



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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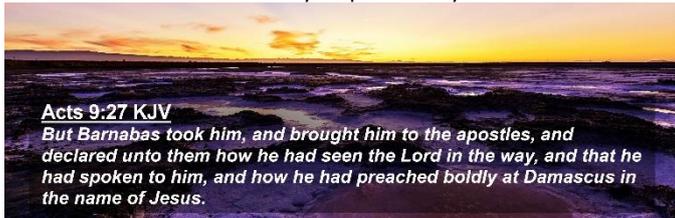
Newsletter 21



In worship this week we heard about a man called Saul who stood against early Christians after Jesus had died. He made a determined effort to stop the early Christian movement and was extremely unkind to followers of Jesus, beating them and even putting them to death. We heard how Jesus appeared to him and spoke to him which changed his thoughts and beliefs – it even meant he changed his name to Paul. In the early days of supporting early Christians, followers of Jesus did not trust him, based upon his persecution of Christians in the very near past. Paul met a man called Barnabas who encouraged Paul and travelled with him to help rebuild people's trust in him until Paul was able to fly and work without Barnabas. After a while, and because of Barnabas' support and encouragement, Paul was ready to go alone to begin planting new churches and encouraging followers of Jesus without his trusted friend.

We realised the power of encouraging words in helping people to be able to venture out and have the courage to do something that is new or difficult for them. We have all got the power to encourage and build people up – I wonder how often we use it?

Ask your children about how our encouraging words (and a hairdryer) first supported and guided a table tennis ball and then ultimately helped it to fly!



Acts 9:27 KJV

But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.



A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES!!

Warwickshire County Council recently organised a ['Child Friendly Warwickshire' competition](#).

They shared that being child friendly means that every child and young person should be Happy, Healthy, Skilled, Safe and Heard. The Child Friendly Warwickshire competition was asking children and young people to create a piece of artwork that reflected these five outcomes. When James heard about the competition and inspired by the animation work he had done with Mrs Dixon in art, he set about creating an animation to enter into the competition. He told his mum that it would be brilliant if he could win so school would have more money for the children. It took a lot of drawing, cutting and over 1000 photographs for James to make his animation, but he worked really hard until it was finished. When mum shared his work with me I was blown away by the creativity, care, thought and hard-work that had gone into his work – his class thought his work was awesome too!

This week we were called by Abbey from Warwickshire County Council to let school know that James had entered the competition and in fact had won! He allowed me to share his animation in Celebration Worship this week, and everyone was incredibly impressed bursting into a loud round of applause. James' work will be shared in an exhibition in November and he, and some of his friends, will work with me to decide how we will spend the £2500 prize.

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS JAMES – you are a star!

You can see his animation by clicking on the picture:



AMAZING WRITING

A large group of children from Year 1 came to share some fabulous writing this week. They had been working hard to use adjectives in their writing, and had made some fabulous vocabulary choices to create pictures in the readers' minds. The writing was very dramatic! You can read Aurelia's work at the end of the newsletter.



TEAM TACHBROOK IN ACTION

On a very cold Wednesday morning, with snow swirling around them, a group of Year 3 and Year 4 girls headed out to take part in a football competition at Myton School. The girls were absolutely fabulous as a team, encouraging each other and working together well to develop their football skills while playing games against three other schools. It was a joy to see them smiling and congratulating each other when they scored, and encouraging each other to keep going when they conceded. Mr Green and I couldn't have been prouder of them (and not one complaint of feeling cold!)



RUGBY STAR

Charlie brought a medal that he had been awarded at a Rugby tournament recently into school this week. He explained that he has moved from touch rugby to contact rugby and that his team worked well together in the tournament finishing just missed out playing in the final, finishing in third or fourth place. Well done, Charlie.



STORY TELLING THROUGH ROLE PLAY

The Reception are learning about 'Once Upon a Time' and have continued exploring the story of The Three Little Pigs this week through role play activities, and even puppet shows. They have learned the story so well that they have also managed to write the story listening to sounds really carefully to help them to write down their ideas. Well done Reception!



