



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 20th October 2023

Newsletter 03

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

LITERATURE FESTIVAL

A small group from Years 5 and 6 - keen readers and aspiring writers - went to listen to *Elle McNicholl* and *Lizzie Huxley Jones* at the Bath Literature Festival last week. We were excited to hear about their new books and the exciting characters they have created, along with how their home countries of Scotland and Wales influenced their writing. We were also fascinated to learn they were both autistic and how this had made a difference to why and how they write. We thought they were amazing and were excited to have a photo opportunity after the talk with Elle McNicholl. We have returned to school to read more of their stories and some of us have begun to write our own too. Maybe one day we will be writers on the stage inspiring a younger generation to write!



House Points Winners



Congratulations to both **Emerald** and **Sapphire** House for gaining the most House Points last week - children in both houses enjoyed a non-uniform day yesterday.

Attendance Winners



Well done to both **Cedar** and **Willow** Class for being joint with best attendance last week and **Redwood** Class this week.

Christian Values Awards



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

- Friendship:** Bella Y3, Kyran, Natan, Cody, Norman, Annabelle, Neave, Edie and Jessica Y4
- Respect:** Archie Y3, Norman Y4
- Creativity:** Jessica Y4
- Compassion:** Bella and Archie Y3, Natan and Cody Y4, Clara Y5
- Trust:** Jessica Y4, Jake Y5

Outside Achievements



Congratulations to the following children for their Outside Achievements:

Ivy Y3 - Performer of the week at audition

Olivia Y3 - Girl's Brigade

Annabelle and **Neave** in **Y4** have started playing for Purnell's Under 9 Girls Football Team. To date, they have won their last three games. Well done girls!



Acorn Class



Class News:

Wow, the time has really flown by and we have already finished our first term in Acorns Class. We have been really busy settling in, getting to know our new friends and learning new routines. All the adults have been so impressed by how the children have coped and adapted to this new school year.

We have been reading: "The Enormous Turnip" story which has led us on to lots of fun vegetable related activities, including vegetable printing, sorting vegetables by type and size and even making our own vegetable soup. We have particularly enjoyed scooping the seeds out of pumpkins and then using the shells in our water play - then hammering play nails into them, which took lots of strength and coordination.

Our Maths focus has been 'sorting.' We have carried out some group activities with the grown-ups to understand what the term 'sort' really means, and then practised our sorting skills independently throughout the sessions. We are particularly good at sorting items into colour groups now.

The cafe/kitchen role-play area has been very popular since it has been moved to a new area of Acorns. Many cups of tea and tasty meals have been prepared for each other. During these times, the children have demonstrated great team work, turn-taking and negotiation skills, all while having lovely conversations and engaging in imaginary play based on real life experiences.

Mrs McGroarty



Special Events

Last week, as part of our learning during Black History Month, all of the children had the opportunity to participate in an exciting VR experience on indigenous Australia.

The indigenous culture is one of the oldest surviving cultures in the world. Virtual Reality transports you to places you cannot easily visit. The workshop included interactive games and incredible CGI video.

The children had a brilliant time and it prompted discussions and questions back in the classrooms.



Headteacher's Award

Conkers:	Daisy, Matteo
Chestnut:	Penny, Charlie S
Cedar:	Amber, Levi
Willow:	Harry, Brad
Cherry:	Archie, Neave
Maple:	Aron, Ada
Redwood:	Eliana, Macey



Conker Class



Class News:

Wow, we have reached the end of our first term of our first year in school - and what a busy term it has been!

We have now learned 20 single sounds, of which one was a *digraph*. I'm hoping the children can tell you what a digraph is as we repeat this every day (in case they can't, it's 2 letters that make 1 sound!). We have learned 3 common exception words and are beginning to read and write simple phrases using them.

In Maths, we are working on numbers up to 3. We have looked at how they can be broken into different parts and how we can put two quantities together to equal 3. We are trying to use the word '*equal*' rather than '*make*'. We have looked at clocks and how to read the o'clocks for 1 to 3.

Subitising - recognising the quantity without counting - is a skill that we are developing up to 3, as well as the cardinality of an amount we count e.g. "1, 2, 3 - there are 3 conkers".

We have been thinking about what being an artist means. All the children thought that an artist had to be someone who painted or drew, so we have looked at how they could be photographers, musicians and even potters. We looked at the artist *Yvonne Coomber* who enjoys painting flowers outside and worked collaboratively to create

works in her style. This involved mixing shades, painting circles within circles, using long movements for the leaves and stalks, as well as splatter painting for the smaller flowers. Some of the children ended up with pretty coloured freckles!

