



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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This week we shared Picture News in our classrooms, and thought about 13 Year-old Max Woosey who has recently set a Guinness World Record for the most money raised by camping. The young teenager has raised over £750,000 for North Devon Hospice. Max has spent every night in

a tent since he began his challenge three years ago in the garden of his home in Braunton, Devon. He has really enjoyed the challenge, and has truly shone as a way to support others. Click on the picture to see a short video clip of the story.



Worship time has also been used to begin to learn songs for the end of the school year, thinking about moving on to new adventures for Year 6, and also moving on to new teachers and a new classroom for the rest of us staying here.

A SAD GOODBYE, BUT EXCITING TIMES AHEAD

We need to share some news of a highly valued member of our Bishop's Tachbrook family moving on to a new adventure this summer. Mrs White has been teaching at our school for twenty-one years. As well as being a class teacher, she has supported with the singing across school, the performances each term and taken groups of children to St Chad's and the Coventry Cathedral Christingle service to perform on the chimes. She has now decided that her love for teaching music, and the chimes in particular, is something that she would like to share with even more children. She will be leaving BT to become a 'chime traveller' and work with children in lots of different schools in the local area.

Mrs White has many skills and talents besides music: she has supported all of us with our computing teaching and has the most fabulous science knowledge. We will miss her immensely at school, but wish her all the best as she moves on. We are hoping she will pop back to school to chime with our children too!

I am pleased to be able to announce that Mrs Wilson will be joining the staff team in Mrs White's place from next year. Mr Bench will also be joining the teaching team as Assistant Head Teacher. We are excited to meet both of them on Transition Day on 5th July. More information on classes for next year will be shared nearer the time when it has been finalised.



ROCK BAND OPPORTUNITY

GREAT NEWS! iRock contacted school to let us know that we have enough children interested in learning for them to be able to set up 5 bands in school. It isn't too late to sign your child up, if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. [A letter was sent home to all families](#) about iRock. Please do [register with iRock](#) if you would like your child to take part so that we can plan ahead for September.



AMAZING ATHLETES

Lots of children represented BT at an athletics match at Aylesford School last week. It was lovely to see the way that the children encouraged each other and battled on whether they were finishing first or further down the field. We are extremely proud of all our athletes and look forward to finding out if any have made it through to the next stage of the competition. Well done all!



OUT ON SAFARI

This week Reception headed out on a real life safari. The weather conditions were doing their best to make it as realistic as possible with lots of sun all day. With lots of shade breaks, and even more regular drinks stops, we managed to keep safe all day. The children were absolutely fantastic: they were such shining representatives of our school. As we arrived at Cotswold Wildlife Park we had a quick snack to give us some energy for our adventure then set off to see what animals we could find. The children spotted so many different animals and thought of some fabulous words to describe them. They were extremely patient waiting for the animals to come out of their hiding places in the shade at times too!



We spotted lots of smaller animals before lunch, then took a safari train ride to see some of the larger animals after lunch. We saw so many animals!



We then ventured inside to look at the reptiles and found a snake with a rhinoceros horn and a cayman!



It was such an exciting adventure – and we would like to say a big thank you to the adults who came with us to help keep the children safe. Well done, Reception!

RUGBY SUPERSTAR

Teddy has been recognised by Harbury Rugby Club as their 'Player of the Year' for the 2022-23 season. He is a member of the U6 team and has really enjoyed learning more about rugby and developing his talent over the year. He was already excited thinking about what next year would bring. Well done, Teddy!



ON YOUR BIKE...

This week, Year 6 and Year 4 have been developing their cycling skills to make sure that they are safe cyclists. They listened so well and the bikeability teachers were really impressed with their attitude and cycling skills. We have lots of certificates to present in worship next week. Well done, everyone.



FABULOUS FELTING

Felt is a tricky material to work with, but Year 3/4 have worked really hard to create a new hanging for the wall in school. The birds swooping across the sky are simply glorious. It is great how you have managed to catch the movement so well in your work. Well done, Year 3/4.



SUPER CHEFS

Year 1 have put their cooking skills to the test this week. They designed and made their own sandwich or wrap using all of the knowledge and skills they have been learning and practising over the term. It was interesting to see that no two sandwiches had the same combination of fillings across the entire class. The children took their sandwiches home to enjoy and evaluate. The certainly looked delicious – I hope they tasted just as good. I can't wait to find out what they thought about their designer sandwiches.



