

BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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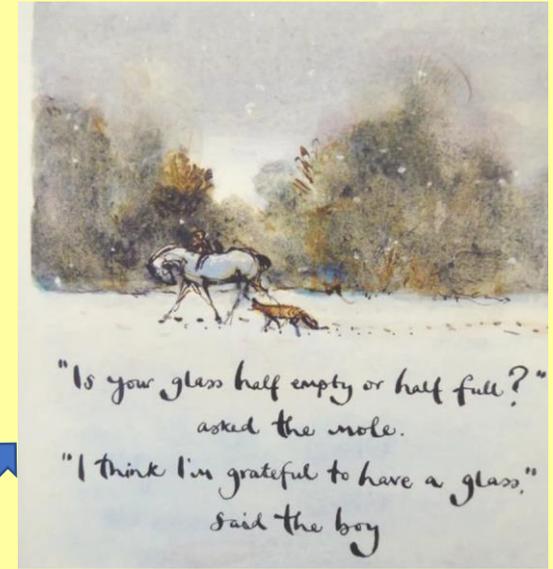
Worship this week

On Monday we heard the story of the Samaritan lady at the well and found that when she met Jesus she was ashamed of some wrong choices that she had made in her life. However, through her meeting with Jesus she realised she could be forgiven and have a fresh start. She moved on from meeting Jesus able to shine and live a better life if she chose to.

On Tuesday we celebrated children who we had spotted using the Secrets of Success and also looked at the picture shared here. We talked about the quote on the picture and shared things that we were grateful for. The children from Reception through to Year 6 were able to join in and shared some really lovely ideas of things that they were grateful for including friends, family and school.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed our worship through song with Mrs Rhodes.

On Thursday we shared Picture News in our classrooms. The question asked us to think about whether voting was the best way to change things. We thought about the upcoming election and learned about how the election is a way for adults to vote for who they would like to run the country.



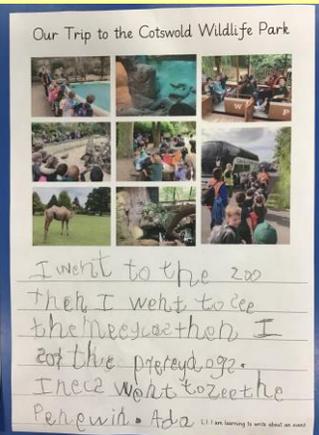
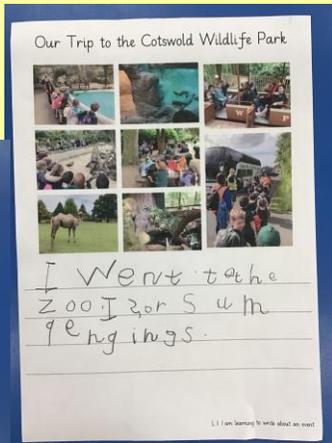
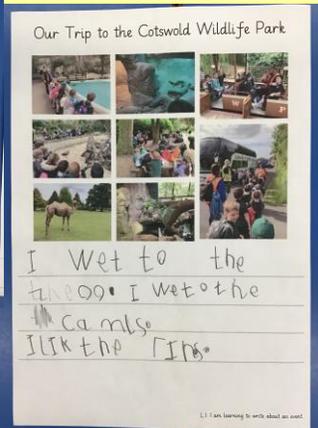
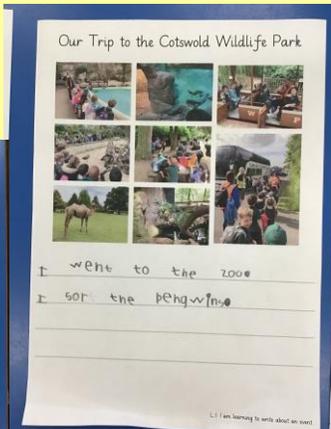
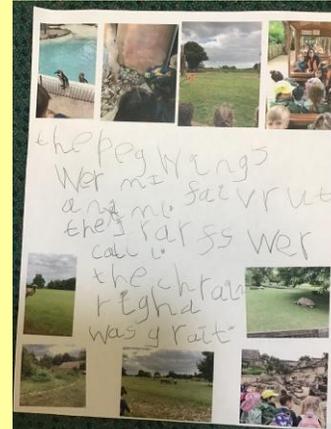
Democracy

We can take part in a variety of democratic activities to practise our right to vote in a school and home context. At age 18, we all have the right to vote and take part in making decisions that affect us and our country.