We hope you all have a restful half term and that the children come back reinvigorated.

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

We've had a fantastic start to the new academic year in Chestnut Class. The children have all settled in very well and are working hard in all subjects!

In English, we have been exploring the story of: "*Little Red Riding Hood*". We have been using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in our sentences. The children have been using really exciting vocabulary in their writing. We are now ready for our first independent big write! Next term, we will start writing about a new narrative tale based on an animation.

In Maths, we have been exploring *place value*. This has included writing numbers as words, comparing groups, counting 1 more and 1 less. Next term we'll be focusing on *addition* and *subtraction*.

We have such amazing historians in Chestnut Class! As part of our learning about *The Great Fire of London*, we have created our own timelines, investigated why *Samuel Pepys* is significant, and why the fire lasted so long. The children have enjoyed learning songs about the fire too!

In Science, we have been exploring everyday materials with lots of hands-on exploration and investigation. We have been sorting objects by their materials and properties. Next term, we'll investigate the most suitable material for an umbrella for a teddy! Well done, Chestnut Class - what a great start! I can't wait to see your progress and achievements next term. Have a wonderful break.

Mrs O'Brien



Cedar Class

Class News:



Well what a wonderful first term in Cedar Class! The children have all worked incredibly hard across the curriculum and I am very proud of their achievements so far.

In Maths, we have come to the end of our place value topic. Over the last two weeks the children have been estimating amounts, making amounts and placing numbers on a numberline. *Place value* underpins all of our Maths learning and we will continue to refer to this when we move onto our *addition* and *subtraction* unit after half term. Cedar Class have improved significantly on Numbots this term and have received many virtual certificates for their achievements.

In English, our trip recount completed our learning on past tense and recounts. Over the last week, we have been focusing on our punctuation and grammar. I have been impressed with how the children

have used adjectives to make expanded noun phrases and I cannot wait to see how they apply these to our story topic next term.

As scientists, we have been exploring *animals* and their *habitats* with lots of classification and sorting. The children completed their first '*fair test investigation*' exploring ideas like "*Do the oldest children in year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have the biggest hands?*". Next term, we'll be completing some hands-on explorations around materials and their properties.

I hope everyone has a well deserved rest and enjoys their half term break. I look forward to seeing everyone back next term where we will be learning about Remembrance.

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class

Class News:



We have had a fantastic term in Willow Class! The children have all worked incredibly hard and have settled into KS2 beautifully.

In Maths, we have continued our *addition* and *subtraction* topic. Over the last two weeks, the children have been adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s within 3-digit numbers. This week, the children have been introduced to exchanging tens and ones when adding 3-digit numbers. After half term, the children will be learning about column addition and subtraction.

In English, the children have come to the end of our fairytale story of "*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*". They all came up with some fantastic sentences! After half term, Willow Class will be introduced to a new narrative story.

This month, Willow Class has been learning about Black History Month. For English and History, the children learned about *Katherine Johnson*. They spent last week

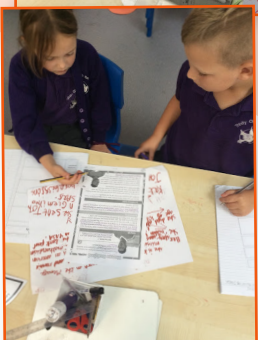
researching who she was and why she is an important inspiration to our history. This week the children have been writing biographies about Katherine Johnson and have produced some fantastic sentences about her life.

We have also been learning about *Aboriginal Australia*. The children have spent time researching Aboriginal art then planning and making their very own Aboriginal music shaker! They also enjoyed the VR workshop based on Black History Month last week.

Finally, Willow Class are coming to the end of our Geography and Science topics. We will be starting some new exciting topics next term.

Willow Class has worked incredibly hard this term, they should all be very proud of themselves, well done! I hope you all have a wonderful break and a well deserved rest.

Miss Jones



Cherry Class



Class News:

I can't believe we're already at the end of our first term in Year 4 - how time flies! Cherry Class has made a great start to the academic year and I'm sure that will continue after half term.

The children have continued to work really hard, right up until the end of the term. In Maths, we have been securing our methods for addition and subtraction, as well as consolidating our place value knowledge. Next term in Maths, we will begin looking at measurement of shapes, including 'area', as well as working on our times tables.

