



Everything we do, we do with love.
1 Corinthians 16:14.



BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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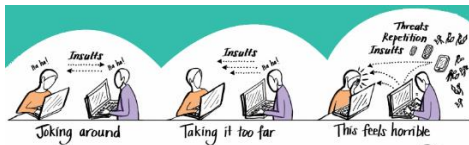


In Collective Worship this week we have continued to think about 'Achieve' from our IDEALS.

On Monday in Collective Worship we have thought about priests in Jerusalem and how whenever someone would come to a temple they would have a donation. A rich person gave lots of money from what they owned and the widow gave all her money which was very little. In this story the priests were happier with the rich person as they could achieve lots for the temple with the money that was given, but in God's eyes the widow gave more because she gave everything – all of our effort or time to something and how this would help us to be able to achieve.



On Tuesday it was Anti-bullying day in England and some Year 6 children put on a play about what bullying and banter showed like. Several children were given bells to shake when they thought something was banter, and when something got to bullying they shook it even louder. Banter is playful jokes about people when both people find it funny. When bullying happens the victim doesn't find it funny.



Banter or Bullying?

Wednesday was singing worship and we enjoyed 'Wake up, Shake up'.



Are there some jobs robots could never do?

Picture News was presented by our new team: Charlie, Imogen, Isaac and Isobel. We were thinking about what robots would be able to do in the future. They shared about Amazon's new robot 'Digit' being trialled in warehouses. 'Digit' robots could hold the weight of a concert grand

piano and they moved around the warehouse to complete orders. We thought about whether there was anything robots can't do and will never be able to do, like giving hugs, cooking and reading bedtime stories.

By Daniel and Albert

MUSICAL TALENTS

Year 6 have been continuing to work hard to develop their skills in playing brass instruments. They have been reading notation and also using notation to compose. Mrs Pugh is really pleased with how they are progressing. Keep working hard, Year 6!



WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE DIDN'T HAVE JOINTS IN OUR ARMS?

Year 3 have been investigating how our bodies work and this week were considering the impact not having joints in our arms would have on what we could do. They discovered that it was pretty tricky to just pick up their bottle and pretty impossible to drink from it without elbow joints to help their arms to bend. (It certainly looks like they had lots of fun trying to overcome the challenge!)



CELEBRATING DIWALI

The children in Reception have continued thinking about Diwali this week and worked together to make some Barfi sweets to take home. They made some extra treats to put in the staffroom and I know the teachers have enjoyed sharing them. Thank you, Reception!

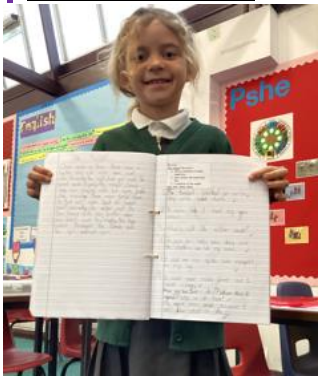


HAVE YOUR SAY

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England. Click on [the picture](#) to find out more about the project and let the government know how they can work to make life better for children in our country.



WONDERFUL WRITING

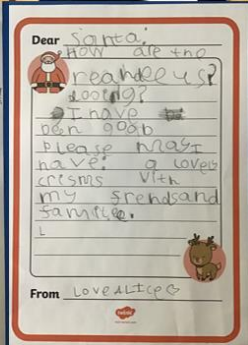
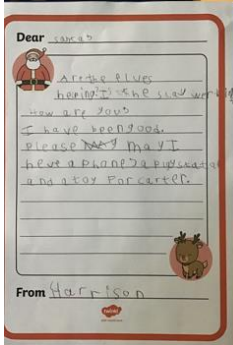
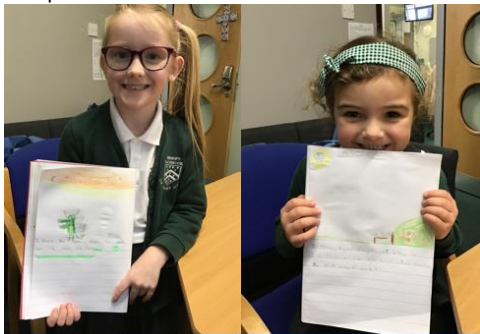


Across school the children have been learning how to stack sentences and have been working really hard to choose the vocabulary that will create exactly the right effect for their work. It has been fabulous to hear how proud the children are of their writing as a result.



