



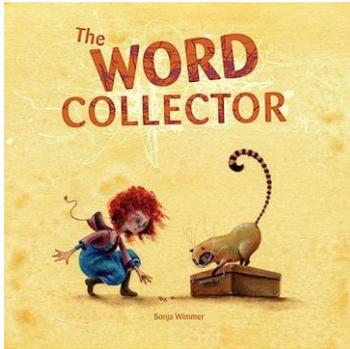
BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday July 14th 2023 Newsletter 36



Do you collect anything? Or maybe you collected something as a child?

We talked about different things that we collected: shells on the beach, postcards, top trumps, different sets of toys... This week in worship we read the story of 'The Word Collector'. We heard about Luna, who loved to collect words. One day she noticed that the world had become too busy to use beautiful and exciting words. She decided to make a difference and share all of the words she had collected with the people. Where there was hate and violence, she sowed words of brotherhood, love and tolerance in people's hearts. Wherever there were people who were sad and lonely, she wove threads of warm words and words of friendship. Where people were too busy to laugh together she scattered the craziest, funniest and most magical words she had. The children have started to collect suggestions of the words that Luna might have given away. Have you got a favourite word? It would be good to share your favourite words – if you're not too busy...



STAYING SAFE NEAR DOGS

Dogs Trust visited school this week and helped everyone to know how to keep safe near to dogs. The children listened really well in the whole school assembly and then took part in workshops in their classrooms.



SPORTS DAY FUN

It was so good to be able to welcome families to support us at sports day this year. The weather was on our side, for once. The children competed so well, and it was great to hear them cheering each other on. Here are just a few photos of the day:



TRANSITION DAY FUN

Transition Day was a chance for the children to meet their new teacher for next year. There were a full range of emotions from excitement through to worry – but as the day progressed there were so many smiles in every room. The children worked really hard using a 'jellybean' theme in English and maths and also completed some great teamwork tasks. The new Year 5 children worked in teams to create towers using marshmallows and spaghetti with Mr Bench; the new Year 1 children made repeating patterns with jellybeans then predicted what would happen when boiling water was added to their patterns. Some thought the jelly beans would melt, some thought they would expand – they were amazed at the results! There were lots of children impressing their new teachers with their writing skills across school too. We are now really looking forward to September.



YEAR 6 FETE

Year 6 are having a fete to raise money for their Leaver's Disco on Thursday 20th July. They are asking for donations of cakes to sell on the day. **If you could help by donating some cakes on Wednesday they would be very gratefully received.** Please bring lots of change to spend at the fete on Thursday, there will be lots of stalls with games to join in with and prizes to win.

SPORTS DAY WINNERS

Mrs Potter and all the teachers worked really hard to collect the scores on sports day, and it took a lot of careful counting as the results were really close. This year, Red Team were the overall winners with 246 points. Well done to everyone in the Red Team! Some representatives from Red Team collected the trophy on the team's behalf:



CLEAN AND TIDY

As part of their history work about 'School Days' the Year 1 children have been clearing the playground and field of any litter. They have designed posters to encourage people to stop dropping litter too. Their clearing has been extremely thorough and they have collected lots of plastic straw covers, first aid wipe packets,

pen lids and playground equipment that had been run over by the lawnmowers.

Thank you for caring about our school and working as a team to keep it tidy.



FASHION DESIGNERS

The year 6 children have been using different buildings to inspire them to create new fashion items. This week, they used a range of different resources (and lots of tape) to create their own fashion show. There were a vast range of different design ideas, and they were all presented with lots of enthusiasm. Well done, Year 6. It was good to see you having so much fun as you worked together and encouraged each other with your designing.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHANGE OF DATE FOR CLASSROOM DELIVERY. The new classroom is now going to be delivered on Tuesday 25th July (the last day of term) but the track for the crane is being laid on Wednesday 19th July. **From 19th July until the end of term, the top gate on Underhill way will be closed to families.** The bus children will be met and escorted by Mr Hanson and Mrs Wetherhill / Mrs Wyatt each morning and evening, but we are asking that the gate is not used to access or leave school from 19th July. We know that this means several families will need to walk further in the mornings, and we thank you in advance for your support and understanding. If you are choosing to drive nearer to school, please use the car park at the Sports and Social Club as Kingsley Road is already very busy with traffic and we need to keep everyone safe.

