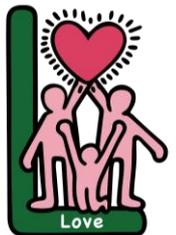




Everything we do, we do with love.
1 Corinthians 16:14.



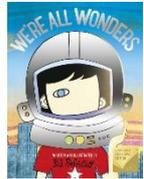
BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday September 22nd 2023

Newsletter 3



We started worship this week thinking about the Jewish New Year, and found thought about how Rosh Hashanah was a great festival at the start of a school year. We thought about things that hadn't gone so well last year, and made plans for how this year could be even sweeter. Some brave children shared their thoughts and enjoyed an apple slice dipped in honey as a reward for sharing – just like Jewish families might eat to celebrate the sweetness of the new year ahead. We also thought about how the shofar linked to calling people to prayer, and Samraj and Sam were brave and had a go at playing our Shofar in worship. They did a brilliant job! I wonder what you could change to make this academic year sweeter? (And if you haven't tried dipping apple slices into honey, you should – it's delicious!)



We are all wonderful – and as part of our Jeans for Genes focus, Mrs Pepin shared the picture book 'We're all wonders' with the children and encouraged them to think about how they are wonderful. It is also important for us to try to spot how other people are wonderful, and what they are wonderful at.

On Thursday, Picture News worship challenged us to think about the RAAC situation in schools around the country. We thought about whether school was more than just the building we go to. We also had a chance to think about building on solid ground – like the wise man – rather than sandy unstable ground – like the foolish man.



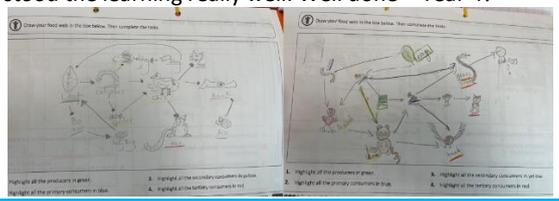
JEANS FOR GENES

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Jeans for Genes' campaign this week. We raised over £200 for the charity from your kind donations. In worship, we spent some time thinking about how genetic differences can impact people in so many ways – from hair colour, height, face shape, to changes linked to genes such as Down's Syndrome. We hear about Heidi Crowter – a young lady with Down's Syndrome who fights for rights for others with Down's and who has also fairly recently got married and published her own book. We learned that every person is wonderful in many ways no matter what genes they have, and that everyone is able to make a positive difference for others.



IDENTIFYING CONSUMERS

Year 4 have been busy learning about consumers, and using their new knowledge to identify primary, secondary and tertiary consumers. Their work showed that they had understood the learning really well. Well done – Year 4!



AWARDS FROM HOME

Lyla brought the brownie sports cup to share with us this week. She was part of the Brownie group that won the Brownie Sports Day 2023. Well done to all of the Brownies in school who were part of the group that won – and thank you Lyla for bringing it to share with us!



Maria has been competing in athletics and has achieved some extremely impressive times and distances over four events to earn her 'Quadrathlon award'. It was particularly impressive to see her jumping over 3m in the long jump. Why don't you measure out 3.13m to see



just how far she jumped – Wow! Lila is now the proud owner of her very own Blue Peter Badge. She was awarded it in recognition of her talent for dancing, and can now wear it with pride! Well done, Lila.



NEW WEBSITE UPDATE

After lots of design and hard work behind the scenes, we are pleased to share that our new school website is up and running – although there are still some pages that we are continuing to work on. Please take a moment to have a look and navigate around the site. <https://www.btschool.co.uk/> When asked about the new website, the one thing most parents were keen to be able to find out is when their child needs to wear PE kit to school. PE days are shared in the Parents section and through the calendar page. If you scroll down on the home page you will also see the 'Upcoming Events' is set to let you know whether it is Week A or Week B and this links to the PE timetables.

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 28th September
Year 4 – Thursday 13th October
Year 3 – Thursday 26th October
Year 2 – Thursday 16th November
Year 1 – Thursday 30th November
Whole School Christmas service at St Chad's – Wednesday 20th December
Reception children will complete the Harvest Journey activities in school on Thursday 14th December. We will need a few parents to support the activities in school if possible.
Please email admin3141@welearn365.com if you would like to support us on either of these dates.

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 2nd 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 – or catch your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. Thanks in advance!

TEACHERS 2 PARENTS

As you are aware, in school we have a text messaging service so that we can send messages to all, groups of, or individual parents quickly and easily. After parents inquired as to whether we could add both parents to receive messages from school, we have spoken to Teachers 2 Parents and are unfortunately not able to offer this due to a limit on the amount of numbers we can have on the system. We will continue to send messages to the first contact for each child, unless other arrangements have been made with school. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Many children from the local community are coming together to put on a fabulous performance called 'Doorway to the Stars'. The performance is raising money in memory of Annabel Greenhalgh, who was our Head Girl at BT two years ago. She loved drama and performed in many productions herself, including 'The Little Mermaid' outside of school. Tickets are now on sale, and are only £5 each. Let's fill the theatre and raise money in her memory.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As we start a new school year, it is important to remind all families that attendance at school is really important. We have created a [page on the school website](#) to share with you the importance of your child attending school, and it comes as no surprise that children who have higher attendance percentages most often make more progress than their peers. We understand that children are sometimes too poorly to come to school, and hope that the [Health page](#) helps you to when it is better to keep your child at home.



Stars of the Week:

- Year 1 – Anaayah
- Year 2 – Harrison
- Year 3 – Sehb
- Year 4 – Taylor
- Year 5 – Khylan
- Year 6 – Scarlett

Marvellous Mathematicians:

- Year 1 – Piper
- Year 2 – Teddy
- Year 3 – Ella
- Year 4 – Sehj
- Year 5 – Joe
- Year 6 – Brandon



HEADTEACHER'S STAR OF THE WEEK

Jess for showing 'Love' and 'Encourage' so well when a younger child had accidentally ventured onto the KS2 equipment and got stuck. She calmly and gently talked to the younger child to help her to navigate the net and reach the slide to safety. Thank you Jess!

C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary:

- 28th Sept – Year 5 to church
- 29th Sept – Year 6 to Manor Adventure
- Sunday 1st October – Year 5 leading Harvest Worship at St Chad's**
- 2nd Oct – School banner project in KS2 – Volunteers needed to help!**
- 4th Oct – Harvest Celebration in school
- 9th October – Open Afternoon for new Reception families Sept 2024 1:30-2:30pm
- 10th October – Open Evening for new Reception families Sept 2024 4:30-5:30pm
- 12th Oct – Open Morning for new Reception families Sept 2024 9:30-10:30am
- 13th Oct – Year 4 to church
- 26th Oct – Year 3 to church
- HALF TERM – Mon 30th Oct – Fri 3rd Nov
- 16th Nov – Year 2 to church
- 30th Nov – Year 1 to church
- 13th Dec – Reception Harvest Journey in school
- 20th Dec – Christmas Service at St Chad's

FASCINATING FACT:

The world record for the longest human long jump is greater than the world record for the longest horse long jump. Mike Powell set the human record in 1991 by jumping 8.95m, while a horse named Something under Andre Ferreira jumped 8.25m in 1975.



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