Year 3 have been reading 'The Tunnel' and Alice's sentences were really impressive and she managed

repetition, a simile and a question really well within her writing. The Year 1 children are growing in confidence with their writing, remembering to leave finger spaces, but also concentrating really hard to listen to the sounds they need to write the words they have chosen. They are becoming independent writers and are really enjoying sharing their fantastic ideas in their books. Piper and Beatrice came to share their writing about the egg-box dragon they had worked hard on. The children in Year 1 have also been thinking about their Christmas list for Santa and have been experimenting with different punctuation.



AWARDS FROM HOME

This week we celebrated two talented swimmers. Ruby and Corey have both achieved Level 4 in their swimming journey and are able to perform lots of skills including pushing and gliding from the side of the pool and using a huge variety of leg kicks, including a butterfly leg kick. Well done both of you!



Amelia has been developing her dance skills and has recently been selected to take part in an elite dance group that started training together in September. In a competition last weekend they were competing against a number of other teams and managed to win a bronze medal. Amelia spoke with such energy and enthusiasm about her dancing – keep up the good work, Amelia!



PTA NOTICES

The PTA would like to say a huge 'Thank You' for the wonderful donations that families sent in on our recent non-uniform day. They are busy making the most amazing hampers as a result. Your oldest child should have brought two books of raffle tickets home this week so that your friends and family could have a chance to win one of the prizes at the Christmas Fair. (If you need more books of

tickets please come and ask at the office as we have a few spare books).

We are also collecting items for the other stalls at the Christmas Fair. If you have any items that you no longer need, please consider donating them to school – you can bring them to the office, or send them in with your child. Bric-a-brac, books, unwanted gifts or once-loved toys in good condition would all be very gratefully received. Thank you!



The PTA have been able to help the school with some really big and important projects because of your support:



All children in school can now see the interactive whiteboards with the classroom lights on – meaning they can make notes while they are learning. The new gate means that the drop off and collection at breakfast and after school club is now safe and secure. The school website now has a much more modern look and is easier for the staff to edit and add things to. The solar panels are happily generating electricity which will mean less of the school budget will be spent on energy and more money will be available to spend on learning – and the environment will be better off too! Thank you so much!



CAN WE PROVE THE EARTH IS SPHERICAL?

Year 5 have been considering the studies of Aristotle to determine that the Earth, stars, sun and moon are spherical.

By using a spherical object they were able to see that the lower part of the object vanished first. Aristotle did the same by observing boats going over the horizon. He realised that the bow would disappear before the stern determining that Earth is spherical.





KIDS CLUB UPDATE

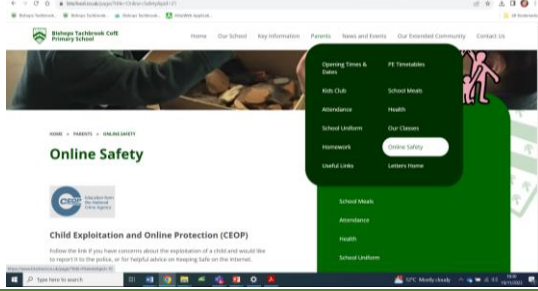
The children at Kids Club have thought about Remembrance with their crafts and baking. They have also celebrated Diwali with barfi sweets.

Does your child want to try a club run by Kids Club? If they do, please see Miss Humphries at the end of

the school day to book in for a free taster session.

