



# Trinity Church School

*Learning, Growing, Believing Together*



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Newsletter 05

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

## Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of our first term I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to parents and carers for your patience and support with ensuring a smooth and safe return to school. Our children have been amazing and have settled well into new school routines and learning. Behaviour has been exceptional, especially learning behaviours in class. It is good to see children dressed in the correct uniform and with the appropriate PE kit. Children are coming to school prepared, wanting to learn and with the right attitude towards their learning, thank you for this.

Teachers have missed the regular contact with parents at the classroom door and are looking forward to a virtual wellbeing and progress catch up with you after the half term break. If you have not yet signed up for a meeting please do so via the instructions sent to you via Seesaw. If you are experiencing any difficulties with signing up for an appointment please contact the office who will be able to set this up for you. It is important that all parents make an appointment to speak with

their child's class teacher.

Our school vision, 'Learning Growing Believing Together' is becoming fully embedded into school life and we are continuing to celebrate children's demonstration of our core Christian values during our weekly key stage celebration assemblies. Our values tree already has many of the children's cones 'growing' on it! We are planning on making a large, permanent display in the school entrance which encompasses our school vision. Over the half term holiday we would like all children to think of someone who has inspired or encouraged them in some way. It could be a family member, a friend, a celebrity, a sports person...the list is endless. We would then like everyone, staff included, to bring in a small photograph of this person and a photograph of themselves, along with a few sentences explaining their choice. All photographs will then form part of a whole school collage representing 'Learning Growing Believing Together'.

Please remember that today is the last day of Term 1. Have an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing children back in school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Mrs Parsons



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

HELLO YELLOW

On Friday 9th October, we celebrated Mental Health Awareness Day. It was a very colourful day at Trinity - well done to everyone who wore something yellow!

Miss Musgrove's yellow car filled with balloons proved to be a big hit, with a queue of children quickly forming ready to guess how many balloons were inside it. Congratulations to Kacie-Leigh (Y6) and Bentley (YR) who made the correct guess of 58 and had great fun popping the balloons afterwards so Miss Musgrove could drive home safely!

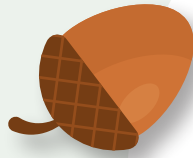
The children also had fun with the Hello Yellow photo booth props - look at these fabulous photos!!

Thank you to all children and parents for your generosity in supporting this incredibly worthwhile campaign - we raised an impressive total of **£232.50** for Young Minds!





# Acorn Class



## Class News:

Acorns have enjoyed learning all about Autumn over the last few weeks. We have been learning a new Autumn Leaves song and exploring all of the things that fall from the trees, we have used them in our play and they have prompted some wonderful use of language. After half term, Acorns are going to create some fabulous firework art and we are also going to learn all about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light.

Finally here in Acorns we have said a sad farewell to Miss Watts who has left us to start a new adventure. We will miss her and we all wish her lots of luck for the future.

Mrs Stock



## Thought of the week

**'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens' Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Over the past two weeks, we have been considering the concept of Harvest and why is it important to be thankful. Have you noticed the change in season? The changing colours of the trees and the colourful bed of leaves along the pathway? Perhaps you have felt a nip in the air first thing in the morning or the nights drawing in at the end of the day. Each one of these is a reminder that we live in a world governed by seasons, there is indeed a time for everything and as we transition into the colder weather, let us pause and reflect to be thankful. Thankful for the food we enjoy each day, the opportunity for fresh fruit and vegetables and variety in our diet - so often I take this blessing for granted.

This year, the local Foodbank requested that we don't provide donations. We have therefore looked further afield and have taken the opportunity to bless communities in Africa with the equipment and tools they need to be able to farm their land and grow their own food. We have supported the charity:

<https://sendacow.org/>

We are so grateful for your generous contributions to this worthy cause. The School Council are tasked with choosing what to buy with the money raised.

As we have been unable to have our usual Harvest celebrations in school this year, the children have been celebrating and creating videos in their class groups. These will be put together to form a virtual virtual Harvest festival which will be shared with you after half term.

