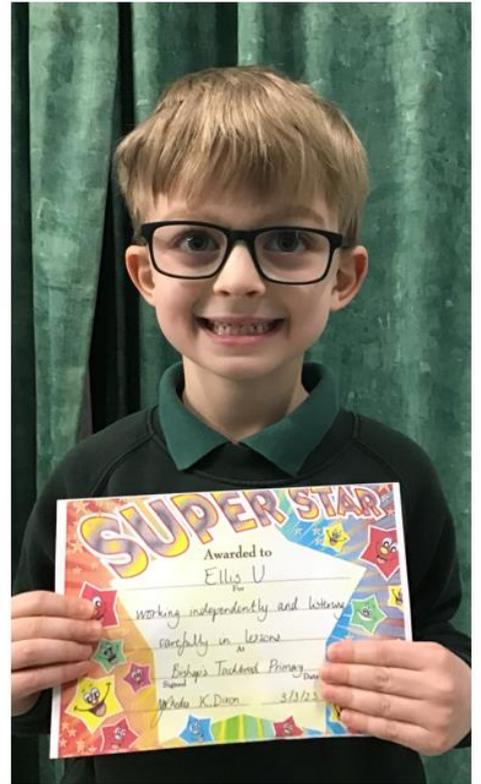
Word of the week:

encouraged

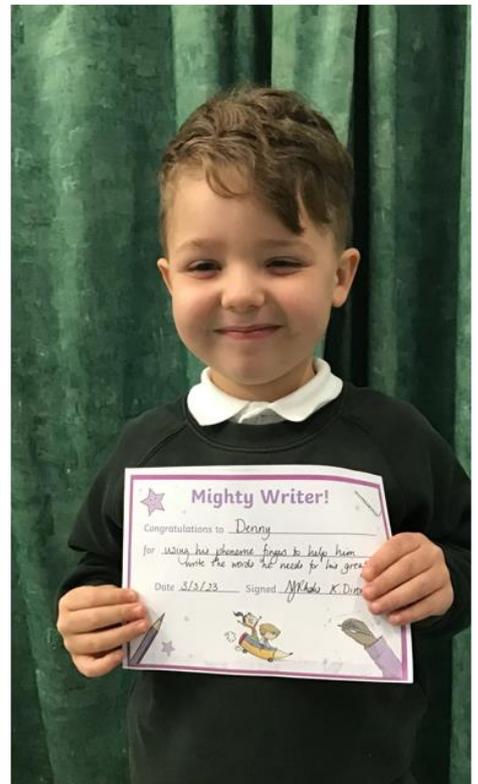
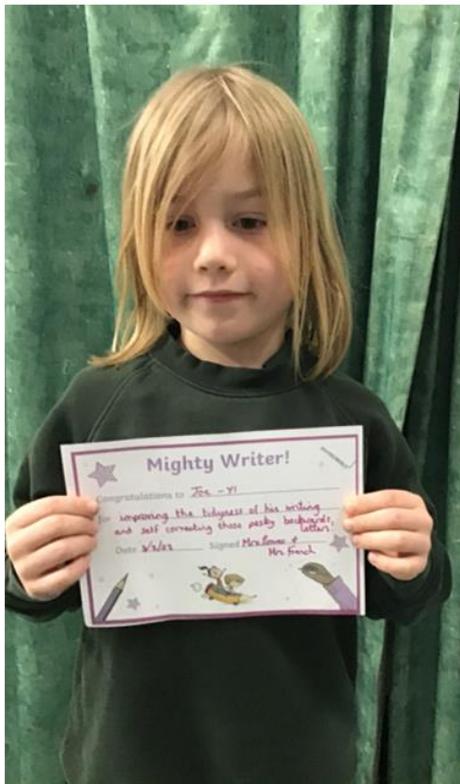
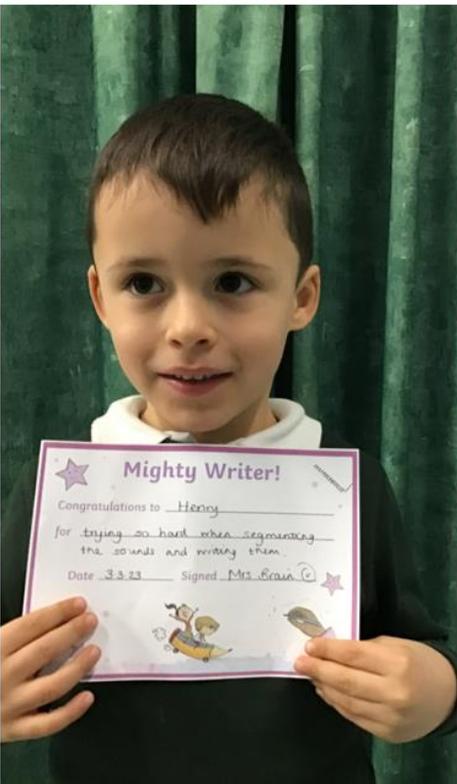
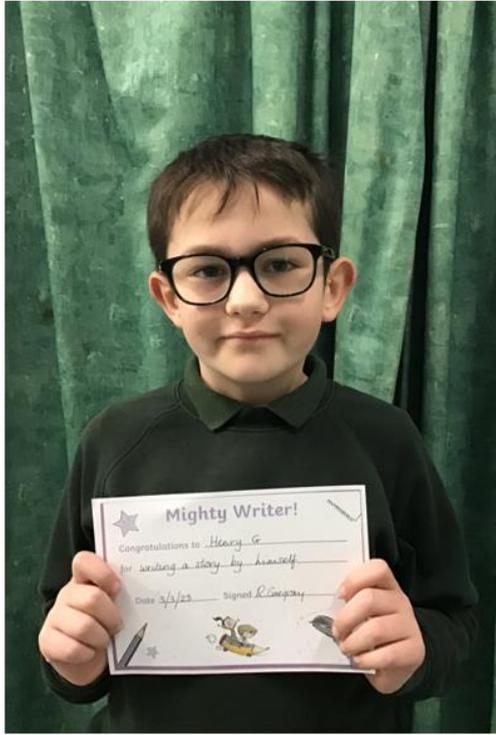


Tim was **encouraged** to join in with the football game at playtime.

STARS OF THE WEEK



MIGHTY WRITERS



SECRETS OF SUCCESS CHAMPIONS



Easter Camp
Bookings are now being taken:



Reception to Yr6

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