

Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 8th May 2020

Newsletter 30

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





Headteacher's Message

As another week of home learning comes to an end, I am yet again amazed by all the fantastic and imaginative learning the children have been completing. We all recognise the pressures that you as parents must be under; trying to juggle working from home yourselves, with looking after and supporting the children with their learning, so I just want to express my thanks to you all for really rising to the challenge! All staff have been working hard either at home, or in school to provide learning opportunities for the children and I know they all really enjoy seeing the work that they are producing and being able to interact via Seesaw, Google Classroom and shared videos. Please continue to upload children's learning over the week, as it is our way of being able to support them with their learning. The class teachers are all available to discuss any concerns or worries that you may have, so please do keep in touch.

We are keeping a close eye on the latest Government advice and as soon as we know more about any news linked to the reopening of schools, we will of course let you know. In the meantime, we will continue to support and provide home learning opportunities for the children through Seesaw, Google Classroom and the school website.

Many parents are repeatedly asking us to pass on their thanks to our wonderful and dedicated Trinity staff team – all of whom are keen to make sure that our key worker children can still come into school to ensure their parents can keep fighting the coronavirus; and that our children at home can continue with their learning. Thank you to all of them, they are all truly incredible.

This week our Year 6 children have put together a video and a collection of stories and creative tasks for our friends at Gracewell. We hope the residents are all keeping safe and well. Our children are all looking forward to when we are able to visit them once again. Don't forget to visit our <u>Gracewell page</u> to see the children's amazing contributions. I'm sure they will put a smile on everyone's faces.

This Friday is 'VE Day 75'. Look out for Mrs Clements' assembly to mark the occasion. We are inviting all Trinity families to safely celebrate 'VE Day 75', on Friday 8th May, by decorating your houses, and hosting a Stay At Home Street Party with your neighbours! Visit our webpage dedicated to 'VE Day 75' to find out more information and for some fun, creative activities to try.

Please do not travel to friends or families houses, and maintain social distancing at all times. Send us pictures of your celebrations.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

Mrs Parsons

Churches across the UK have put together an uplifting song to bless our homes and families. Why not play it in your home this weekend.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lzeu7P8EgSc







Acorn Class

Class News:

This week so far Acorns have been busy having a go at Mrs Kirby's Yoga and I know they have done some super counting with Miss Watts. I have enjoyed receiving pictures and drawings of what you have been doing this week, please keep them coming! It was lovely to hear many of Acorns singing Happy Birthday to Caspar this week, you all sounded wonderful. Have a great week Acorns and keep up the good work, you are all stars.





Thought of the week

Today (Friday 8th May 2020) we are commemorating the 75th anniversary for VE Day (Victory in Europe following World War 2)

During the 5 years of the war, people came together in communities to support each other as they dealt with the changes to their everyday lives; they lived through The Blitz and came to terms with separation as their children were evacuated and also the loss of loved ones who died as a result of the conflict. The time we are living in today has a similar parallel to that of wartime

Britain. They had no idea when the war would end, just like us having no idea when lockdown will finish. Our relatives had hope, they kept going and demonstrated great respect for those who had fallen. Our challenge this week is to maintain the same hope, perseverance and respect for all our NHS and key workers.

As you engage in celebrations today, be thankful for all the people who gave their lives so that we are able to live in peace.

Mrs Clements

Conker Class

Class News:

This week Conker Class has been exploring Space. We have been focusing on the two story books, 'Goodnight Spaceman' and 'Aliens Love Underpants'. Children have been set the task to make moon rocks with their phase 3 sounds, to create their own planet, to create a menu that you might find in space, to make an alien mask and to find out about our solar system. Once again Conkers have risen to the challenge sending me lots of wonderful work via Seesaw. Thank you for all your hard work and effort.

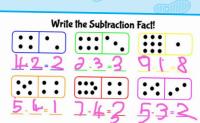
Miss Southwell





Friendship: Annabelle for writing a thank you card to her mum and dad, thanking them for all their hard work and supporting her.

Courage: Cody for working hard at home with his learning pack and finishing his work to a high standard.





