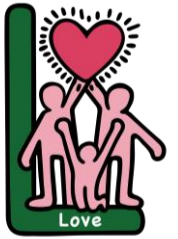




Everything we do, we do with love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14.



# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

Newsletter 2



Worship this week: Mrs Kilbey had 'lost her ring'. This week Mrs Kilbey did a challenge of kindness by putting her ring in a bowl. At first there was a bowl with just air in it. Then there was a bowl with stale marshmallows in, next water was added to the bowl, followed by out of date beans. Every time a student kindly retrieved the ring from the mess and returned it to Mrs Kilbey. We thought about how far they were prepared to go to be kind and rescue the ring. The people that did it were Isobel (YR 6), Regi (YR 4), Ellison (YR 5) and Oscar (YR 3). The students thought about close friends, people they knew, people they didn't know and people they didn't really like and whether kindness would look different with different people. Christians use WWJD (what would Jesus do) to pick the correct path.



In Picture News we discussed the new law in Ontario, Canada. The new law says for kids under the age of 12, they must wear a life jacket in open water. We discussed whether the new law should be in the UK as well. We learnt



about the RNLI and how they have rescued over 143,000 lives saved. They have also saved multiple whales and sea creatures. This company's help is thanks to donations alone. They have over 230 life stations including several in places like the Southend and River Thames being the busiest. They have a life station closer to Norway than Edinburgh.

Contributed by Jai and Daniel (Year 6)



On Tuesday, the children thought about Zones of Regulation and spent some time thinking about the yellow zone. They shared a really lovely story called 'Ruby's Worry'. If you would like to listen to the story with your child please [click on this link](#).



## FANTASTIC PHONICS

Year 1 have made a 'cracking' start to their phonics this year. They have been busy using their knowledge of vowel digraphs to read words and sort them into groups. The children were able to confidently read their words back to me and explain what sound each vowel digraph made. Well done, children!

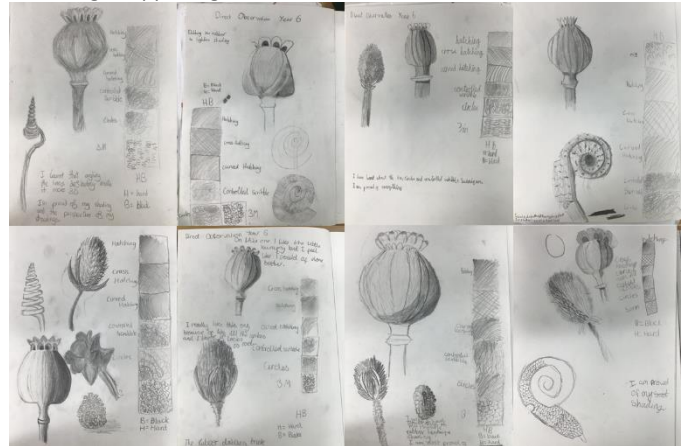


## AMAZING ARTISTS

Year 2 have been thinking about different textures and have studied black and white line drawings and how texture is created within pieces of art. They then spent some time outside sketching the tall trees in the school grounds and experimenting with creating different textures in their work. Well done, Year 2!



Year 6 have focussed on shading, and Mrs Dixon was blown away by their focus and achievements during the lesson. They truly exemplified our Achieve IDEAL and there was a fair amount of Encourage happening too. Well done, Year 6!



## ENCOURAGE AND BUILD

Year 5 have been taking our Encourage IDEAL and putting it to good practise at the start of this academic year. They were investigating pneumatics in their new DT project and were tasked with setting up a tube with two syringes attached (one extended and one closed) and predicting what would happen when they depressed the extended syringe. They were very excited by their findings!

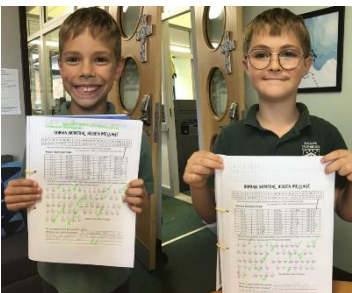


They have also been working together to quite literally build bridges – exploring different ways to make them stronger and able to bridge the gap.



### OFF ON A TRAIN RIDE

All Aboard! Year 1 bought their tickets and boarded a train to visit a city and ride through some mountains. They watched the scenery whizzing past and really enjoyed their journey. They remembered and thought about the train they had ridden at Cotswold Wildlife Park when they were in Reception too. Mrs French and Mrs Power are excited to find out what they might write about their train journey next week!



### CRACKING CODES – ROMAN STYLE

Year 5 were excited to put their learning about Roman Numerals to the test with a tricky code-cracking challenge. Harrison and Alex came to share their awesome code-cracking skills with me, and were able to explain

brilliantly how to understand and create Roman Numerals, even managing to work out how to write the number 48, which was way trickier than I had imagined it would be. They taught me lots along the way! Well done, boys!



