

Friday 19th June 2020

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

Headteacher's Message

We are delighted with how well our 'wider opening' has gone over the last three weeks and are looking forward to welcoming back more of our vulnerable children next week. We realise how difficult it must be for our children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 still having to stay at home. We very much appreciate the support you are giving them at home and are very impressed with the high quality work many are producing. Please continue to upload work, photographs and videos to share with class teachers. We are looking forward to the day when we are all back in school together, whenever that may be.

Please be aware that our learning groups for **key worker/vulnerable children and Year 1 and Year 6** are now full and we are unable to take further requests for places in these year-groups.

On behalf of all the staff at Trinity Church School, thank you for your continuing patience and support.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Parsons

Thought of the week

Seasons

We live through four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter. I wonder which is your favourite? I love the summer: long warm days, picnics in the park, trips to the beach and chasing the sunset. I always feel a sense of sadness as the weather turns cooler in October as the leaves change colour and start to fall. However, I have begun to see the beauty in the autumn: the vibrant colours blending together to change the whole outlook of the landscape. Life is a bit like the seasons - a time to learn and grow, a time to play and have fun, a time to love and laugh and a time to rest and sleep. This year, the life seasons have been significantly interrupted by Coronavirus and the effect it has had on the way we live. We have all needed to have time to stay inside and stay safe but now life is beginning to return to 'a new normal'. Some of you will be back at Trinity while others remain at home until they feel safe to return. Until we are all reunited let us come together as a school community and recall and sing the song we often sing in Collective Worship:



I'm a tower of strength within and without, I'm a tower of strength within. I'm a tower of strength within and without, I'm a tower of strength within.

All burdens fall from my shoulders, All anxieties slip from my mind. All burdens fall from my shoulders, All anxieties slip from my mind.

Remember Competition time!

Don't forget to send your ideas of things which represent 'The Trinity' to

office@trinitychurchschool.com by 24th June and I will post the winner (the most imaginative idea) in next week's newsletter - there will be a prize!

Mrs Clements



Acorn Class

Class News:

Acorns have enjoyed learning about all the different people that help us: those at school, at home and in the community. It is always a delight to hear about Acorns' achievements when they are at home. Well done to Nevaeh for persevering and learning to do handstands and to Sonny who has learnt to ride his bike without stabilisers. What superstars you are - Mrs Stock is very proud of you! Next week in Acorns we are going to be learning more about the people who help us.

Drop-off/pick-up times

In order that we can adhere to distancing guidelines, it is extremely important that parents arrive at the appropriate time to drop off children and pick them up. Please also remember just one parent per family and you must not drive into the car park.

Drop-off

8.30am	Key worker/vulnerable
	children (Door to hall)
8.45am	Y6 (Usual side gate)
8.45am	Acorns (Nursery gate)
9.00am	Reception (Usual side gate)
9.15am	Y1 (Usual side gate)

Pick-up times

2.45pm	Acorns and Year 6
3.00pm	Reception
3.15pm	Year 1
3.30pm	Key worker children

Friday pick-up times

11.45am	Acorns and Year 6 (unaccompanied walkers will
	also leave at this time)
12.00pm	Reception class
12.15pm	Year 1
3.30pm	key worker/vulnerable children

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to **Amy-Jade (Y6)** on your majorettes win! "I am a majorette. I had to take part as if I was in a real competition. I memorised all the routines and wore my costume - the difference was I performed from home!"



Remember to visit our <u>Gracewell webpage</u>. This week Cherry Class has shared their performance poetry with the residents which we are sure will bring smiles to their faces.

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

Conker Class

Class News:

This week we have been looking at dinosaurs; a very popular topic in Conker Class. We have been focusing on Mary Anning and why she is famous. We decided to follow her technique of chipping away at artifacts by extracting chocolate chips from a cookie!

Conker Class did a super job of investigating which dinosaur was most popular (T-Rex). They first created a tally chart, then put the results into a bar chart.

We have been learning new vocabulary: 'Herbivore, Carnivore and Omnivore' and their meanings, sorting dinosaurs into categories and talking about their characteristics.

Conkers have made their very own dinosaur fossil out of salt dough and created a picture with a dinosaur in the sunset. Finally, we have been on a dinosaur hunt, finding out about lots of dinosaurs and how we can identify them.

Safe to say it has been a very busy week.

