



# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 4

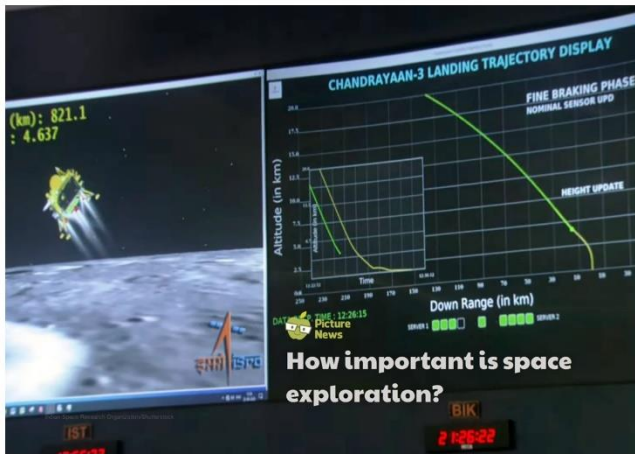


In worship this week we started thinking about Secrets of Success and how Gerald the Giraffe was able to discover his talent in dancing and shining when he achieved this.

Mrs Rhodes lead a collective worship and we enjoyed

listening to the Maple Leaf Rag by Scott Joplin and learnt a new harvest song.

This week in picture news we were asked a question 'How important is space exploration?' and discussed launching to the lunar south pole to explore to see if living on the moon is possible. Would you like to live on the moon?



In other news, the teachers raised over a whopping £1000 for Myton Hospice and Birmingham Children's Hospital. They would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who sponsored them!  
By Jai and Daniel



### DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

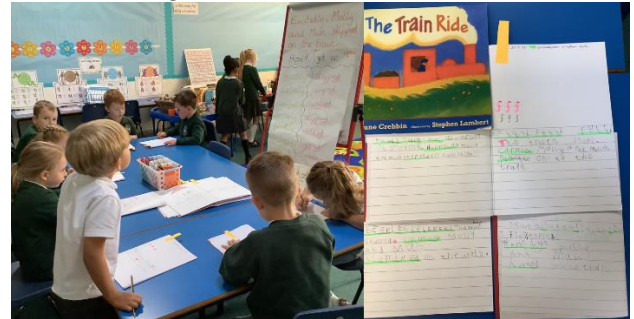
Lots of staff, and some family members, jumped in a dragon boat to raise money for Myton Hospice and Birmingham Children's Hospital last Sunday. Both of these charities are dear to our hearts for many reasons, personal and linked to children who have come to BT, particularly Annabel. We had a 'dry run' in the school hall using the plastic hockey sticks as paddles, then turned up bright and early last Sunday to find out what we had volunteered to do for real. Several of us were feeling a little nervous, but then we bumped into lots of friendly faces who had come to cheer us on and we felt much better. A huge thank you to everyone who braved the drizzle to come and support us – it really made a huge difference! We seemed to get better with each race that we rowed, and were told that our timing was really good by the organisers. Mrs Blackwell had made some fabulous hats for us to wear, and it is safe to say that we really enjoyed discovering something new together. Thank you so much to everyone [who sponsored us](#) – we managed to raise £1187.



### THE TRAIN RIDE

Year 1 have been continuing to think about train journeys and have impressed Mrs French and Mrs Power with their amazing sentences. They have learned about

onomatopoeia and fronted adverbials. The children are super proud of their own writing. Well done, Year 1!



They have also been busy creating their own train designs in the creative area in their classroom.



### HARVEST JOURNEY

Year 5 visited St Chad's Church this week and thought about Harvest. After drawing some images of harvest on the path to church, they spent some time thinking about joy, patience and peace. Creating their own clay bowls was great fun, and they spent some time looking at produce that was grown in the village, thinking about the patience farmers needed to wait for it to grow, and worked together to create a harvest tableau with the fruits and vegetables. It was tricky to decide which seeds would grow into which vegetables, but we found some experts among us who could help! We also considered the harvest of the oceans, which was a new idea to many of us. Everyone cut out some fruit to decorate a Sukkot and we said a prayer of thanks for harvest, farmers and food that we enjoyed. The children were absolute stars, and shared their ideas so thoughtfully. Well done Year 5, you all shone!