Shining at the wildlife park

Reception went on an adventure to Cotswold Wildlife Park this week. They have been learning about different animals in school and went to meet some up close. They were fabulous ambassadors on the trip, listening to the adults really carefully, spotting different animals and sharing ideas and questions with each other. The teachers were so proud of them. They have written about their trip and clearly enjoyed themselves! [You can see photos of their adventure on the school website by clicking this link.](#)





How can we make a waterproof shelter?

This week in Forest School, the Year 1 children were investigating what materials they could use to help them make a waterproof shelter. They worked as a team to put some waterproof fabric onto their shelters.

What makes a great sandwich?

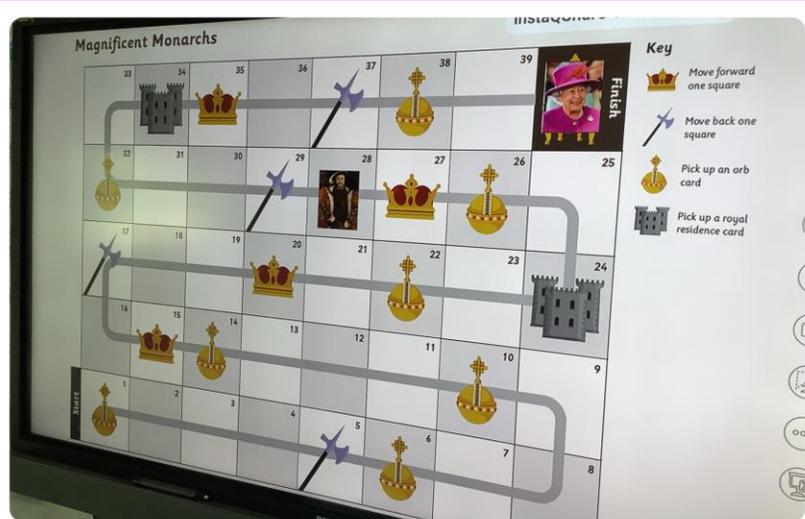
They were also wondering what made the most delicious sandwich filling and used their food technology skills of spreading, cutting, chopping to make their personally designed sandwiches.





Sharing learning

In Year 2 this week, the children have created a mobile in RE to share what they understand about the Gospel's message. Their mobile showed that Jesus came to bring peace, friendship and forgiveness.



In history they have been learning about lots of different monarchs and were collecting all of the knowledge they had learned to design and make a board game that they are going to share with the children in Year 1. They surprised themselves with how much they knew.



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How are rocks different to each other?

In Year 3 they have been investigating different types of rocks. They have been thinking about the different appearance and properties of the rocks and finding out for themselves how hard and porous they were.





Working together to make things work...

In Year 4 they have been working together to create and test different components in series circuits. It was great to see them encouraging each other to problem solve why the circuit wasn't working – trying different wires and checking connections as a team.



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They have also been investigating how to make different simple machines. They talked about the characteristics of the materials used, including the strength, rigidity and smoothness. They worked well in teams to think carefully about how each of the machines worked and why the materials were good to use.

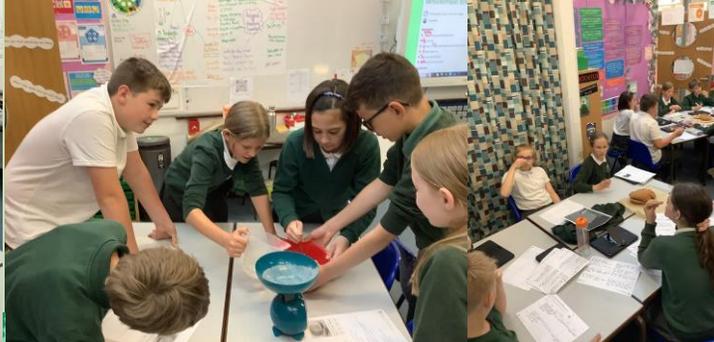


What is gravity?



Year 5 have begun thinking about forces and mechanisms in science and began by exploring the force of gravity. They explored three investigations involving dropping beanbags or water bottles at the same time. One experiment involved dropping two identical bottles – one half full and one full of water – from a height to see which would land first (mimicking Isaac Newton's experiment from the leaning tower of Pisa). They were amazed that they dropped at the same speed and hit the ground at the same time despite one being half full and one being full of water.





