



Everything we do, we do with love.

1 Corinthians 16:14.



# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

## Newsletter 15

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

On Monday we had a concert by the Rock bands and each one sang their own songs e.g. Dance monkey, Shotgun, High Hopes and As It Was. It was like being at a real rock concert – everyone played really well and it was such good fun.



Tuesday was our Secrets Of Success worship and we read 'Little Robin's Red Vest' where Little Robin had 6 vests and there were 7 days to Christmas then she saw an animal that was cold so she helped it by giving her vest and on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December she had no vest and she became cold and had to warm up but then Santa picked her up and gave her a red vest. You can listen to the story by [clicking this link](#).

On Wednesday we went to St Chad's Church for our Christmas worship. Reverend Jonathan, James and James led the service and the year 4s and year 2s read some Bible passages. Said some prayers, and we all sang some Christmas songs.



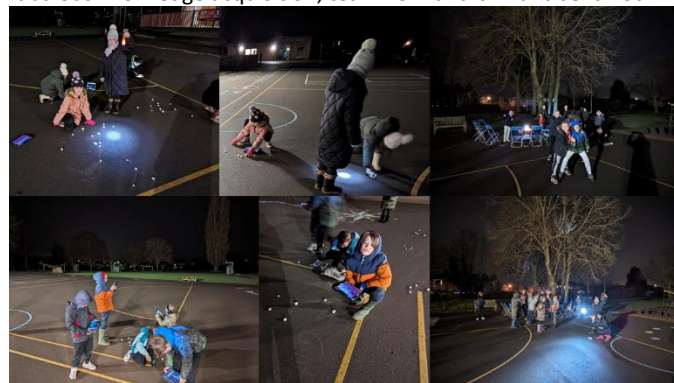
On Thursday it was Picture News and we learnt about Twinpikeway, York, and how they put up lights

every year to raise money for charity. People would pay to enjoy their decorations, but not this year because of the electricity prices among other reasons.

On Friday we ended term with our VIP worship and celebrated children who had been spotting living out the Achieve IDEALS. By Daniel and Albert

### WHAT IS SPACE LIKE?

This week the Year 5 children came back to school after dark to continue their learning about space. They spent some time inside the planetarium learning and remembering lots of facts about the planets and stars. They then spent some time completing different space-based challenges, including spending time outside investigating different constellations using the iPads to see where the stars were behind the clouds and recreating them on the playground. They also had a chance to light a fire with Miss Humphries and toasted some marshmallows. The evening ended with some hotdogs and a space-themed film as a reward for their fabulous knowledge acquisition, teamwork and brilliant behaviour.



### MAKE DO AND MEND

Year 6 have been learning a variety of different stitching techniques to select the most effective ones when creating their own bookmark, pin cushion or pencil case. They were extremely proud of their final designs and how well they had stitched them, although were also great at reflecting on ways they would modify their designs should they have another go. What fabulous attitudes to learning, and great design technology work. Well done, Year 6.







## MUSICAL MOMENT

We have had a truly musical week this week. Monday was iRock, and it was lovely to be able to literally rock the hall with our bands. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us. There were so many smiles, and the children involved have clearly discovered a new talent. On Thursday it was Year 2 and Year 4's turn to perform to the school. The Year 2 children were using Boomwhackers to perform a range of different songs including 'Silent Night' and 'Hakuna Matata'. The level of concentration involved in playing the Boomwhacker at exactly the right moment is incredible and they were fantastic.



Year 4 performed for us the pieces they played in the Cathedral at the Christingle service. They played so well after only learning for one term! They even composed their own Christmas themed words to the tune of Frere Jacques.



On Friday, we were treated to a range of Christmas melodies by our talented flautists. Lila, Maria, Sophia, Isabelle and Darcey all played a solo and together in a group.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

There was such a festive vibe in the dinner hall this Wednesday as we enjoyed Christmas Dinner together as a whole school team.

The kitchen team worked really hard after an anxious start when the gas cut out and refused to come back on. They cooked a delicious dinner for everyone in record time. Thank you! Mrs Blackwell, Mrs Hanson and their team worked hard to make sure the tables had a festive theme too and we had Christmas music to listen to as we ate together. Thank you so much! Instead of crackers we enjoyed snap bands – allowing us to enjoy the 'pop' sound of the cracker and a prize to keep without the paper waste. We were certainly feeling festive!



## AWARDS FROM HOME



This week we celebrated some more gymnastic talents:

Lottie brought a Level 7 medal and shared that she had been developing her skills on all of the different gymnastic areas. Abi and Sophia had received medals celebrating their achievements at the end of the winter term with LWGC.

Evie had competed in the LWGC competition and had earned a bronze medal for coming third in her age group at the competition.

Well done to all of you!

Chase has been working hard in his swimming lessons and has recently achieved his 10m swimming award – possibly the most difficult award to earn. Now he knows he can swim without floats he will be able to continue to develop his talent. Well done, Chase.



Ellie shared with us that she had been invited to perform with her drama group at Warwick Castle, singing some songs from the musical Les Miserables. To perform in such a huge venue is incredible, and a real achievement.

Well done, Ellie.



## AMAZING ARTISTS

This week Year 5 children were using a range of media to create bug designs in art. They showed real resilience, adapting their work as things didn't go as they had initially planned, and worked hard to make their bugs look 3D, including lots of detail in their work.

They looked like they might literally crawl off the pages of their books.

Well done Year 5!



**WHEN WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
JANUARY IT WILL BE WEEK B.**



### Dates for your diary:

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day – School is closed for children

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children return to school (Week B)**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Blue Team 'Wear What You Want' Day**

w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Music concert for Year 2, 4 and 6 children (more details to follow)

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Sports Hall Athletics Y5/6

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER BREAK

### Secrets of Success Champions

Freya, Grace, Isabella, Aliyah, Jessica, Lucy, Lincoln, Isabella



### 'ACHIEVE' VIPS

We celebrated children who had truly lived out the 'Achieve' IDEALS in school this half term. There were so many reasons from 'always trying your best in lessons', 'being brave to perform on stage', 'persevering with letter formation', 'focussing hard', 'showing determination in lessons' to 'showing great knowledge' and 'achieving high levels in work'. What a fabulous group of children!



Reception: Jessie, Ava-Mae, Harrison, Georgia, Francis, Freddie

Year 1: Henry, Harrison, Chester

Year 2: Cleo, Emilia, Isla, Aurelia

Year 3: Hugh, Ellie

Year 4: Ollie, Jacob, Caius

Year 5: Alex, Imogen

Year 6: Jess, Isobel, Scarlett, Isaac



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### **Fascinating Fact:**

Scientists have confirmed that the star closest to the sun, Proxima b, is home to an Earth-sized planet with temperatures suitable for life.