## SPACE ADVENTURE

Mrs Dixon has been working with children across school to create artwork that is linked to their ideas of space. The work is part of a project called 'Aim Higher' for world space week organised by Christina Korp. Christina is passionate about using art and the awe and wonder of space exploration to inspire. Mrs Dixon has photographed all of the children's work and sent it to become part of a giant space artwork that will be displayed in Piccadilly. Christina and astronaut Nicole Stott were so impressed with the work submitted by our children that she has invited Mrs Dixon to go along to the 'turn on' event, so that they can meet her. Well done everyone!! And a huge thank you to Mrs Dixon for giving the children the opportunity to be part of such an amazing project!

Some of the children's work is displayed in the entrance to school, and Mrs Dixon will share the video of the artwork in London when she gets back.



### Dates for your diary:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – School banner project in KS2 – Volunteers needed to help!**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Celebration in school
- 9<sup>th</sup> October – Open Afternoon for new Reception families  
Sept 2024 1:30-2:30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> October – Open Evening for new Reception families Sept 2024 4:30-5:30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Open Morning for new Reception families Sept 2024 9:30-10:30am
- 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
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 5 Space Centre Trip
- 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

## AWARDS FROM HOME

Jess has recently joined a new football team, Leamington Lionesses and was awarded player of the match in her very first game. She explained that she played as an attacker because she was so fast. Although she was disappointed that they hadn't won the game, she was still really proud of the way that the team played together, and she managed to assist the goals that her team scored. Well done, Jess.

Oscar has been developing his rugby skills out of school and this week was awarded an incredibly impressive belt in recognition of his amazing tagging skills. He explained that you didn't tag someone by touching them, but had to pull a small 'tag' off their belt. Well done, Oscar!



## 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/>

## 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 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

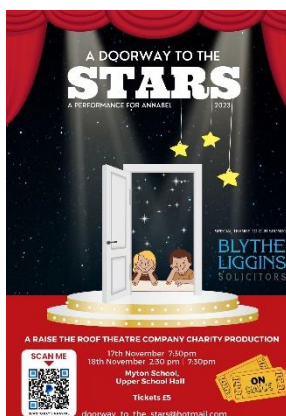
Whole School Christmas service at St Chad's – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Reception children will complete Christingle 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.

## 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 Monday 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) Thanks in advance!



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. Please see last week's newsletter for larger image and QR code.



### A SAD GOODBYE

Mrs Wetherhill has been part of the Bishop's Tachbrook family for many years now and does such a fabulous job in the school office. We are very sad to share that she will be leaving us at half term. She has decided to embark on a new adventure in the NHS, and we wish her the very best in her new role.

### VACANCY IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We are therefore looking for a new member of our office team. The position is [advertised on WMJobs](#), but if you are interested in the role, or know someone who might be, please drop into school, or drop us an email or give us a call to find out more.

[Admin3141@welearn365.com](mailto:Admin3141@welearn365.com) or 01926 426020

### 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.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE

**We will no longer be allowing children to bring scooters or bikes onto the school playground or along the paths within the school grounds past.**

If you come into school through the Kingsley Road entrance, please leave all bikes and scooters in the bay by the hall. You must walk your bike or scooter from the gate to the parking bay please.

If you come into school through the Underhill Way back entrance, please leave bikes and scooters in the outdoor classroom near the gate. This includes bikes and scooters of younger siblings who do not attend school yet. You can collect them to take them home with you after dropping your child on your way out.

The paths and playground are too busy for bikes and scooters as well as pushchairs.



### Stars of the Week:

- Year 1 – Isabella
- Year 2 – Ayva
- Year 3 – Claudia
- Year 4 – Samraj
- Year 5 – Dylan
- Year 6 – Dylan

### Mighty Writers:

- Year 1 – Harry
- Year 2 – Lauren
- Year 3 – Abi
- Year 4 – Isabelle
- Year 5 – Priya
- Year 6 – Felicity



### HEADTEACHER'S STARS OF THE WEEK

**Priya and Ellison** for being such stars organising the news for this week's celebration worship. The girls visited every classroom to collect the news and photographs, prepared what they were going to say and then even created the PowerPoint without adult support. They were so sensible and worked together so well. Thank you girls!



*C. Kilbey*

Mrs C. Kilbey  
Head Teacher

FASCINATING FACT:

Astronauts have a patch of Velcro inside their helmets in case they need to scratch their nose.