Have a look at their writing at the end of the newsletter too!

WHAT WOULD YOUR CONSCIENCE SAY

Year 2 have been enjoying their new class text 'Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine. They were wondering whether it was right for the cat character to chase and try to catch birds or not. The children decided arguments for yes and no and then as some children walked slowly down the alley they listened to the ideas to help them to make up their mind.



CHARITY WORK

Sienna has discovered that she can make the most wonderful dragon heads. She has used her talent to raise money for charity, selling the dragon heads to her friends for 50p. Well done for thinking of ways to help others, Sienna. You are a real star!



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

It was so lovely to have a group of parents join us for Celebration Worship for the first time this week. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to stay to support the children. 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). If your child is bringing an award from home you are welcome to join us too if you would like to. Thank you for your support with this.

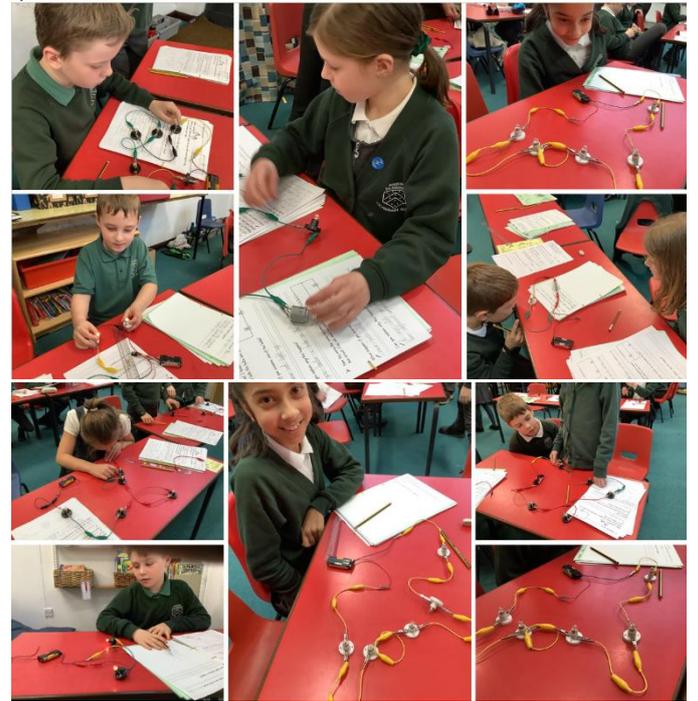
WEAR A HAT DAY

On Friday 31st March we will be holding a 'Wear a Hat Day'. This be for a donation to the Brain Tumour Awareness Charity, who are very close to our hearts as the family of one of our Year 2 children has been supported by them. There are two options:
* Simply wear a hat for a donation of your choice (suggestion £1)
* Design and make a hat to wear with a theme of your choice (Easter, Spring, Nature, Marvel etc etc) We will have a hat parade for all children wearing a hat and, if you decide to design and make a hat, give some awards for the most creative designs.



LIGHTBULB MOMENTS

Year 4 have been investigating circuits this week in science. They concluded that more cells make a bulb brighter (until one popped!), a motor faster and a buzzer 'more annoyinger'. They then investigated the effect of adding more bulbs to series circuits. Lots of questions were asked and answers found. Well done, Year 4!



SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL



A while ago we shared that Ellie had auditioned and would be appearing in Seussical the Musical Jr at Bridge House Theatre. Rehearsals have been going really well. The performance is on from 4-7th May and tickets are now on sale if you would like a great evening (or afternoon) out to support her. [Click on this link](#) to buy tickets (£12 adults, £8 concessions).



FOOTBALL STAR

Sam plays football for Warwick Juniors U9s team. He has been developing his skills with his team mates and last weekend was awarded 'Player of the Match' in a game that saw his team win 4-2 against Hillmorton Hawks. Well done, Sam!



