



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 6th October 2023

Newsletter 02

Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*



TTRockstars and Numbots Day

The children really enjoyed dressing up as rock stars and robots for a fun-filled day of maths activities. Well done to everyone for the fantastic costumes!

Congratulations to the following children for being the best dressed in their class:

Brodie	YR	Jessica	Y4
Aron	Y1	Savannah	Y5
Theo	Y2	Spencer	Y6
Milo	Y3		

House Points Winners



Congratulations to **Sapphire** House for gaining the most House Points week ending 22nd September and last week. Congratulations to **Topaz** House for gaining the most House Points this week!

Attendance Winners



Well done to **Cedar** Class for best attendance week ending 22nd September and **Willow** Class last week. This week the best attendance goes to Redwood Class.



Acorn Class



Class News:

In Acorns, we have been learning about Autumn and noticing all of the changes in the world around us. The children have produced lovely artwork of trees using all of the beautiful autumnal colours - please pop your head into our room and have a look at our display boards. We have been using conkers, Autumn leaves and pine cones to help us with our play and investigations, also using magnifying glasses to look closely at them. We have even used scales to weigh and discuss those which were heavy and light, as well as counting them. Over the past few weeks, we have focused on two books to help our learning: *"The Leaf Thief"* and *"Don't Hog the Hedge"*. These have been great books to help us recognise the change in colours during Autumn, and to understand that the leaves fall off the trees during this season. We have learned about animals that hibernate and how they get ready for this during the Autumn time. *'Hibernate'* was a new word for us. I wonder if your child will remember if you ask them about it?

We have been doing lots of singing during our group times. *"Old Macdonald"* has been a firm favourite with the children as has using number rhymes/songs such as *"5 Little Ducks"* to help us with our numbers and counting.

We enjoy being outdoors and are lucky to have the sheltered space outside of our classroom, meaning we are able to get out in all weathers. We have particularly enjoyed exploring the water trays with various teapots, jugs, fruit tea, coloured water and fruit slices to squeeze. The children are having so much fun that we do not realise we are gaining strength in our hands, wrists and fingers at the same time, which helps us to get ready for writing in Reception! There is also a lot of sharing, turn taking, negotiations and conversations happening, which is great for our communication and social development.

Mrs McGroarty



Headteacher's Award

Conkers:	Betty, Evan, Aneesa
Chestnut:	Albert, Coby, Aron
Cedar:	Delilah, Reggie, Esme
Willow:	Nevaeh, Leo, Blake
Cherry:	Annabelle, Elis, Norman
Maple:	Jake, Tobious, Violet
Redwood:	Scarlett, Olivia, Nahla

Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values this week are:

Friendship:	Savannah Y5
Respect:	Betty YR, Theo YR, Toby YR, Savannah Y5
Creativity:	Ada Y1
Compassion:	Savannah Y5

Conker Class



Class News:

We have had a fun few weeks in Conkers. The children have settled into full day routines quickly and smoothly, coming in with big smiles ready to start their morning challenges with gusto.

This week, we are practising using pipettes, showing our skills at jigsaws, looking at the graphemes we have learned and making sentences using the colourful semantics format of 'who' and 'what doing'.

In Phonics, we have already learned 12 sounds and are really thinking about how to spot objects that start with these, and how to segment words that use them such as 'pig' and 'nap'.

We love having library books each week and sharing books with our Year 6 buddies. In class, we are reading in groups and taking these home to share. Please read them with your child at least four times a week.

In Maths, we have thought about size and length. Have you seen on the door our 'mini me's' showing approximately how tall we are now? We are now looking at *repeating patterns* and went on an Autumn walk collecting natural objects that we then used to create our own patterns.

In Science, we have looked at the forces *push* and *pull* and are now investigating how these apply to magnets.

Can you find anything magnetic in your house?

For RE, we have been thinking about one of our school Christian Values - friendship. We read "*The Good Samaritan*" and talked about how the characters did or did not show friendship. We discussed what made a good friend and some of us were even awarded with our 'Fantastic Friend' badges.

We had our first PE session this week. The children tried their hardest to change independently and have been working on how to turn clothes in the right way. Practising this at home would support our progress in school.