The Solar System

had to rook from the





HT Award

Edie: Edie has been working so hard over the past few weeks. She has been focusing on her phonics and her maths activities. She has enjoyed popcorn phonics and reading me the alien words. I have seen improvements in her writing and her ability to understand mathematical concepts. Well done Edie, keep up the hard work!

Chestnut Class

Class News:

Chestnut Class has continued to learn about the Lion King this week. They have been writing facts about lions and finding out about the circle of life. In maths, the children are doing practical grouping, using resources at home to help them. I have seen straws, marbles, pens and even cookies being used as counters - yum! There has also been some brilliant African project work. Toby and Harvey have demonstrated their artistic side by painting a beautiful Savanna, Ada and Leo have made delicious looking African fruit surprises and Fynn made and directed a Lion King puppet show. Lots of Chestnut Class children have also been labelling body parts of African animals in science and making lion masks in DT. That is just naming a few of the fantastic examples I've seen this week! I've also had the pleasure of hearing lots of the class read as they have recorded themselves for our phonics lessons. I have loved hearing each and every one of you read - please keep sending me videos! Chestnut Class also got to see each other in our Lion King class video, it's been great to see everyone smiling! Keep up the fantastic effort Chestnut Class -you are all amazing!

Mrs Roberts

Christian Value Award



Creativity: Toby and **Harvey** for their beautiful Savanna paintings.

Courage: Ada for persevering and not giving up with some tricky maths. Keep it up Ada!





HT Award

This week's award goes to **Aron** for his continued effort with home learning. Every day **Aron** is trying his absolute best with all the tasks and doesn't give up if he finds something tricky. On a daily basis **Aron** shows resilience, determination and courage as he tries something new in his learning-well done **Aron!**



Cedar Class

Class News:

This week Cedar Class has explored the imagery in our fabulous class story Beegu. Alexis Deacon uses contrasting colours and lines to emphasise Beegu's emotions. Some of us experimented drawing Beegu with soft brush strokes to show a softer cuddly version of her vs harsh lines. We paused our story on a bright and hopeful image of a playground. Cedar Class then wrote instructions for their favourite playground games.

We have made links with our Beegu story and with our science learning which is all about growing up and taking care. Some of us have thought about Beegu's family and family resemblances. Some of us have created healthy menus, exercises and sports posters for Beegu. Maybe next week we could think of some hygiene ideas for Beegu such as demonstrating how we brush our teeth and why this is important.

Well done Cedar Class and a particularly big well done for all the maths, spag and reading comprehension you have been doing since the first week of home learning!

Miss Musgrove





HT Award

Isabella for settling into a great home learning routine and doing a fantastic job with her phonics and reading. She is not only completing lots of academic work but she is also learning to cook, sew and she is learning about insects and plants around the garden.

Christian Value Award



Creativity: Isabella, Jake and Spencer for their fantastic cooking creations.

Rebecca for her 'Wonders of the World' crafts and flags.

Courage: Spencer for keeping up with his fitness regimes and morning runs.

Friendship: Riley, Rebecca and Spencer who thought of excellent ideas when creating a friend for Beegu the alien.

Isabella who has shown friendship when making crafts with her little brother.



HT Award

This week the headteacher award goes to **Charlie** and **Phoebe-Mai**, They both approach their learning at home with quiet dedication producing work of a consistently high standard and I always look forward to reading the work that they share. You should both be extremely proud of how you have approached your learning at home. Well done.





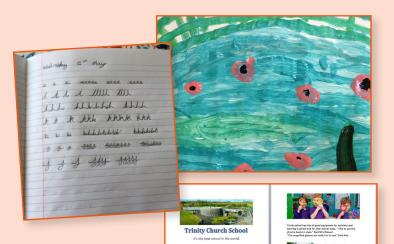
Christian Value Award

Creativity: Inspired by Monet's lily pond paintings **Lydia** produced a beautiful painting of her own pond at home.

Creativity: Soloman for producing a fantastic paracord bracelet with cubs.

Creativity: Max for producing an exquisite version of Monet's lily ponds.

Friendship: Tilly for organising an online quiz for all her friends. I am sure they really enjoyed it!