WORLD CHANGERS!

Year 3 and Year 5 went along to the Alive 2023 Praise Party at Stoneleigh this week organised by the Diocese. They joined with over 2000 other children to think about ways that they could make a difference to the world. They learned how long a plastic bottle and a disposable nappy took to degrade if buried in the ground and also considered how they could help people across the world who don't have enough food to eat. At one point they were asked to think about how you could eat an elephant – thankfully it was a question encouraging them to consider how to complete a really big, difficult task - and there were no elephants harmed testing it out!!! Along with some singing and dancing, they also heard a story about Jesus feeding 5000 people with a small boy's picnic. A message that we all could spend some time thinking about – when we give what we have, no matter how little it seems, it can really make a huge difference! After the concert indoors, we became 60 of approximately 5000 children outside enjoying a picnic together in reality. The children were fabulous and it was lovely to see huge smiles and some really groovy dance moves.



DATABASE DETECTIVES

Year 4's computing work has linked in with their science and they have been using online databases to identify different types of fish and some stream invertebrates. They have truly been showing 'Inquire'! Well done, Year 4.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We had one application for the parent governor role at school and are pleased to announce that Verity Howe will be continuing her role as parent governor at school.



HUNTING FOR A BOG BABY

Year 2 have been reading a new book in their English lessons called 'Bog Baby' written by Jeanne Willis. They found out that he lived in a wooded area with a wet boggy area. It sounded just like our Spinney area, so they ventured off to see if we had any Bog Babies living in our school grounds. They were excited to find that we did!



PASTRY CHEFS

Year 6 have proven themselves to be very fine pastry chefs this week. They have been exploring taste combinations recently and deigned their own quiches that were both healthy and delicious. It was lovely to see how independently they could create some delicious looking quiches – their consideration of presentation was excellent!



AMAZING WRITING

The Year 1 children have been continuing to work hard on their writing skills. They had thought carefully about a story where a whale had become beached on the sand, and how it could be rescued. They listened so carefully to the sounds in the exciting vocabulary choices they had made. Well done George, Corey, Ruby, Lauren and Emily!



RAGS 2 RICHES

After the success of our Rags 2 Riches collections in the autumn term, we have invited them back to collect any of your winter clothes that are ready to be donated to a great cause. **The deadline for collection is Wednesday 28th June**, so please start putting aside any clothes you would like to donate. Bags should have come home this week – please pop into the office if you need any additional bags. Thank you!



Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories. Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES, PILLOWS, DUJETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDS OR ANY UNIFORM

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 20th June – Music concert for parents and families 4:30pm
- Thursday 22nd June – PTA meeting, Sports and Social Club – 7:30pm
- Tuesday 27th June – New Reception parents' meeting
- Wednesday 28th June – Rags 2 Riches bags deadline
- Thursday 29th June – Year 3 to church
- Wednesday 5th July – Transition Day
- Monday 10th July – Sports Day morning
- Thursday 13th July – Year 2 to church (Friday 14th July – Reserve Sports Day)
- Tuesday 18th July – Year 5/6 performance for parents
- Thursday 20th July – Year 6 Fete
- Tuesday 25th July – Leavers' Assembly 2:30pm

Kids Club opportunities this half term:

- Monday**
Performing Arts: R – Y6 – 3:15- 4:30
- Tuesday**
Climb and Roll: R – Y2 – 3:15 – 4:30
- Wednesday**
Football: KS2 – 3:15- 4:30
Girls Football: KS2 – 3:15 – 4:30
Dance: R and KS1 – 3:15 – 4:30
- Thursday**
Football: R and KS1 – 3:15 – 4:30
Cricket: KS2 – 3:15 – 4:30
- Friday**
Athletics: KS2 – 3:15 – 4:30



With two classes out of school on Friday, we didn't celebrate our stars of the week this week. We are looking forward to seeing who shines next week.

C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher

Fun Fact:

Let's go for a Ride!



The bicycle is the most efficient vehicle ever devised: a human on a bicycle is more efficient (in calories expended per kilo and per kilometer) than a train, truck, airplane, boat, car, motorcycle or jet pack. Ducks, however, are still more efficient.



Word of the week: **ventured**
The children **ventured** into the spinney.