SCHOOL WEBSITE TOP TIP OF THE WEEK

As the nights draw in and it's colder outside, children may be spending more time inside and online. There is a page to support parents with how to ensure your children are safe online, and information about a free workshop for parents on 29th November run by Warwickshire County Council and Smoothwall.



Dates for your diary:

- Wed 22nd November – Year 5 Space Centre Trip
- Tues 28th Nov – Coffee and prayer in the lodge – parents welcome
- Tues 28th Nov – Year 4 trip to Ashmolean Museum
- Fri 1st Dec – Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles and chocolates
- Sat 2nd Dec – Christmas Fair at School
- Sun 3rd Dec – Christingle Service at St Chad's 10am
- Sun 10th Dec – Carols on the green (any brass players welcome to play – contact vicarstchads@gmail.com)
- Tues 12th Dec – Naughty Elf Day
- Thurs 14th Dec – Reception Christingle Journey in school
- Mon 18th Dec – iRock concert for school and parents 9:30am
- Wed 20th Dec – Christmas Service at St Chad's, PTA Sparkle and Shine / Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner at School.

LINKS WITH ST CHAD'S CHURCH

With the weather beginning to get a little colder, Year 1 and Year 2 will no longer be going to St Chad's, but Reverend Jonathan is going to bring a Christingle experience to them at school. Year 1 and Year 2 will complete Christingle activities in school on Thursday 30th November in the afternoon. Reception children will complete Christingle activities in school on Thursday 14th December. We will need a few parents to support the activities in school if possible. Whole School Christmas service at St Chad's – Wednesday 20th December (weather/temperature permitting). Please email admin3141@welearn365.com if you would like to support us on any of these dates.

CHRISTMAS AT ST CHAD'S CHURCH

services at your village Church for celebration and singing this December	
3 DEC 10AM	CHRISTINGLE
10 DEC 4PM	CAROLS ON THE GREEN
17 DEC 10AM	NATIVITY SERVICE
6:30PM	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
24 DEC 4PM	CRIB SERVICE
18:30PM	MIDNIGHT MASS
25 DEC 10AM	FAMILY COMMUNION

Follow The Star and Sing the Song
Shine your light!

St Chads Church
Sunday 3rd December 10am

Craft Fair
St Chad's Centre, Millage, Leek, Staffordshire
Sunday 3rd December 2023
11:30am - 2:30pm

Book your table - £10
Contact Fione
07595 581240

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT BT

Christmas Dinner will be shared by the school community on 20th December. Please [complete this Google Form](#) to let us know if your child will be joining us. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 please still complete the form as we need to order enough Turkey or Vegetarian options. Thanks to everyone who has already completed the form. Thank you!



Stars of the Week:

- RB – Phoebe
- RP – Manuela
- Year 1 – Evie
- Year 2 – Lottie
- Year 3 – Chloe
- Year 4 – Lila
- Year 5 – Lincoln
- Year 6 – Ruby

Mighty Writers:

- RB – Ruby
- RP – Winifred
- Year 1 – Beatrice
- Year 2 – Aaleigha
- Year 3 – Poppy
- Year 4 – Felicity
- Year 5 – Harry
- Year 6 – Joe and Izzy



Pen Licences: Well done to Jess who achieved her pen licence this week.



Secrets of Success Champions

Chase, Richie, Oscar, Lyla, Flo and Sienna



HEADTEACHER'S STAR OF THE WEEK

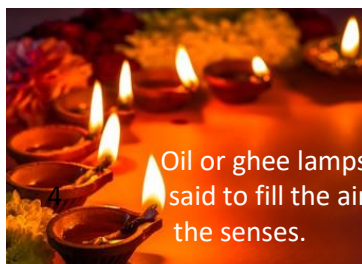
Connor for being such a responsible member of Year 5, always choosing to do the right thing and for helping me with the routines when I came to teach the class (quietly and respectfully reminding me when I had forgotten to send children for their IDEALS beads). Thank you, Connor!



C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher

Fascinating Fact:



Oil or ghee lamps lit in temples and houses are said to fill the air with positivity and recharge the senses.