Dates for your diary:

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'
 Friday 31st March – Wear a Hat for Brain Tumour Awareness Day
 Easter break – Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April.
 Monday 17th April – Children return to school
 Friday 21st April – RE Conference at Radford Semele CE Primary School

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

Thank you to all parents who completed a questionnaire at the recent Learning Celebrations. It is always good to hear your views and we are always looking for ways to improve practice.

NEW ROOM

One comment that was made on the questionnaire was that we hadn't communicated clearly enough what the NEW room was, or how it was used. NEW stands for 'Not Enough Work'. The teachers take it in turns at lunchtimes to supervise children (from across the key stage) in their classroom who have not completed enough learning in lesson times. If a child is not focussed on learning during a lesson (maybe chatting to friends or fiddling or doodling) despite reminders from adults and consequently does not complete learning, they are asked to take their work to the NEW room for a short time (maximum of 15 minutes – less if they finish the work quicker) at the start of lunchtime to complete the learning they missed. Children in KS2 who have not been able to complete homework tasks are also given the opportunity to complete the learning in the NEW room so that they do not fall behind their peers. If a child does not complete their learning in class due to it being challenging for them, they would **not** be asked to take it to the NEW room as they would be supported to complete it in class the following lesson.

Having one NEW room open each lunchtime, with staff taking it in turns to supervise the children, means the other teachers are able to mark work, prepare afternoon lessons and have a break to eat lunch, whereas prior to this there could be three teachers supervising one child each who needed to complete learning. (Very few children across school access the NEW room as the children generally have a fabulous attitude to learning and are excited and focussed on the tasks that are set.)

If children in UKS2 have not read regularly at home they may be asked to do some extra reading at either a playtime or lunchtime, as fluency in reading is so important for them to access the curriculum in KS3 at secondary school.

WHAT IS MY CHILD LEARNING?

One of the questions that parents felt they would like to know more detail about was what their child was learning in school. We have been using Marvellous Me to help you to know what your child has been learning in school each week, but are aware that we took down the class pages on the current website in October as we worked with designers to create a new website. The new website has now been designed, and should be built in the next week or two, and will include curriculum maps for each year group so that parents can easily find out what the children will be learning in each class. We are really excited that the new website will be more user friendly, and easier for us to upload information onto. Thank you for your patience as it is developed and built.

EASTER CAMP

Bookings are now being taken for Easter Camp at school. If you receive HAF vouchers, there are 15 places for children on the Easter Camp – book in nearly to avoid disappointment! £16 per day from 9:30-3:30 with options for extended sessions available. Please go to btkidsclub.onsidelive.co.uk if you would like your child to access the club. The club is open to children from other schools in the local area, so book on early to avoid disappointment if days become full. Thank you.



KIDS CLUB BT
 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 start 8.30 - 9.30am (breakfast and tea are not provided)	Late finish 3.30 - 4.30pm
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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

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 gave 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 CANOPY FOR YEAR 1

On 21st and 22nd March a new canopy outside the Year 1 classroom door is being installed to enable the Year 1 children to extend their learning outside the classroom on wet days as well as sunny days. While the canopy is being installed on these two days, Year 1 are going to move to the lodge for their lessons. Please can parents take their children directly to the lodge at 8:45 instead of the Year 1 classroom door on those two days, thank you.

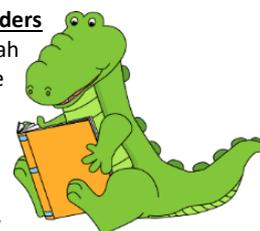
Stars of the Week

Reception: Oscar
 Year 1: Finley
 Year 2: Zach
 Year 3: Reggie
 Year 4: Joe
 Year 5: Alexia
 Year 6: Sadie



Remarkable Readers

Reception: Noah
 Year 1: Richie
 Year 2: Jessica
 Year 3: James
 Year 4: Amelia
 Year 5: Riley
 Year 6: Amberley



Secrets of Success Champions

Alice, Finley, William, Lucy, Harrison, Ellie, Ethan D



Fun Fact:

Your brain creates enough electricity to power a lightbulb.