Willow Class

Class News:

This week, Willow Class has continued to display an incredible thirst for learning. They have been creating leaflets all about the school using perfectly punctuated quotes and celebrating all the wonderful teachers and resources we have at our disposal. We've been investigating visible light and creating colour spinners to demonstrate how it works, re-creating Monet's lily ponds in Givenchy and practising our pronunciation of 1-15 in french. We've been comparing and contrasting different biomes in geography and continuing to enjoy the story of 'The Twits' together.

Quite frankly Willow Class, you are amazing! You continue to be conscientious, enthusiastic and positive members of our online learning community approaching your learning with a ferocious imagination which makes me smile each day. Well done you!

Mrs Weaver



Cherry Class

Class News:

Another fantastic week of home learning for Cherry Class this week! We have continued with our Road Trip USA' topic, finding out where all the people live in the United States and investigating why. In Maths, the children have been working extremely hard once again and have really impressed me with their resilience through some tricky learning tasks! In Science this week, we have continued to explore the digestive system, looking deeper into animal diets, whilst in DT, our brave Year 4s have been tasting new protein-rich foods. Above all, what has delighted me most about Cherry Class over the past few weeks, is their stamina. We are 5 weeks into our home learning and I am still seeing the same enthusiasm, engagement and buoyancy in the majority of the class, as I saw on Day 1 of home learning. You should be extremely proud of yourselves Year 4, you're doing great!

Miss Treasure



This week, I had another very tricky decision deciding who to give the Headteacher's Award to - I wish I could give it to 10 children at once! This week, it goes to **Max** and **Dexter** for their dedication, hard work, commitment and positivity throughout the weeks of home learning. Both of these boys complete every task I set them to the best of their ability. They both show great resilience to ensure they have completed their home learning and to find ways around limited resources. Your positivity shines through, boys - well done!







Courage: Alysha for managing her home learning between school and home in such a grown-up manner.

Courage: Aaron, Imogen, Max, Mia, Toby and Noa J for being really brave and trying new foods as part of our DT project this term.

Compassion: Marcus for helping out with family at home on top of completing all of his home learning to a very high standard!

Compassion: Ava for spending time to make beautiful artwork to support our wonderful NHS.

Creativity: Mia and **Lloyd (Y3)** for having a go at creating a beautiful piece of artwork in an Outdoor Learning session.

Friendship: Max for sharing our Science story with his younger sisters and making them laugh.





Maple Class

Class News:

The children's story writing over the last couple of weeks has had me on the edge of my seat as they have worked on building suspense and using descriptive language.

Another productive week of maths for most of the class has impressed me once again. The children have explored written multiplication and division, problem solving and recalled working with fractions.

Miss Maggs has enjoyed listening to lots of enthusiastic readers this week. Keep it up! Miss Maggs also set the children a thoughtful 'Fun Friday Challenge' to think about what makes them special. I really enjoyed seeing all of your beautiful responses!

We also enjoyed a yoga lesson taught by Elsie this week. Well done Elsie it was a great start to the day!

Mr Pollock



Hayden for settling into home learning and taking more responsibility for his work.

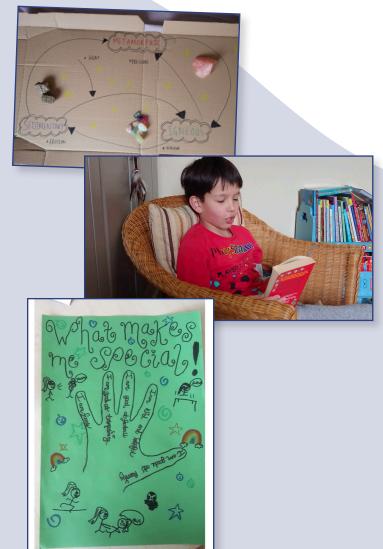
Christian Value Award



Compassion: Elsie for sharing your yoga skills with the class and delivering a fun morning activity!

Friendship: Bear produced this lovely heart rainbow for her window in response to Mrs Clements' collective worship.