Well done everyone!

Miss Southwell



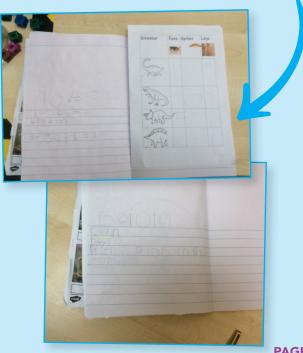


Otis for working so hard since he returned to school. We have all been very proud of him.



Creativity: Harry created a beautiful picture of a 'Spinosaurus' in the sunset.





Chestnut Class

Class News:

Our learning this week has been based around the story: *Rainbow Fish*. We have thought long and hard about the qualities of a good friend. After sequencing the story and understanding friendship, we wrote our own instructions on how to be a good friend. There have been some very thoughtful ideas. In Art we have been designing and making *Rainbow Fish* using old CDs - we have decided to use them as sun catchers.

Wherever the learning is taking place, Chestnut Class are hard at work and everyone is putting in so much effort it is really obvious how much pride all the children are taking in their work. It's been another great week for Year One - Well done and keep it up!

Mrs Roberts





Courage: Archey for putting on a brave face when he hurt his chin.

Courage: Xavier for coming into school with a smile on his face, despite feeling worried.



Corey for making so much progress with his reading and writing, he has been trying so hard and it has really paid off. Keep up the hard work!



Cedar Class



Class News:

Cedar Class had a 'just for fun' virtual bake-off this week and we discovered there are some incredible bakers in Year 2! It was a pity it was virtual as I would have liked to taste-test the wonderful things they had baked!

Cedar Class continues to work hard as they learn from home. Many children are working on the computer and others are completing their work in books. Whichever method they choose, I want to encourage them to keep going as they are doing a great job. It has been great to see their Maths and English work throughout the week and there will be a 'Just for fun' Friday afternoon challenge for everyone to get involved with.

Mrs Clements

Christian Value Award



Creativity: Ben, Rebecca, Riley, Spencer and **Jake** for baking delicious cakes and biscuits this week in the Cedar Class virtual Bake-Off!



Riley's chocolate chip cookies

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Rebecca's flapjack

Mrs Clements' chocolate covered shortbread

Jake has enjoyed the baking challenge!

Ben's millionaire shortbread



Spencer's Minion Cupcakes

HT Award

Jake, for completing his maths at home! Well done, Jake, keep up the good work!

HT Award

Hermyone for her incredible positivity and resilience throughout lockdown. From the start, Hermyone has been in school as a child of frontline key workers. She has come into school each and every day with a positive attitude and a huge smile on her face. She is a shining example to me and the rest of the class.



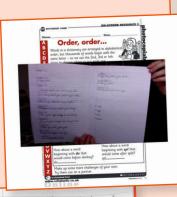
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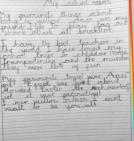
Creativity: Solomon for using his chalk pens to create a labelled diagram of a flowering plant.

Courage: Dagmara for challenging herself to cycle 10 miles. What an achievement!

Creativity: Charlie for using features of almost every family member in his Richard Hamilton inspired artwork!











Willow Class Class News:

Willow Class continues to dazzle me with their creative approach to learning at home. This week, we have been polishing up our dictionary and thesaurus skills in English. We've completed our second (and final) week on time and Willow Class has been jumping up and down their number line calculating and comparing durations of time.

In geography, there has been some fantastic research into the rivers of the world along with locating them on a map. In science, we have been labelling the diagram of a flowering plant and the results have been hugely imaginative as you can see from just a few of the pictures.

Willow Class has also been displaying their fantastic artistic talent with yet another wonderful Pop Art creation. This week, they have been studying Richard Hamilton who is regarded as the founder of pop art and creating collage pictures based on his artwork, The Study of a Fashion Plate. The children have used all of their wonderful collaging skills to create fantastically fun and humorous pictures.

Yet again, I am bursting with pride at the all round fabulousness of Willow Class! You are amazing. Well done team.

Mrs Weaver

Cherry Class

Class News:

Firstly, I would like to start by congratulating Year 4 on their poetry performances from our recent Literacy project. Both staff and parents commented on how amazing the children's performances were and that they were absolutely blown away by their confidence, vibrancy and energy! Follow this link to see their performances: https://youtu.be/XZk4mrSqTfg You should all be incredibly proud of your dedication and outstanding efforts Cherry Class, well done!