Bread and bicycles...

Year 6 have been busy working in groups to make bread this week. They each had a role within their group and when they weren't busy were encouraging each other. The result was some extremely tasty bread!

They have also been encouraging each other to take their cycling skills out onto the roads – which were busier than usual. Their encouragement of each other was commented on by the Bikeability teachers who were really impressed with all the groups.





Team Tachbrook in action...

This week our girls' football team were in action. This is the first game they have played together, although many of the girls play in the school football team with the boys too. They worked so hard and were encouraging each other throughout, winning 8-2. Some of the girls play often outside of school as well and already knew they had an enjoyment of and talent and skill in football, while other members of the team are less experienced and have certainly discovered that they also have a talent that they can choose to develop if they want to.





Amazing Art...

Year 4 have been thinking about the poem 'The Jabberwocky' by Lewis Carroll. They have been exploring different ways of representing the ideas in the poem visually and this week combined their ideas to make a piece of work using a grid or triangular construction frame. They worked in monochrome, using a hint of colour for a particular emphasis. [You can see all of their work on the website by clicking this link.](#)





Awards from home

This week, we have celebrated lots of awards from home. With the end of the football season and rugby season we had some children recognised within their teams: Maria was voted 'Players player of the season'; Monty was 'Most improved player of the season'; Charlie was 'Manager's player of the season'; Jai and Isaac brought silver medals from a tournament they had played in. They shared how the team had played really well and Isaac had enjoyed scoring several goals that were assisted well by his team mates.

Chester was celebrated as 'Player of the Year' in his rugby team – Harbury RFC U6's, while Oscar and Elias brought swimming awards to share. Elias earned his Level 2 and Oscar had earned his Level 5 and 25m distance award. Cleo has achieved Level 3 tumbling award and also taken part in a dance competition.

Grace and Evie have both been performing on stage. Grace was part of a PQA show at Warwick Hall performing 'Food Glorious Food', and Evie has been dancing with 'Atomic Dance' in a movie night.



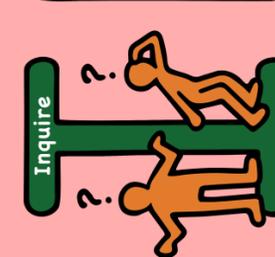
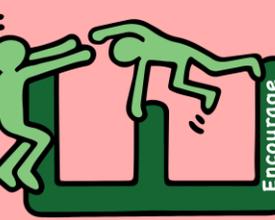
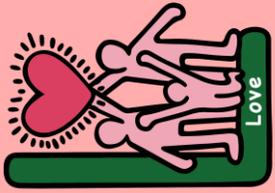


Discovering talents and skills at home

Maria has a love for art, and a talent for it too. She enjoys art lessons in school, and also attends art lessons outside of school too. She is keen to learn a range of different techniques and styles, and sometimes shares with us some of her work. This week we were blown away by her latest piece of art, a self portrait that she has been working on over the past few weeks.

What a fabulous talent you have discovered, Maria. We are so excited to see where you go with your art in the future!





IDEALS time:

The children have continued to live out the IDEALS in school and there have been lots of raffle tickets awarded again this week. We are proud of all of them.

This week the KS2 raffle ticket winners chose to explore the Labyrinth game while KS1 winners chose to play Pop Up Pirate and Uno. They all enjoyed tucking into the strawberries, raspberries and grapes, along with a glass of fizzy water. It was great to see the different strategies they used to play the games.



Raffle Ticket Results...



Dates for your diary:

- w/c 17th June is Week A
- w/c 17th June – Year 6 swimming catch up daily (2 weeks)
- Mon 17th June – Year 3 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
- Wed 19th June – Year 2 trip to Compton Verney
- Wed 19th June – Year 6 games at the Meadow 5:30-6:30 organised by James and Rev Jonathan. All welcome!
- Mon 24th June – Reception, Year 4 and Year 5 VR Day
- Tues 25th June – Reception meeting for new starters September 2024 (6pm)
- Wed 26th June – Tennis Festival for Year 3
- Thurs 27th June – Music Celebration for all children in Year 1 and 3 as well as soloists - 6pm in the school hall. **(Due to Alcester Grammar Open Evening – Year 5 will now perform on 9th July at 2:40pm)**
- w/c 1st July – Year 5 swimming catch up daily (2 weeks)
- Wed 3rd July – Year 5/6 performance to parents – 6pm
- Mon 8th July – iRock performance for parents and school
- **Tues 9th July – Year 5 brass concert for parents 2:40pm in the school hall.**
- Wed 10th July – Transition Day (Year 6 to new secondary schools, all other children meet their teachers for next year).
- Mon 15th July – Year 1 trip to St John's Victorian School House
- Friday 19th July – Year 6 leavers assembly 2:30pm

Coffee and...