In drawing club, we have learned lots of words. 'Ambush' was one of our new words last week, and this week we are using the word '*collaborating*'. I wonder if your child can tell you what they mean?

We are looking forward to extending our work on "*The Little Red Hen*" over the next two weeks, we may even bake some bread!

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

We've had a fabulous few weeks in Chestnut Class!

Chestnut Class really enjoyed *Numbots Day* and we were blown away by the imaginative outfits! The children were really excited to use the laptops to play Numbots and it has been great to hear that so many children are using Numbots at home! We created our own robots made out of recyclable materials, which linked to our Science theme of '*everyday materials*'.

There has been lots of lovely singing in Chestnut Class as we have been practising our Trinity Sculpture song, a special song for Harvest and a song to help us remember the months of the year!

We have continued to learn about '*The Great Fire of London*'.

As historians we have been discovering the similarities and differences between life in London in 1666 and the present day. The children have enjoyed learning about the events of the Great Fire.

Chestnut Class have completed their '*Art Excellence Exhibition*' artwork and it has been amazing to see the progression in their line art. They have been so proud of their achievements, and they can't wait for the exhibition!

We look forward to welcoming families to Chestnut Class for our Parent Workshop on Thursday 19th October.

Well done Chestnut Class, you are all super learners!

Mrs O'Brien



Cedar Class

Class News:



We have been building up to many celebrations over the last few weeks including: Numbots Day, Trinity's Art Excellence Exhibition, Black History Month and Harvest.

In Maths, we are in the middle of our *place value* topic. The children have been working hard on partitioning numbers in different ways and estimating and ordering numbers on a number line. In our *Number Sense* sessions we have been making and breaking numbers and applying these skills when playing Numbots - this helps us to improve our speed and quick recall. I was amazed by the outfits and maths skills on Numbots Day, but I was even more impressed with the way Cedar Class showed friendship when helping Conkers during the Numbots battle.

In Art, we have continued to focus on our drawing skills where we have learned mark making techniques such as cross hatching and stippling. We have continued to develop our bears using charcoal, oil pastels and pencils. Next week we will develop our drawings into our very own story characters and will be becoming illustrators.

On Monday, we had a super exciting trip to meet an author and illustrator in Bath. *Nadia Shireen* captivated the children with her story, but the highlight had to be the live drawing session where the children were able to learn how to draw two of Nadia's characters *Fat Cat* and *Geoffrey*. The children have been so inspired by this they have continued to make story books and characters in class, including playdough *Jitters* and *Fat Cat's Kitten Adventures*!

In History, we are continuing to learn about the life of *Mary Seacole* and how she broke social rules to travel the world, run businesses and help those in need – even in the most dangerous places. Next, we are going to be comparing her life and work to *Florence Nightingale* - both having a huge impact on the nursing profession.

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class



Class News:

It has been a busy few weeks for Willow Class! In Maths, we are coming to the end of our place value topic. The children have been working hard on estimating numbers to 1,000 on a number line and ordering numbers to 1,000 in ascending and descending order. Our next topic, which we will start next week, is going to be on *addition* and *subtraction*.

In English, the children have continued to write sentences based on a fairy tale story. The children have continued to read the novel: "*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*" and have created some incredible detailed sentences linked with the story. We have specifically been focusing on *onomatopoeia* and *similes* within our writing and the children have been coming up with some fantastic examples of similes!

In Science, we have continued our rocks topic. Last week, the children used chocolate, sweets and marshmallows

to understand how *sedimentary*, *igneous* and *metamorphic* rocks are formed. This week, we started our first science experiment! The children will be investigating three rock samples and will have to identify which category they belong in.

In Geography, the children have continued learning about mountains. We spent the last week understanding how mountains are formed and what the three types of mountains are. This week, the children were introduced to volcanoes and had the challenge of labelling the different features of a volcano.

Finally, last Friday the children celebrated TTRockstars day. The children all made a fantastic effort and we all had a great day practising our times tables!

Willow Class, you have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks, keep it up!