This week, Year 4 have been working their socks off again at home, exploring Climate Change and the Greenhouse Effect in Science, whilst continuing with our Animation in Art/ Computing, Humanism in RE and Time in Maths. Cherry Class has been extremely creative once again this week, producing exquisite pieces of creative writing, using descriptive language and upgrading their work each day.

Well done for your continued outstanding efforts Year 4, you're doing a marvellous job, keep it up!

Miss Treasure



This week the award goes to 2 children in Cherry Class: **Lowan** and **Jamie**.

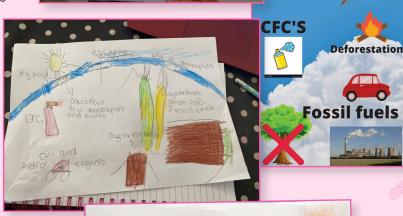
Since the very beginning, **Lowan** has been consistent with his outstanding efforts towards home learning. Lowan's perseverance and dedication is exemplary and he should be extremely proud of everything he has achieved over the home-schooling period.

Jamie has been working brilliantly at school and the adults have been really impressed with him. I have noticed a significant improvement in Jamie's effort and attitude towards his learning and he should be really proud of himself.

Well done boys, keep up the brilliant work!













Friendship: Mia for making her brother a yummy, healthy fruit salad as a snack - a very thoughtful gesture Mia!



Maple Class

Class News:

Can you imagine a world without chocolate? Year 5 have been exploring the Mayan Folktale 'The Chocolate Tree' in English this week and have started to innovate the story.

We have continued to look at fair trade. This week we looked at bananas and were shocked to discover how the money from each banana sold was split between the different job roles involved in producing them.

In history we have been exploring Mayan food and farming. The children have been creating Maya Menus. Monkey brains anyone?

Plant reproduction has been the focus this week in our 'Circle of Life' topic. The children have worked on understanding how flowering plants reproduce and labelling the key parts.

As well as this, we have also explored irreversible changes as part of our science work.

Mr Pollock



This week the awards go to two children who are consistently going above and beyond with the tasks set: **Berry** and **Molly-Rose**.

Keep up the wonderful work.







Christian Value Award



Courage: Seb, who has not been able to see his mum for 12 weeks, for remaining so positive and producing some fantastic work.

Creativity: Kai is consistently producing stunning pictures to accompany his work. Well done Kai.





Redwood Class

Class News:

And then there were 10...although Redwood Class has increased in size this week, we were sad to have to say 'Goodbye' to Ruby who left us for her new school. We wish her lots of luck for the future.

On Tuesday, we had a great time exploding our papier mache volcanoes; the children were given vinegar, water, bicarbonate of soda and washing up liquid but no instructions and challenged to make the greatest explosion. After lots of trial and error, they worked out the correct order and purpose of each ingredient and we had a series of various sized explosions! Take a look at our video by following this link: https://youtu.be/uAzxiE0SR8c

The Redwood home learners have also continued to work hard, maintaining motivation and positive momentum for their learning each day. They have been working on transition to secondary school projects and continuing with a long term project in English which has included diary entries and earnest performances of their persuasive letters. They are maintaining and improving their handwriting and general presentation. They are all doing famously and I am impressed by their positive work ethic!

Mrs Jones

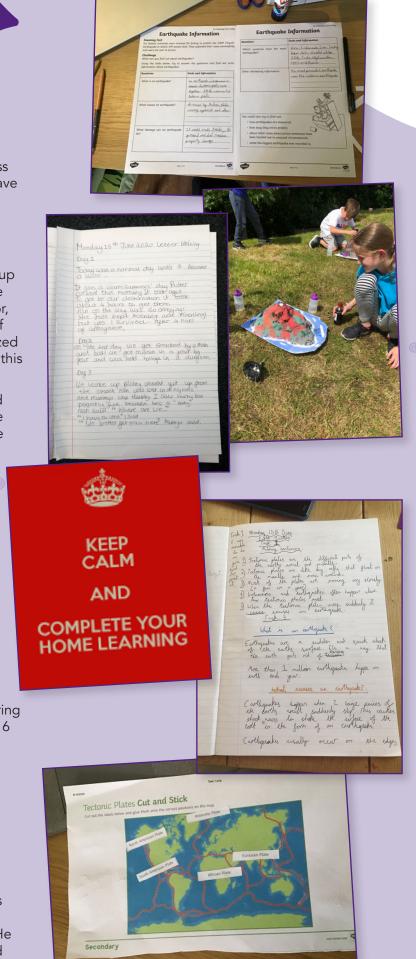


Ophelia for outstanding fielding and batting during the rounders match on Tuesday. She also scored 6 rounders out of the team's total of 12.