POLITE PARKING REMINDER

This is a polite reminder that parents and family members must not use the staff car park at any time. It is for staff and deliveries only. If you are bringing a car to school in the mornings, the Sports and Social Club have kindly offered their car park to parents to keep the area around the school gates less busy. This is especially important with only one gate access for pedestrians leading up to the end of term. Thank you for your co-operation.



A HUGE THANK YOU

This week we received an anonymous gift to top up the amount raised for a class set of books from the recent clothes collection. The generous donation of £100 means that we can purchase a complete set of books ready for September. Thank you so much!



TACHBROOK'S GOT TALENT

On **Monday 24th July** we will be celebrating the talents and skills that the children have discovered either in or out of school. Children will be invited to audition for the talent show in their classes with the top four acts making it to the final of Tachbrook's Got Talent. We are encouraging the children to think about whether they would like to take part, and plan their act (up to a maximum of 3 minutes) for their class auditions. We are really excited to enjoy the talents of our fabulous children.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 18th July – Torchlight Tuesday – bring a torch and a good book...
Wed 19th - Tues 25th July – Top gate closed to parents and children (Underhill Way)
Tuesday 18th July – Year 5/6 performance for parents 6pm
Thursday 20th July – Year 6 Fete
Friday 21st July – Reports out to parents
Monday 24th July – Tachbrook's Got Talent in school
Tuesday 25th July – Leavers' Assembly 2:30pm
SUMMER BREAK – Wed 26th July – Thurs 31st August
Friday 1st Sept – INSET DAY
Monday 4th Sept – INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th Sept – INSET DAY
Wednesday 6th Sept – Children back to school
Friday 8th September- George Fouche workshop for parents after school (time to be confirmed)



WELCOMING GEORGE FOUCHE

On September 8th we are looking forward to welcoming George Fouche, an ex Wasps and South Africa international rugby player and sports coach, to school. He is going to lead worship to encourage us to 'dare to aspire' and then hold workshops with the children in the school day and then stay after school to speak to parents about the characteristics of a successful person and how to switch these on for your child and for yourselves. Keep the date free in your diaries... (We will confirm the time of the workshop and set up free tickets for the event asap).





FABULOUS FLOWERS

One of the raffle prize winners from the PTA Garden Party was so overwhelmed with her bouquet of flowers she'd won that she wanted to share them with us, and say a huge thank you to the PTA for organising such beautiful prizes. Suzi delivered the bouquet

to the lucky winner telling her that her granddaughter attends our school, and shared she is in training to become a florist. She also said all the flowers had been grown in her garden!! Her company name is Iris & Ivy flowers and she is on Instagram if you would like to look at some of her other bouquets too.

Marvellous Mathematicians

- Reception: Harry
- Year 1: Teddy
- Year 2: Olivia
- Year 3: Evan
- Year 4: Eleanor
- Year 5: Isabelle
- Year 6: Arlo



Stars of the Week

- Reception: Marlie
- Year 1: Molly, Phoebe
- Year 2: William, James
- Year 3: Henry
- Year 4: Maria
- Year 5: Albert
- Year 6: Amelie



HEAD TEACHER'S STAR OF THE WEEK

Dylan is this week's Head Teacher's Star of the week. He was spotted by a parent stopping in a race to take care of a classmate who was struggling. I also spotted him encouraging the other children throughout the morning. Thank you for being a true example of 'Encourage' and 'Love', Dylan.



C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher



Fun Fact:

Did You Know?

Mary Quant, the designer of the mini skirt, named it after her favourite car, the Mini Cooper.



Mighty Writer

Year 2: Alice



PEN LICENCE AWARDS

Pen Licences were awarded this week. A huge well done to: Charlie, Eleanor, Seb, Amelia and Isabelle.



Word of the week:

Hegira

The snow-drifts were still deep on the hills when we commenced our *Hegira* to the far West.