Mrs Clements



### Prayer:

*Thank you Father God for the great variety of foods which we have access to and are able to enjoy. Bless the farmers throughout the world who have harvested the crops so that we have food to eat each day. Amen*



# Conker Class



## Class News:

Conkers have once again been extremely busy. This week we have been looking at the celebration of Harvest. We have had many discussions about what it means, the importance of Harvest and the time of year it happens. Conkers have explored many different vegetables and found out how they grow. The children decided that Harvest happens over Autumn and with this knowledge we went on a leaf hunt, discovering different types of leaves and their beautiful colours. We brought the leaves back inside to make Autumn lanterns, a leaf man picture and a map of where we found them.

For Black History Month, we studied the book *"I am enough"*. As a Class, the children took it in turns to describe themselves with just one word: *'I am patient', 'I am strong', 'I am happy', 'I am love'* were some of the responses. We then went onto writing these words on petals which we then put together to make a Class flower. It was lovely to see the children listening and respecting one another.

Alongside this, Conkers have really impressed me this week with their phonics. I have been so proud of them and how far they have come since the start of term. Keep up the hard work, Conkers.

Miss Southwell

## Headteacher's Award

w/e 09/10/20: Grace

w/e 16/10/20: Thea





# Chestnut Class



## Class News:

Where has this term gone? Chestnut Class has been so busy learning all about woodlands. In English, we have retold the story *The Gruffalo* and learnt the *Owl Babies* story. For our final piece of writing this term, we will be writing fact files about owls.

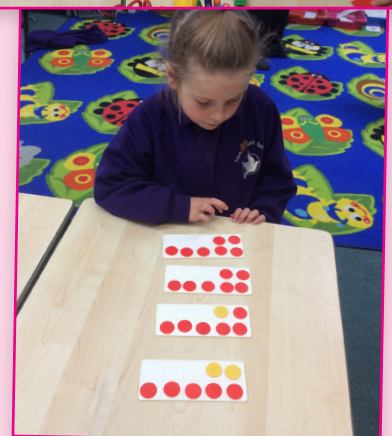
As half term approaches we have finished recapping all our Phase 3 sounds in Phonics. There are a few sounds we still find tricky like the trigraphs 'ear', 'air' and 'ure'. The children have tried really hard to apply their phonics sounds this term.

As Mathematicians, we have been comparing numbers using symbols and represented numbers in lots of different ways. We have enjoyed whole-class problem solving. As Scientists, we have been growing our own bean plants, observing them throughout the term. We can't believe how much they have grown!

In Geography, we have drawn maps of our local area - thank you to our grown ups for sending in pictures of our homes, we loved seeing them! We decided to make our own Radstock street - we decorated houses and hung them up with pride in the classroom.

Amongst all of this learning we have also been busy in Outdoor Learning investigating and identifying plants, building dens and making our own tree creatures. It's been a great term full of fun, laughter and lots of learning. Have a wonderful, well-deserved break Year 1!

Mrs Roberts



## Headteacher's Award



w/e 09/10/20: Edie

w/e 16/10/20: Kyron





# Cedar Class

## Class News:



This term has flown by and we have had lots of fun learning about so many different things! We started the term focusing on our wellbeing and using synonyms for our key emotions. The *Colour Monster* and *Humpty Dumpty* taught us lots about how to share our feelings and how to overcome our fears.

Iggy the Architect introduced us to different buildings as we thought about our dream homes. We have explored materials and their properties to help us decide how they would be designed. We even used Ordnance Survey symbols when creating the maps for them.

Throughout October, we have been learning about Black History Month and in particular, the amazing life of *Mary Seacole*. To celebrate her life, we have retold her story, made portraits of her and created an acrostic poem about her.

I have been particularly proud of Cedar Class for their phonics this term. They have been working on perfecting their segmenting and blending as they have taken part in double phonics lessons. A super start to the term, Cedar!