Courage: Theo

Last week as part of home learning, the task was to read a letter in character and post a video. Theo found the courage to complete this task. He paid particular attention to using expression and intonation.





A mother Woodlouse and her babies!

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Hi Everyone,

We had a blinding session last week exploring the undergrowth for invertebrates - which are small animals with no spine, in case you were wondering - and we found lots of brilliant creatures. The best has to be the woodlouse giving birth! Yes, hundreds of tiny woodlice popped out of their mother to the delight of Year 6, who were observing them! We also found some beautiful Strawberry Beetles, who eat strawberries - they don't look like them! There were some elegant spiders and some spotty slugs who looked like they would like some rain. They are now in luck!

You can do this in your garden or yard: look around the edges or under hedges, get down on your knees and move stones and old bits of wood and see what is living underneath. What's the most interesting creature you can find?

Reception Class got very wet, which is a theme for them! The rain started and we hurried to build shelters - then they set about collecting the water that was pouring through the holes in the tarpaulins!

This week the RAIN was crazy! Year 6 put up a large shelter in the Outdoor Learning Area, which was a great feat of engineering. Year 1 had the benefit of it, but it was so noisy underneath and the rain poured down in torrents and we finally retreated back into the classroom. We did not venture out again, but instead had did some drama, the Keyworker class showed some excellent concentration and drama skills. We performed some of Aesop's fables, these are stories from 2500 years ago!

A great week and we look forward to seeing you all again soon, in the or sunshine, windy or calm weather, it is always good to be outside,

From Angela and Leah

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Lauren (Y6)** who has been recognised for reading a staggering 3 MILLION words on Accelerated Reader!



Home Learning



Whilst teachers from our Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 classes are continuing to set home learning you can find additional work provided by the Trust to support their learning by following this link: https://www.trinitychurchschool. com/news-list/mnsp-home-learning-for-years-2-5-fromweek-beginning-1st-june.htm



Water Safety

With summer approaching and lockdown easing, many of you may be planning to take day trips to your favourite beach over the coming months. The RNLI are currently unable to provide lifeguards at all beaches and so it is of even greater importance that we all follow safety rules when in and around water. There is a wealth of resources on the RNLI website for primary school children which you can look at with your child at home. There are videos of lifeboats in action, activities to help your child gain water safety knowledge and 'Water Safety Wednesday' videos where an RNLI volunteer shows you things like how to float if you get into trouble in water, when and how to call the Coastguard, the importance of the 'Stop and Think' principle and many other important aspects of water safety. You can access all of this information free of charge on their website https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/ water-safety-wednesdays



School Closure Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July

As Mr Williams, our Trust CEO, stated in his letter last week, the school will be closed to pupils on the last two days of term, the 16th and 17th July, so that we can welcome our new intake of Nursery and Reception children. Normally we would provide a programme of induction activities, but obviously, in the current situation, we have to do things a little differently. This is a Trust-wide approach. Further details will follow.

Nursery Provision 2020-2021

If you are looking to increase or change your hours or have a child ready to start in Acorns from September, please email the office with details as soon as possible. Places are limited and filling up fast! office@ trinitychurchschool.com

School Uniform Orders

Now is the time to think about ordering any items of school uniform ready for the new school year in September. All school uniform requirements will need to be ordered through our supplier by 1st August. Whilst uniforms are usually delivered directly to school, at the moment this will not be possible. Can you please therefore visit the Trinity shop page on the Michael Hope Sports website: https://www.michaelhope.co.uk/products/ school-shops/trinity-church-school and ensure you choose home delivery when you submit your orders. They have asked us to advise you that in order to keep to social distancing guidelines within the workplace, they are not fully staffed in all areas. Therefore any order received after August 1st is not guaranteed to be delivered before the start of term in September.