Miss Jones



Cherry Class



Class News:

In Cherry Class, we've been busy working hard and learning together. We've continued our work on the *Romans* and have learned about the influence that *Julius Caesar* had on the Roman Empire. We have also been studying what life was like for the Celtic people in Britain, before the Roman invasions!

We have linked lots of our English work to our Roman history topic and have been writing diary entries from the perspective of a slave who has visited the amphitheatre to watch the gladiators! The children have shown a great understanding of what these battles would have been like.

In Science, we have continued our work on *electricity* and have been investigating which materials

are electrical conductors and which are electrical insulators. The children have been making their own electrical circuits to test their hypothesis!

The children made a fantastic effort to dress up for the TTRockstars day and had a brilliant time competing in mathematical challenges against their friends. Well done everyone!

Finally, we are beginning to study *Dr Martin Luther King Jr* as part of Black History Month. So far, we have been learning about who he was and why he is such a significant historical figure.

Keep up the good work, Cherry Class!

Mr Hancock



Maple Class



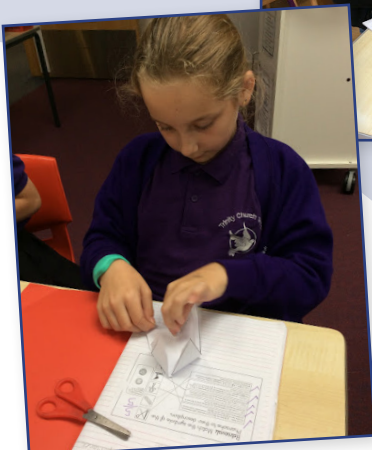
Class News:

In Maple Class, we have continued learning about *Annie Edson Taylor*, the first person to go over the top of Niagara Falls in a barrel. We now know that she survived her stunt and the children are excited to find out what happens next. Will she become famous across the USA? Does she make lots of money as a daredevil? As part of our learning, we have written postcards, a balanced argument, letters and newspaper reports. In Reading, we are continuing to read: "*Cosmic*" by *Frank Cottrell-Boyce*.

Maple Class really enjoyed the TTRockstars and Numbots day - the children's outfits were absolutely fantastic! In PE, Maple Class has been taking part in football lessons with Mr Lucy and tag-rugby lessons with Miss Phillips.

We are still learning about the *Ancient Egyptians* in History and Geography. As part of our learning, we recently made 3D pyramids from nets and we have been playing Ancient Egyptian board games. The theme of Maple Class's parent workshop is focused on the Ancient Egyptians - we hope to see you on Wednesday 18th October.

Miss Phillips





Class News:

Redwood Class

In Redwood Class, we have continued learning about *World War 2*. The children have enjoyed learning about the evacuees, as well as the rationing that took place. This topic has also linked well with their Design and Technology where they made *Woolton pies*. This is a pastry dish of vegetables which was traditionally made during the Second World War when rationing and shortages made other dishes hard to prepare.

In Maths, we have moved onto our *addition*, *subtraction*, *multiplication* and *division* unit. We have begun by looking at multiples and factors and will be moving on to look at long division and multiplication. This ties in well with our recent TTRockstars day, where the children got to apply all they had learned and play against different classes.

Miss Walker



Harvest Celebration

Yesterday, we welcomed many parents to our Harvest Celebration and it was wonderful to have you all back in school watching your children perform. Over the past few weeks, the children have really enjoyed practising the Harvest-themed songs, and they sang them with real gusto! Our Cajon players were absolutely fantastic accompanying the singers and helped make it a memorable event.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in donating to the Somer Valley Food Bank this year - the table of Harvest produce looked beautiful. We would like to continue providing the Trinity Food Bank for families who need it this year. If you can spare any dry goods or household products, please drop them into the office (along with any unwanted carrier bags if you can!). If you need anything from the Food Bank, please just let us know. Many of our families have benefited from it so far - and as things are not getting easier financially for many, a little bit of help can go a long way.