Miss Musgrove

## Headteacher's Award



w/e 09/10/20: Aron

w/e 16/10/20: Archey





# Willow Class



## Class News:

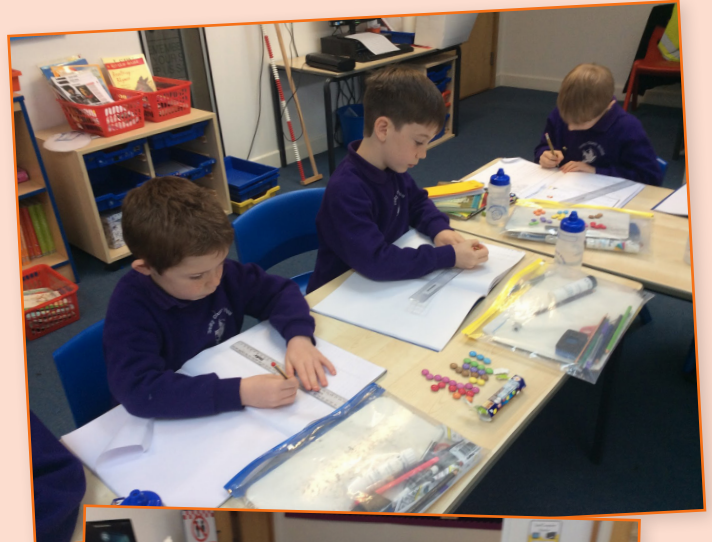
Willow class has been re-telling *The Egyptian Cinderella* story this week and the whole class has produced beautifully crafted pieces of writing which have been an utter pleasure to read.

In Maths, we had great fun classifying the numbers of different coloured Smarties in each tube. Who knew there were 8 different colours of Smarties? We put our data into a table and then represented our findings in a pictogram alongside a key showing which number each symbol represented. We might have even sampled a few Smarties to check they were OK! During the remainder of the week, we have been interpreting data in pictograms and bar charts.

We have nearly come to the end of learning about forces in Science and we've rounded it off by identifying and exploring magnetic poles to discover which magnetic poles repel or attract.

I cannot believe that we are coming to the end of our first term! Willow Class - you've done it! You have seamlessly transitioned into Key Stage 2. I couldn't be more proud of you all.

Mrs Weaver



## Headteacher's Award



w/e 09/10/20: Spencer

w/e 16/10/20: Alfie-Lee





# Cherry Class



## Class News:

Despite this being the longest term of the year, Cherry Class have not stopped working hard. Last week, we wrote character descriptions about Mr Tumnus from *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* in our Literacy lessons. The children's similes and high-level language have been amazing! This week, we have been working on writing prayers to give our thanks for Harvest.

In Maths, we have finished off our place value unit of work and the children have demonstrated a deep mathematical understanding. This week, we have been practising our Roman Numerals through code breaking!

In Science, we built our circuits with a motor to power our polar vehicles and were extremely excited to test them out. They made it across our classroom, so next stop... ANTARCTICA!

Cherry Class has had an exceptional start to year 4 and I have been incredibly impressed with their positive attitudes and dedicated work ethic this term. Mrs Meredith and I would like to say a huge well done to the whole class for their hard work this term and also a big THANK YOU to everyone for contributing milk bottles for our igloo construction. You'll be pleased to hear, after 8 long weeks of Mrs Meredith's handy glue-gun work and the children's milk bottle preparation, the igloo is finally complete and is standing proud in our classroom ready for quiet reading and lots of winter wonderland selfies!

Miss Treasure



## Headteacher's Award

w/e 09/10/20: Dagmara

w/e 16/10/20: Alex



## ROMAN NUMERALS

CAN YOU COUNT BY ONLY USING LETTERS?

I	1	XX	20
II	2	XXX	30
III	3	XL	40
IV	4	L	50
V	5	LX	60
VI	6	LXX	70
VII	7	LXXX	80
VIII	8	XC	90
IX	9	C	100
X	10	D	500
M		1000	



# Maple Class



## Class News:

The children have been working hard on a *Catherine Rundell* writing challenge. Catherine Rundell is the author of *The Explorer* and she challenged the children to write part of a story set after crash landing in the Amazon Rainforest. They have all produced some wonderful work.

Our Maths focus these past couple of weeks has been **place value**. The children have been getting to grips with rounding within a million as well as working with negative numbers. We have even touched on the place value of tenths, hundredths and thousandths.

**Forces** remain as our Science focus. Recently, we have been experiencing the power of levers and pulleys. Some children were able to lift me and Mrs Jackson up with surprising ease!

In Music, we have had fun breaking *Eye of the Tiger* into parts. The class is working hard to learn the rhythm and melody of this song using boomwhackers and glockenspiels.

I am very proud of your hard work and effort this term Maple Class. Have a well deserved rest and I look forward to seeing you in term 2!