Head Teacher's Star of the Week:

Seb for thinking of others before himself when moving round school. He has held the door open for me, but I have also noticed him doing this for other adults and children – allowing others to go first. Thank you for your kindness, Seb.

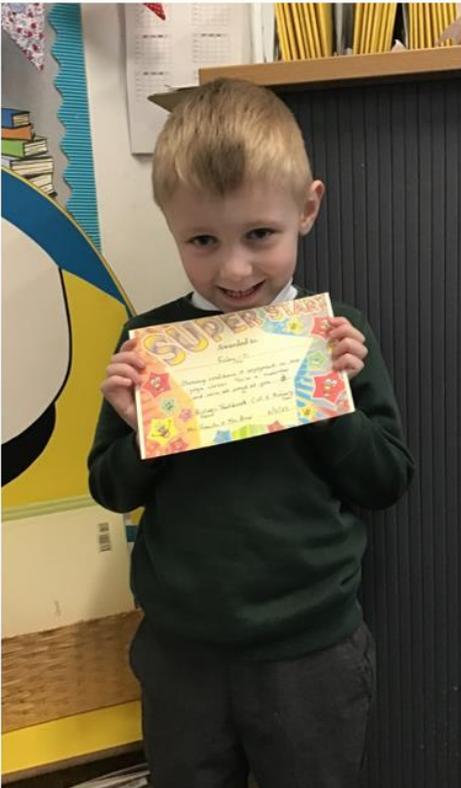
C. Kilbey

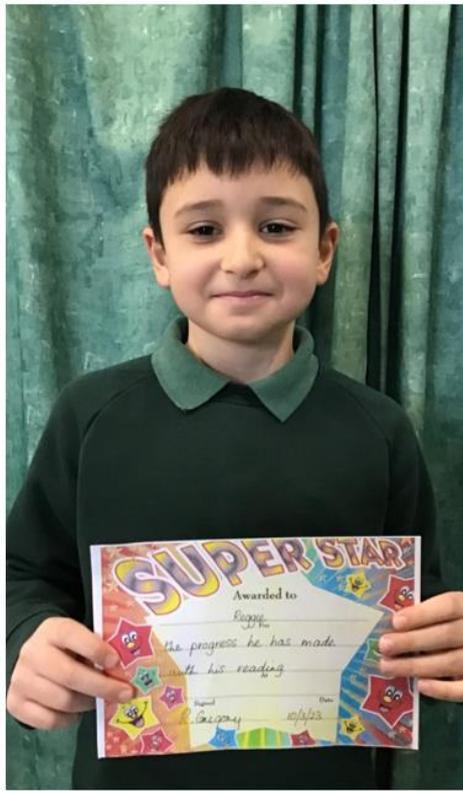
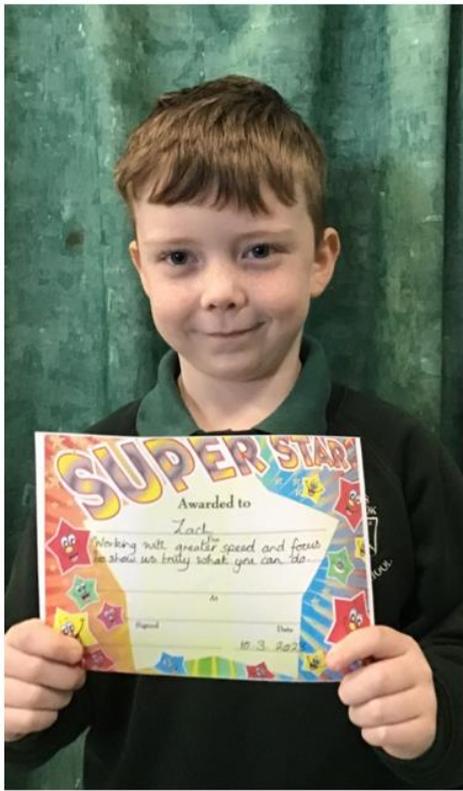
Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher

Word of the week: **conscience**

Cara had a clear **conscience**: she knew she hadn't done anything wrong.