To celebrate Black History Month, we have been learning about the life and achievements of *Dr Martin Luther King Jr.* As part of our English learning, the children have been conducting research on Dr King, and writing biographies of his life based on their findings.

In Art and DT, the children have been putting their creative skills to the test. We have now finished the front side of our Roman shields, completing the painting and detailing stage this week. They are



now ready for their handle to be added and for them to be tested in 'battle'! Furthermore, the children have continued to work hard on their Roman catapults, where they've been sensibly using a range of equipment and resources such as saws and glue guns!

I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for their efforts with swimming this term. They have managed to complete the walks, in all winds and weathers, in record breaking times! The feedback from the adults that have walked with them has been nothing but positive, with everyone praising their 'can-do' attitudes!

I hope everyone has a well deserved rest and enjoys their half term break. I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed next term!

Mr Hancock



Maple Class



Class News:

What a fantastic first term of Year 5!

We are now half way through our Geography and History topic on the *Ancient Egyptians*. This week, some of the parents from Maple Class were able to join us for a parent workshop where we made our own papyrus (Egyptian paper) which we finished decorating at the end of the week. In Music, Maple Class has been learning a song called: "*Here Come the Egyptians*." We are looking forward to continuing our learning on the Ancient Egyptians after half term.

As part of Black History Month, Maple Class has been learning about *Maya Angelou*, a well-known writer and poet who overcame many difficulties in her childhood. We have written biographies about Maya and created posters to celebrate Black History Month. The children in Maple Class also really enjoyed the Aboriginal virtual reality experience workshop which visited the school last week.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you all back for Term 2.

Miss Phillips





Class News:

Redwood Class

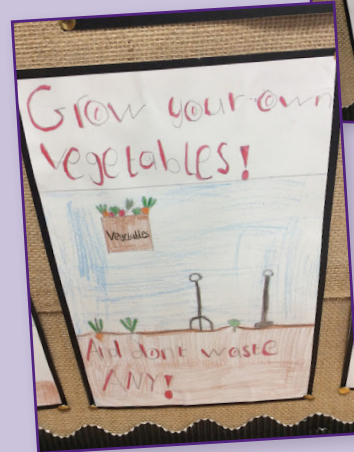
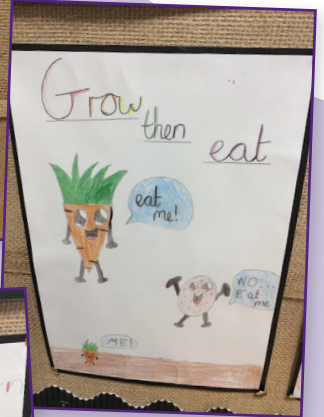
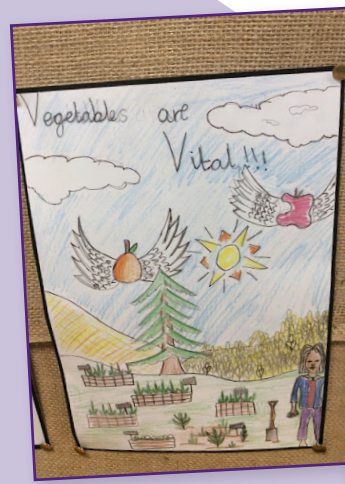
We have had a great first term back in Redwood Class!

In Maths, the children have worked hard on the *addition*, *subtraction*, *multiplication* and *division* unit. They have learned how to use long division and have developed their knowledge on factors and multiples. We are now moving onto our first unit of fractions. During this unit, we will focus on adding and subtracting different fractions.

In History, we have been learning about *propaganda* and how it was used during World War 2 to inform people. The children then went on to create their own propaganda posters based on the 'Dig for the Victory' campaign. After half term, we will continue our topic on World War 2 and will look at what happens during an air raid.

Well done again for all your hard work and I look forward to welcoming you back after the half term break!

Miss Walker



Thought of the week



We have continued to explore *Black History Month* through our class collective worship this term and using our Picture News packs exploring our big question:

October is Black History Month in the UK. This year's theme is '*Saluting our Sisters*' - highlighting the role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities in the UK. Commemorations will feature Black women, who have made outstanding contributions to many areas including music, literature, fashion, sport, business, politics, and health care. We celebrated key women such as *Nicola Adams* (Olympic Gold Medal winning boxer) and *Diane Abbott* (first Black woman to be elected to UK Parliament). These women could be described as trailblazers - the first to do or achieve something and introducing new ideas, methods or a new way of doing things.