These sessions run in the lodge from 8:45 – 9:30, and will often involve information to take away. If you can't stay, but would like to know more about any of these areas, please pop in to collect some information. There is no expectation for you to stop for the whole session; and if you just fancy a cup of coffee or tea, please pop in too! Remaining sessions:

~~Wed 26th June – Coffee and calculation methods CANCELLED – we will reschedule for Autumn Term.~~

Wed 3rd July – Coffee and Manor Adventure Q&A (Year 5 parents)



Communication at BT:

As a school we communicate with parents in lots of different ways so that families know what is happening in school and can support with their child's learning journey from home. Here are the different ways we communicate with families:

Text messages/Calls home

Weekly Newsletter

Letters home

Meet the Teacher sessions

Studybugs

Marvellous Me

Website

Coffee and...

Emails

Termly Learning Celebrations

Annual written report

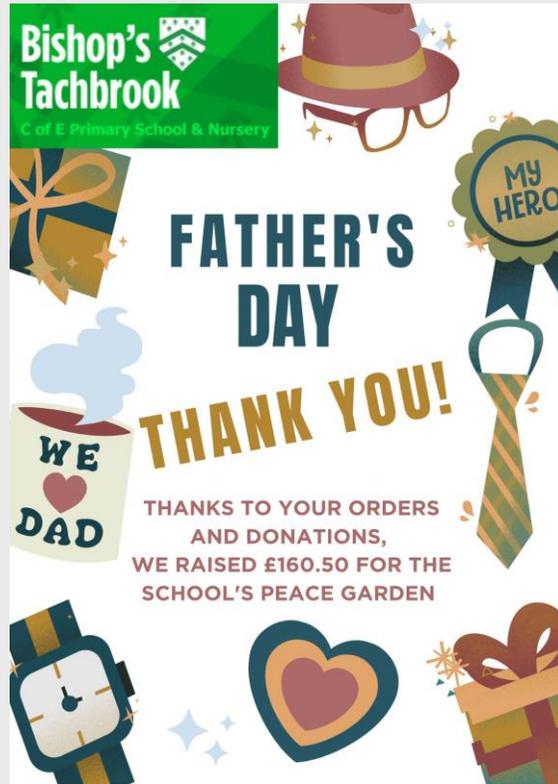
Google Forms

Open door at the end of the school day



If there are any other channels of communication you feel we could utilise, or reach families through using, or would like to share any thoughts [please share your ideas on this google form](#). We actively seek to communicate as effectively as we can with the school community.

PTA messages



[You can keep up to date with the PTA news and events on our Facebook page.](#)

"We already have enough PTA volunteers" -said no one ever.



Part-time Admin Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for a new member of our office team to provide an essential role in the smooth running of our school day to day and to continue to build and foster positive relationships with families. The job will be for 2 days (preferably Monday and Tuesday), Term-Time only, 9-4pm (30 mins lunch break).

[For more information and to access the application forms please follow this link.](#)

You can also [access the application forms on the school website.](#)

Come and chat to us if you would like to know more.

Completed application forms to be sent to admin3141@welearn365.com by the closing date of 1st July 2024.



Stars of the week:

RB – Lachlan

RP – Althea

Year 1 – Marlie

Year 2 – Teddy

Year 3 – Logan

Year 4 – Lucy

Year 5 – Joe

Year 6 – Hollie



Head Teacher's stars – Aaleigha and Emilia for writing a historically informative version of 'London's Burning' in their own time, and for performing it so well!





Remarkable Readers

RB – Phoebe

RP – Darcy

Year 1 – Toby

Year 2 – Lottie

Year 3 – Hugh

Year 4 – Jacob

Year 5 – Connor

Year 6 – Jess (Mighty Writer)