### GEORGE FOUCHE WORKSHOPS

Further to the information shared in the newsletter last week, I wanted to share some pictures of the workshops that George held with the Year 5/6 children. They were encouraged to think about their strengths, and being competitive is something that can give you drive to achieve. Brandon and Ben shared that they were competitive and George was extremely impressed with how they pushed themselves to try to beat him in an arm wrestle that they knew they had little chance of winning. Neither of them gave up and fought through the whole time – a great characteristic to have to succeed.



### AWARDS FROM HOME

Joe brought some awards to share with us this week. He has been busy gardening with his grandad, and between them they managed to grow the biggest onion and second biggest spring onion in the competition that they entered. They clearly nurtured their vegetables well over the summer!

Joe has also been practicing his athletics and has achieved some incredible times and distances in all of the different athletics disciplines. Maybe a decathlete in the making? Well done, Joe – what a star!



### MUSICAL MOMENT

Year 4 began their musical journey with Mrs Owen this year taking on a brand new instrument that we haven't used in school before. They worked really hard to play different rhythms on their ukulele that they had listened to and copied, and also that they had read in musical notation. Mrs Owen was very impressed and is excited about what they will achieve this year.



### LORD'S PRAYER COLLABORATION

At the end of last academic year, the children across school worked on a section of The Lord's Prayer. Over the summer, we pulled all of their creative work together to create a beautiful display in the Learning Zone. Their ideas are fabulous and shed a new light on the prayer in different ways. Well done everyone!



### VISITING CHURCH

This term, every class will visit St Chad's Church to share in a 'journey' together. This term – they will be going on a Harvest Journey. If any parents are able to support with walking the children to church we are always very grateful.

**We will be walking down at 9:45am.**

- Year 5 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 4 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October
- Year 3 – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October
- Year 2 – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Year 1 – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November
- Whole School Christmas service at St Chad's – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Reception children will complete the Harvest Journey activities in school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We will need a few parents to support the activities in school if possible.

Please email [admin3141@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3141@welearn365.com) if you would like to support us on either of these dates.

## JEANS FOR GENES

We will be supporting Jeans for Genes week in school this year. W/C 18<sup>th</sup> September we will be inviting children and staff to wear jeans to school with their uniform. Please send in a donation (suggestion £1) on each day your child decides to wear jeans instead of their school skirt or trousers. Thank you.

## BISHOP'S TACHBROOK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



The PTA at BT are a crucial and highly valued part of the school community. The children and families talk so fondly of the activities that they have organised in the past. The work of the PTA has also provided so many fabulous and wonderful resources for our school that have truly benefitted the whole school community – from lamps for art work, to class sets of books for learning, to interactive whiteboards for teaching, to gates to keep the children safe outside, to funding for the new school website which will be launching very soon and many more things. This year the PTA are keen to welcome any new people who would like to be involved in making more special memories for the children and their families. If you think that you could help in any way, please contact the PTA for more details, or pop along to the meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm to find out more. You can also contact them at [btachbrookpta@gmail.com](mailto:btachbrookpta@gmail.com)

## TEACHERS 2 PARENTS

In school we have a text messaging service so that we can send messages to all, groups of, or individual parents quickly and easily. We will send messages to the first contact for each child, unless other arrangements have been made with school. There is an app that can be downloaded to receive messages, but we have found many issues with families trying to receive messages through using the app and would advise all parents to delete the app if they have it on their phones. Without the app, the messages will come through to you as a text message and this is a much more reliable way of receiving the messages. We have sent a test message to all families asking you to complete a very short google form so that we can contact anyone who has not received the message and help to rectify and check details etc. Thank you.

## MARVELLOUS ME



We are pleased to be continuing our use of the Marvellous Me app. Through the app we are able to share some of the children's achievements with you, as well as inform you about what the children have been learning about in school. This will help you to chat about your child's school day when they get home – especially if your children 'can't remember' what they have been learning about, or have done 'nothing much' while they have been at school. If you are new to school, download the App onto your phone and use the Join Code that your child brought home this week. This join code can be shared with extended family members too, so grandparents etc. can also see what the children have been learning and what they have achieved.



**Please give the teachers a 'high five' when you have read their messages so that we can see how many parents we are reaching through the App. Thank you!**



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Onside are now running all of our after school clubs at BT this year, including 'Kids club' in the lodge. Many children have already taken advantage of the clubs on offer. If you haven't signed up for clubs yet, there are still spaces in several clubs. Please follow the links to sign up for any clubs that your child would like to join – maybe they will discover and develop a new talent: [Clubs offered by Onside](#)

**The Monday Drama club is great fun and is needing some more members to be able to put on a performance this half term. If your child loves to act, then please contact [kidsclub@onsidecoaching.co.uk](mailto:kidsclub@onsidecoaching.co.uk) to sign them up to the drama club on Monday evenings from 3:30-4:30pm. It is open to children from all year groups.**

If you have any questions about clubs, or how to sign your child up, please contact [kidsclub@onsidecoaching.co.uk](mailto:kidsclub@onsidecoaching.co.uk)



## SCHOOL BANNER PROJECT

As our school vision and IDEALS were introduced last year, we decided to enable the children to create a new banner sharing the new vision 'Do Everything With Love' (A slightly shortened version of 'Everything we do, we do with love' from a different translation). On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Mary is going to come into school and support all of the children across KS2 to make the banner and she has asked for any adults who might be available to help with threading needles and tying knots etc to come and help. If you can offer any help across the day (you don't have to commit to the whole day...), please let us know on [admin3141@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3141@welearn365.com) – or catch your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. Thanks in advance!