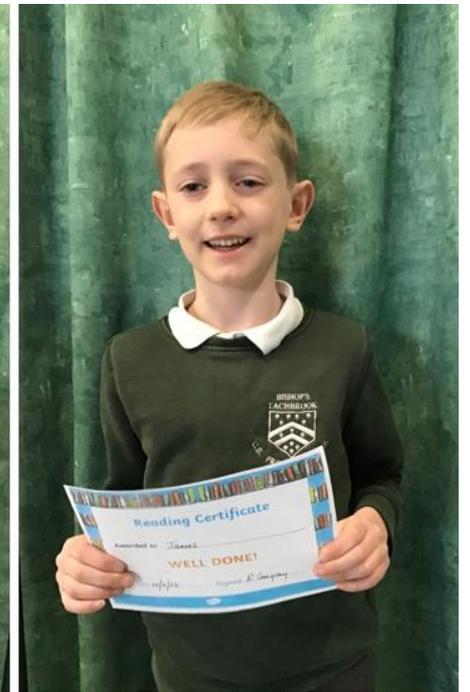
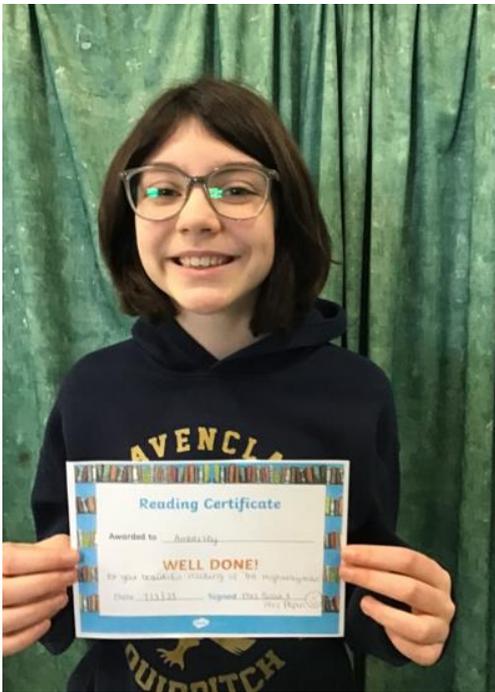
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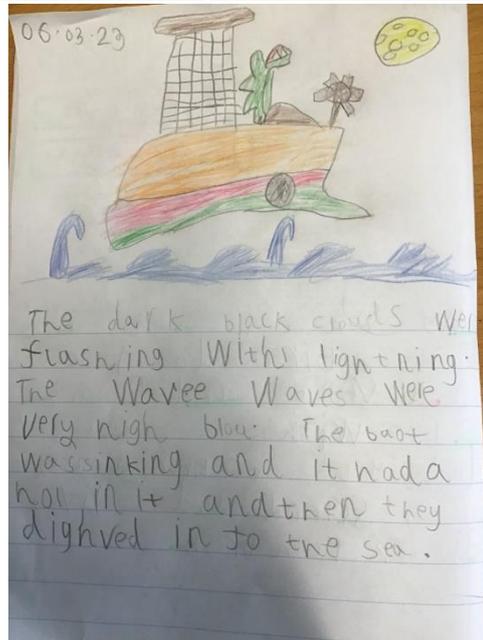




SECRETS OF SUCCESS CHAMPIONS



Mighty Writing in Year 1 and Reception



By Aurelia

The Three Little Pigs – written by Alice, Marlie and Harry