Doodle Maths

Congratulations to the following children for gaining their certificate in Doodle Maths

Francis Y3

Grace Y3

Bella Y3



Quad Kid Champions

A couple of weeks ago, the school took a team of Year 4 and 5 children to compete in a Quad Kids athletic event. The children completed a long distance run, a sprint, the javelin, long jump and speed bounce. They worked in teams of five with the top four results from each event counting towards the school's final score as they battled against ten other schools. They were incredible, and when all the results were in they were crowned champions!

A special well done to Clara who came top overall in the girls category. The children all received their medals in Celebration Assembly and the plaque is on display in the school entrance.

On Wednesday evening, we took three football teams over to St. Mary's to play some friendly matches. There was some fantastic football on display and the children from both schools demonstrated brilliant attitudes. We are very proud of you all!

The News Crew!

Welcome to a new section of our newsletter which has been written and created by our News Crew. They will be reporting on any exciting news happening around the school.

Over the last few weeks, the Librarians have been working hard to transform the Library. They have spent their break times and lunch times rearranging the books and making the Library a more inviting place for classes to come and read.

Once they had organised the Library, it was time to display some of the artwork that had been gifted to the school. An ex-student's dad kindly created some amazing illustrations and what better place to show them off than the Library! The pictures include well known book characters such as *Cat in the Hat*, *Harry Potter* and even *Paddington Bear* - all wearing Trinity School uniform! To find out more about the Librarians and what they do, we decided to interview our Head Librarians, Emily and Ben, about their very special role.

What is the role of the Librarians? As Librarians, we ensure the Library stays tidy, put all the books away and manage the general upkeep.

Who decides who the Librarians are? At the beginning of the school year, Redwood Class has a vote to determine who our Librarians will be.

How do we know who the school Librarians are? All the Librarians wear special Librarian badges.

The Librarians even create book reviews on different genres such as *fantasy*, *mystery* and *sci-fi*. So, if you are not sure what book to read next, they may be able to help you!

This edition's report was created by Emily, Spencer, Eliana and Natalya (Year 6)



Dates for your Calendar 2023-2024 - Term 1

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 11th October	Flu Vaccinations	Year R-6
Thursday 12th October	Y4 Parent Workshop	Year 4
Friday 13th October	Netball Match Trinity v Kilmersdon at home	
Monday 16th October	School Photos	Whole School
Monday 16th October	Netball Tournament @ Norton Hill 4-5.30pm	
Wednesday 18th October	Y5 Parent Workshop	Year 5
Thursday 19th October	Y1 Parent Workshop	Year 1
Thursday 19th October	Monster Mash Disco - 5-6.30pm	Year R-6
Friday 20th October	END OF TERM 1 - HALF-TERM BREAK	Whole School
Monday 30th October	INSET DAY 3	Whole School
Tuesday 31st October	Start of Term 2	Whole School
Monday 6th November	MSN Small Schools Football Tournament @ Norton Hill	
Monday 20th November	Girls Football Tournament @ Norton Hill	

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to the following children for their Outside Achievements:

Thea Y3 - Dance

Olivia Y3 - Level 3 Gymnastics

Ada Y5 - Cub of the year



Volunteer Readers



We are putting together a team of volunteer readers made up of parents, carers and grandparents. This would involve coming into school and listening to our wonderful children read. If you, or a grandparent are able and willing, please could you let Mr Pollock know.



Family Holiday Activities

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Book online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays



Threads through Creation October 2023

Creative workshops for children inspired by the stunning 'Threads through Creation' exhibition. Take time to see the wonderful, supersized fabric panels before your craft session; pick up a free family trail leaflet and explore the kaleidoscope of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course many, many different creatures!

Felted Worlds Monday 23 October*

Make a mini felted Earth to hang at home, complete with your message for a better world.

Spectacular Spirals Tuesday 24 October*

Take inspiration from spirals in the exhibition and in nature. Try circular weaving or create a snazzy snake mobile.

Fabric Creations Wednesday 25 October*

Stitch a mini textile panel or use fabric and glue to create a colourful creature collage.

**Sessions at 10.00 a.m., 11.15 a.m., and 2.00 p.m.*



Scan to book:

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)

£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; Accompanying adults FREE

Please note that Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and no dogs are allowed at family activities.



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2ND, 9TH, 16TH & 23RD NOVEMBER

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