Redwood Class

Class News:

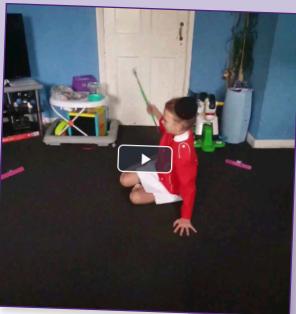
This has been another great week for home learning in Redwood Class. I sent out a Survey Monkey questionnaire to see what the class are most and least enjoying about home learning and the results were honest and interesting. It resulted in a few minor changes to the planning but on the whole the children are happy with what they are doing. This is reflected in the quality and quantity they produce each week. I was especially proud of the video we produced for the Gracewell residents last week, we hope they have enjoyed watching it! This week we have been revising fractions and continuing our 'virtual' voyage on The Beagle with Charles Darwin looking at how fossils are formed. The children have produced some really heartfelt 'Thank You' letters to their parents; some brought a tear to me eye! Keep up the great work Redwood!

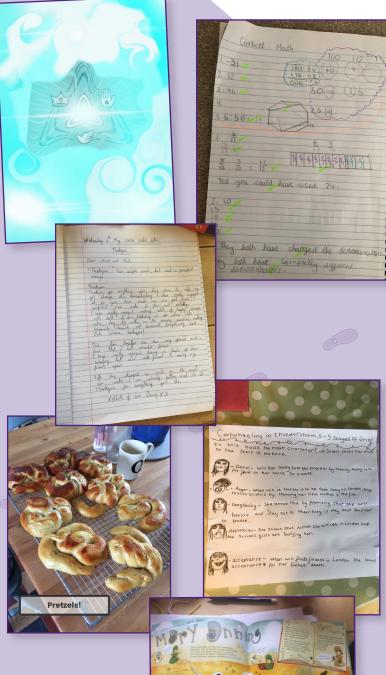
Mrs Jones



HT Award

Amy-Jade has thrown herself into home learning and is first to upload her work everyday. He majorettes video for Gracewell was amazing and showed courage and resilience as well as compassion. Well done.







Parental nomination:

Compassion: Dylan L

Dylan for compassion and respect. Dylan and his brother Jacob observed the 2 minutes silence together.

Outdoor learning

Hi Everyone! I hope you are all well and happy. We saw some of you last week - Leah and I were at Westfield where the aim of the game was identifying trees through their leaves. Some fabulous tree detectives were in action!

At home I hope you have found my fabulous session on SALT DOUGH creatures? Well, if not - one cup salt and 2 cups of flour - make a dough and bake for 30-60 minutes in very low oven.

It's easy and fun. The plan is to make the creatures this week, then we'll make gardens next week! Here are some we made earlier! These are the creatures that my family made.

Meanwhile, the bluebells and the dandelions stopped growing, but the buttercups have gone crazy! Have you seen them? Have a look when you are out exercising next.

Send pictures of your salt dough creatures to your teachers and they will send them to me!

Angela and Leah



Speech and Language resources

Here are some additional links related to speech and language therapy which may help some of the children:

https://www.bathnes1bd.org.uk/pages/coronavirus-covid-19

This link has recently been shared by my manager and we really recommend it as a resource. It contains links to other sites that may be useful to parents, including a section for parents of children with ASD and SEND.

For younger children with language difficulties:

https://speechandlanguage.info/parents/activities

For older or junior age children with language difficulties we have found these sites useful:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrqqtfr

BBC Bitesize grammar and sentence structure activities.

https://www.dogonews.com/ or https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround for easy read and accessible news stories. Great for comprehension questions or discussion.

https://www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames. html Interactive games at different levels for working on different language targets e.g. conjunctions.

Free School Meals

If your financial situation has changed during the pandemic and you want to find out if you are entitled to receive free school meals, please contact B&NES directly:

Email freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

They will need you to tell them your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seeker Support Number and the claimant's Date of Birth when you email.

Here are some useful links:

- <u>Camhs Resources</u> to help support mental health and wellbeing
- A useful <u>community support information leaflet</u> -April 2020
- Oxford Owl free eBook library
- TrackitLights free home school pack our school behaviour reward tracking system, 'TrackitLights' has produced a Home-Schooling Pack especially for parents. It's designed to complement the work that teachers are providing and to make home-schooling fun (and a bit more manageable!).