We found out about *Olive Morris* (in our picture) who was a Black community leader and activist, born in St Catherine, Jamaica, in 1952. When she was 9 years old, she moved to London to join her parents, who had already migrated there as part of the Windrush generation. When she was just 17 she intervened in the arrest of a Nigerian diplomat. This was her motivation to begin her fight against racism in Britain. She achieved a great deal throughout her life, becoming a powerful activist in the fight against discrimination in the 1970s.

Olive Morris understood the unfairness of how some Black people were being treated in the 1960s and 70s in the UK, and felt that someone had to act. We can learn from Olive's actions, remembering that if we see or experience injustice, we have a choice to do something about it.



British Values



Democracy

In the past, some people have been ignored because of their colour. Everyone has a voice and the right to be heard.

Protected Characteristics

Nobody should ever be overlooked, ignored or treated unfairly because of their colour.



The News Crew!

This week's Newsletter News Crew are members of Maple Class. Our names are Isaac, Savannah, Ollie and Shiloh and we have interviewed children in all the classes to find out what has been going on at Trinity over the last couple of weeks.

Savannah and Isaac interviewed Macey and Spencer from Redwood Class about what they have been learning in Year 6:

What is your favourite thing about being in Year 6?

We love the school trips.

What are you learning about in Maths?

Long division and it is very hard.

What are you learning about in English?

We have been writing biographies about David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg and letters about World War 2.

What subject do you enjoy the most?

Cooking is our favourite.

Isaac and Shiloh interviewed Toby, Ada and Sophie from Maple Class about what they have been learning in Year 5:

Do you enjoy year 5?

Yes, because we are learning about lots of new subjects.

What has been your favourite subject in Year 5?

DT because we are making pop-up books.

What have you been learning about recently?

We learned about Annie Edson Taylor going over Niagara Falls in a barrel in our English lessons.

Did you enjoy the virtual reality headset workshop?

Yes, because we could explore Aboriginal people.

Ollie and Isaac interviewed Archie and Annabelle in Cherry Class about their swimming lessons:

What have you been doing in swimming?

We have been learning front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.

Have you been enjoying your swimming lessons?

Yes, because it's important to know how to swim because it can save you if you start drowning.

How long does it take you to walk to your swimming lessons?

About 45 minutes to get there and then 45 minutes back.

Who is your swimming teacher?

Michelle but she is leaving soon.

Savannah and Shiloh interviewed Harry, Thea, Grace and Sonny in Willow Class about the Excellence Exhibition:

What was your favourite part about the Excellence Exhibition?

Grace - Using chalk and charcoal.

Do you like drawing?

Harry - I liked drawing the teeth on the skull.

What did you draw?

Thea - I drew a spikey shell.

How many drafts did it take?

Sonny - I did a lot of drafts, maybe five.

Ollie and Savannah interviewed Finley and Daisy in Cedar Class about their recent trip to the Bath Literature Festival:

Did you enjoy it?

Finley - Yes, because when she read the book I liked it.

Who was the author?

Nadia Shireen.

What was your favourite part?

It was the drawing.

How did you get there?

Daisy - We went on a coach.

Shiloh and Isaac interviewed Jack, Holly and Amelia.J in Chestnut Class about what they have been learning in Year 1:

What have you been doing in your class?

Jack - We have been learning about sharing toys in our class.

What do you like doing best?

Holly - I like reading the most. I read 'The Dinosaur's Packed Lunch' before and I really liked it.

What are you learning about?

Amelia.J - We have been learning about Little Red Riding Hood in English.

Do you enjoy learning in Year 1?

Jack - I really like learning in Year 1.

Holly - I like learning in Year 1 because it reminds me of reading.

Amelia.J - I like learning because I like writing.

Isaac and Ollie interviewed Theo, Betty and Aneesa in Conker Class about what they have been learning in Reception:

What have you been learning about?

Jack - We have been learning about some flowers from the artist Yvonne Coomber.

Do you like Reception class?

Aneesa - I like it here because I have lots of friends.

What is your favourite subject?

Betty - I like Science because we need to mix up lots of stuff.



Dates for your Calendar 2023-2024 - Term 2

Date	Event	Notes
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
Wednesday 1st November	Football match @ Kilmersdon C of E Primary School	
Monday 6th November	MSN Small Schools Football Tournament @ Norton Hill	
Monday 20th November	Girls Football Tournament @ Norton Hill	


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 is able and willing, please could you let Mr Pollock know.

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