Mr Pollock

## Headteacher's Award

w/e 09/10/20: Jackson H

w/e 16/10/20: Toby P





# Redwood Class



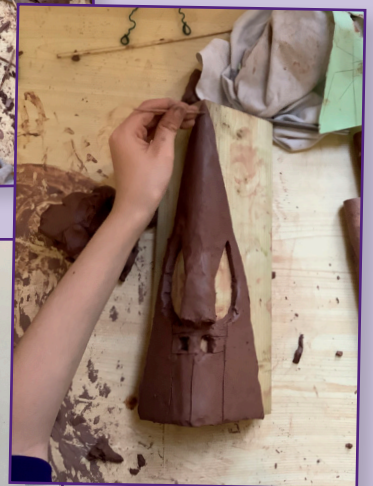
## Class News:

For the past 2 weeks, we have again linked our writing to the book: *Pig Heart Boy* by looking at the features of a balanced argument. This led us to the question 'Should pig hearts be used in human transplantation?'. The class debated the arguments for and against and then chose two of each to write about. We planned, drafted and edited our balanced arguments before publishing them. There were some very thoughtful arguments for both sides; the majority of the class though that using pig hearts was a good idea!

We are drawing near the end of our learning on Kenya. On Friday, Redwood Class created superb clay African masks using a slump mould. The masks will go on display and we will post more pictures on Seesaw of the incredible work Year 6 has achieved. A huge thank you to Mr Howard for making the wooden moulds for us to complete this project.

This term we have learnt about safer browsing online. Our lessons concluded with designing a *SMART Bot* robot poster explaining the 5 things we need to remember to keep safe online.

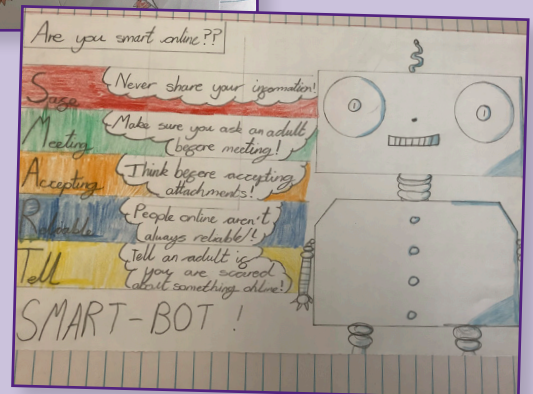
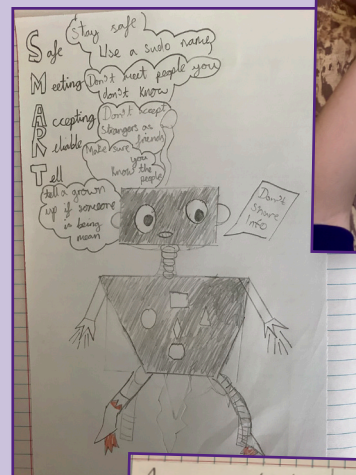
Mrs Jones & Mrs Clements



## Headteacher's Award

w/e 09/10/20: Evie

w/e 16/10/20: Esme





## Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

**Respect:** Riley G Y1, Tilly and Chloe Y4

**Friendship:** Aron and Freya-Mae Y2, Emily Y3, Rhianydd Y4, Sophia Y5

**Courage:** Savannah Y2

**Creativity:** Toby, Xavier, Ada Y2

**Compassion:** Ophelia Y3, Rhianydd Y4

## House Winners



Overall house points winners this term are: **Sapphire**. Congratulations!

All children in Sapphire House get an extra non-uniform day on the last day of term - Wednesday 21st October.

## Best Class Attendance



Well done to **Cherry** Class who have achieved the best attendance record this term.

Absences due to Covid-19 reasons will not affect pupil attendance records.

## Office News:

### School Lunches

If your child has school lunches, please make menu choices on ParentPay for next term. If lunches are not booked by a Thursday for the following week, we may not be able to accommodate late bookings and will need to request that you bring a packed lunch in for them. Please also ensure you are making choices that your children will eat, as they will be unable to change their mind on the day.

### School Office Etiquette

Parents should only be entering the main entrance doors to drop off or collect medicine, to sign a pupil in or out if it is within school hours, or if you have a pre-arranged appointment. In all cases, a face covering should be worn. If you are using the touch-screen sign-in system, please be reassured that it is wiped down with antibacterial solution after every use. Our visitor passes are also cleaned after every use and then put away for a minimum of 72 hours before being used again. We cannot have more than one family bubble in this area at any one time so if someone is already there, please wait outside until they either enter the main school or leave.