## HEALTHY SCHOOL INFORMATION

As a 'healthy school' we provide a fruit snack for all children in KS1. If your child is in KS2 and would like a snack for playtime, please provide them with a piece of fruit. We do not allow the children to eat cereal bars or biscuits as playtime snacks, although one sugary treat is fine to eat at lunchtime with their packed lunch. We only allow water in water bottles in the classrooms. Some children have been bringing squash into school in their water bottles, and this is not allowed. Constantly sipping squash is not good for teeth, and also - when spilled - encourages the ants into the classrooms. If there is a medical reason that your child can not drink water, please speak to your child's class teacher or email [admin3141@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3141@welearn365.com)

## MEET THE TEACHER

We were not able to run 'Meet the teacher' sessions at the end of last academic year for Year 1-6 parents as there wasn't a Year 4 classroom for the teachers to meet the parents in. The building work is now finally completed so we will be running two sessions to give parents an opportunity to meet their child's new teacher, or teachers. In the sessions we will share lots of information about homework days, PE days etc. as well as an overview of the topics your child will be learning about in school, and any trips that are already planned.

**Meet the teacher sessions for Year 1-6 will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September: the first session will start at 3:30 and the second one at 4:00. Sessions will be held in classrooms, and your children are very welcome to attend with you. Thanks.**

Reception parents were able to meet the teachers at the end of last year in the hall, so we won't be running sessions for Reception – if you have any questions please do catch a member of the Reception team after school, or email [admin3141@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3141@welearn365.com)

If you aren't able to come along on Wednesday evening, the PowerPoints that are shared with all of the information you need will be posted on the new school website. Any questions that you have, please don't hesitate to email [admin3141@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3141@welearn365.com) and we will do our best to answer them.



**Warwick Dragon Boat Festival**  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Rotary Club of  Warwick Avon

At Warwick Boats, St Nicolas Park, Warwick CV34 4QY

**DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**

As a school staff, we have entered the Warwick Dragon Boat Festival at St Nicholas Park on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. The Rotary Club of Warwick Avon organise this annually and this year are raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital and Myton Hospice. These two charities are very close to the hearts of many of our staff and families associated with the school so we are stepping wildly out of our comfort zones, jumping in a boat and paddling away to raise money for the charities. Many of you will remember Annabel, our head girl from Sept 2021 - July 2022. Her family and she were supported for many years by Birmingham Children's Hospital and her parents were really pleased to hear that we were raising money to give something back to the hospital.

If any parents would like to support our staff team by contributing to our fundraising page, you can do by following this link:

<https://gofund.me/670f9a1e>

You would also be very very welcome to come along to St Nicholas Park on the day to cheer us on. Thank you in advance!



**Star of the Week, Mighty Writer, Marvellous**

**Mathematician awards:**

This half term we will be recognising children across school who have lived out any of our IDEALS as stars of the week, or achieved or discovered something new in their writing or maths. Awards will be given out on Fridays in 'Celebration Worship'. If your child has been selected to receive an award you are very welcome to join us for worship from 9:00-9:30 - we will let you know by text on the Wednesday if your child will be receiving an award. Thank you for your support with this.



**Stars of the Week:**

- Year 1 – Anika
- Year 2 – Finley
- Year 3 – Alice
- Year 4 – Theo
- Year 5 – Flo
- Year 6 – Albert

**Mighty Writers:**

- Year 1 – Marlie
- Year 2 – Lily
- Year 3 – William
- Year 4 – Monty
- Year 5 – Seb
- Year 6 – Abraham



**HEADTEACHER'S STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Arlo** for showing 'Inquire' so well when thinking about the story 'Fantastic Mr Fox' when I popped into your classroom to teach you for a little while. You listened carefully to what other children said and explained why their ideas would work or not. (You also helped me to find the wet play games – thank you!)

*C. Kilbey*

Mrs C. Kilbey  
Head Teacher

**Dates for your diary:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 6 to church
- 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Jeans for Genes week
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept – PTA meeting at Sports and Social Club 7:30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> September – Flu Vaccinations in school
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sept – Meet the teacher 3:30 and 4:00
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – BT Dragon Boat Race at St Nicholas Park – 10am - 3pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 5 to church
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Year 5 leading Harvest Worship at St Chad's**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – School banner project in KS2
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 4 to church
- 26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 3 to church
- HALF TERM – Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 2 to church
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 1 to church
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Harvest Journey in school
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Service at St Chad's

**FASCINATING FACT:**

In the remote Pilbara region of Australia, an aboriginal community built a train to carry their children to school. The train cars are made from metal barrels, and the locomotive is a tractor.