### Reporting absences

A reminder that if your child is going to be off school for any reason you need to advise the school office - please do not use SeeSaw for this purpose. We will need to see confirmation of any medical or dental appointments. If your child has been absent for more than 3 consecutive days or their attendance is low you may be asked to provide confirmation/evidence that you have consulted a GP/pharmacist. If your child is poorly, please phone the school office as early as you can on the first morning - you can press 1 to leave a voicemail. For all illness-related absences you will need to call the office every day they are not in school. We are currently keeping separate records of any children who are absent for Covid-19 related reasons - whether they or a family member have developed a symptom. Please keep us informed of any test results

### Wraparound Care

Did you know you can pay for wraparound care for your child/ren with either childcare vouchers or using the tax free childcare system? If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Mrs Clayton in the office by email - [office@trinitychurchschool.com](mailto:office@trinitychurchschool.com)

Mrs Clayton and Miss Hathaway

**Please note:** Remember not to park on the double yellow lines outside the school gates as it causes an obstruction. If you are parking further down the hill, please also do so with consideration and respect for our neighbours - do not block driveways or park where there is a dropped curb. Many thanks.



# OUTSIDE ADVENTURES DURING TERM 1

In the first story of *The Wise Woman* (you can see Leah playing this character in the photo), the Wise Woman helped her tribe to see the beauty and goodness in their land when they had become complacent and thought it was 'rubbish'. The tribe (played by the children) opened their eyes and saw that their land (the school gardens) was bursting with good things. They collected apples, pears, hawthorn berries, blackberries, elderberries, acorns, conkers, beautiful leaves and flowers. They were delighted by the bounty and then they felt very lucky indeed.

## The Magical Cats

They look like ordinary children and they smell like ordinary children, but they are not - they are in fact Magical Cats! You will have to ask the children about the cats and the adventure they had. I can tell you it was fantastic!

We have made lots of beautiful things from the wonderful Autumn seeds, berries and leaves, including acorn cats, tree sprites, clay monsters, dangling spiders and conkers to play the age-old game with them threaded on strings.

Alongside this fabulous fun, we have been gardening, digging up potatoes, harvesting apples and pears - all of which have been cooked in the kitchen for school lunches. Thank you to the amazing team in the kitchen for being willing to peel and prep our fruit and veg.

## Forest of the Imagination

Finally, we have been planting acorns, conkers and sweet chestnuts to grow a forest! Ambitious I know, ('cathedral thinking' Greta Thunberg called it) planning way into the future! We have planted over 100 and we are still going. We are looking for a kindly landowner who would like to host a little forest - do you know anyone? No rush as they are still little acorns at the moment!

Thank you children, we love working with you and it is so good to be outside being creative, expressive and learning together.





## Outside Achievements



Well done to **Rhianydd (Y4)** for achieving Level 5 in her swimming lessons - she is already working hard towards Level 6!

Two certificates for **Max C (Y4)** - one for Level 4 in swimming and one awarded to him as Star of the Class in his Muay Thai group. Max also received a football training award for always listening to his manager and putting in 100% effort. Well done for all of that, Max!



## Dates for your Calendar 2020/21

Date	Event	Notes
Mon 2nd November	INSET Day	Whole school
Tues 3rd November	Term 2 begins	Whole school
Tues 3rd November	Virtual Parents Evening	YR-Y6
Wed 4th November	Virtual Parents Evening	YR-Y6
Tues 10th November	Flu vaccinations	YR-Y6
Fri 13th November	Children in Need Day	Whole School
Fri 20th November	Diwali Day with Indira Mistry	YR-Y6
Fri 18th December	Term 2 ends	Whole school





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# AUTUMN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES



EcoWild is offering a 3 days of Autumnal (Halloween)  
woodland adventures for children!

Making the best dens ever!!!


Creating spiders webs and clay monsters as well as lots of  
other fun woodland games.

Covid Guidlines and hygiene in place.

Bring: packed lunch, water bottle and change of clothes/  
waterproofs in a bag.

Wear long sleeves, trousers, trainers or wellies.

Meet Greyfield Woods at 10am and pick up at 3pm.



<b>MON 26 OCT</b>	<b>10AM - 3PM</b>	<b>£35</b>
<b>TUE 27 OCT</b>	<b>10AM - 3PM</b>	<b>£35</b>
<b>WED 28 OCT</b>	<b>10AM - 3PM</b>	<b>£35</b>

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