



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

Acceptance is key at Trinity Church School

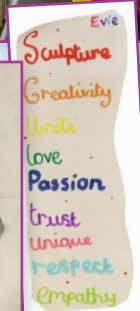
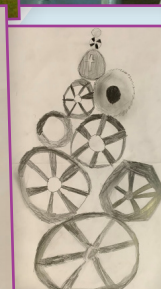
Last week children, staff and members of the wider community were excited to welcome Simon Probyn, sculptor (www.simonprobyn.co.uk), and Dawn Reader, painter (www.dawnreader.com), to Trinity Church School for the official opening of their new sculpture.

The sculpture entitled 'Acceptance', was created by Simon Probyn, a sculptor from Herefordshire. It was created to represent Trinity, it's vision and values and all it stands for. The school's strapline: 'Learning, Growing, Believing Together – encourage one another and build each other up', was the inspiration for the piece.

The sculpture is made from a series of 10 cogs, all different and all carefully balanced to form an impressive structure which greets you as you enter through the school gates. Colourful steel hands are linked to form a 'belt' which turns the cogs. It represents that at Trinity and in wider society we should all work together in harmony and respect and celebrate our differences.

The sculpture is already proving to be a talking point among the children, with each considering their own interpretation of what the structure represents. Their thoughts have included friendship, strength, trust, courage, diversity and the mining tradition of Radstock.

Here are a selection of photographs of the opening and also some of the children's own representations:



Sports Events



On Tuesday 12th November, Trinity took part in the **MSN Games Association Girls Football Tournament**. The girls represented the school brilliantly with both their skill and attitude. They played a total of four games: losing one, drawing one and winning two.

On Wednesday 24th November, Trinity took part in the **MSN Games Association Football tournament**. As there are so many talented and keen footballers in years 5 and 6, the school entered two teams. Both teams made the school proud and demonstrated great determination and skill against stiff competition. The school finished in 2nd place.

Well done to all three teams! We will have plenty of league and friendly fixtures to look forward to.

Mr Pollock



House Points Winners



Well done to **Ruby** House who have been in the lead last week and this week. It's close, so who will be in the lead next week?!

Attendance Winners



Congratulations to **Maple** Class last week and **Cedar** Class this week for achieving 100% attendance!

Outside Achievements



Well done to **Peggy** who has been awarded her Brownie Shield Badge for demonstrating the qualities that make a true Brownie, as well as her Camp Stage 2 and Lead Stage 2 badges.

Grace & Ivy (Y1) starred as Peter Pan and Wendy in their first Poppets show at the PQA Academy on Saturday - they did a fantastic job and were very brave!

Ben (Y4) has been awarded a STANley Star and his sister **Annabelle (Y2)** has been awarded a STANley 5 Award for swimming.



Headteacher's Award



Well done to children in all years for their Headteacher Award nominations over the last two weeks:

Conker Class:	Juniper-Rose, Delilah
Chestnut Class:	Olivia, Brodie
Cedar Class:	Quinn, Neave
Willow Class:	Archey, Violet
Cherry Class:	Emily, Isabella
Maple Class:	Lloyd, Cerys
Redwood Class:	Dexter, Jackson H



Acorn Class



Class News:

Acorns have been learning about *friendship*. We read "The Rainbow Fish" and have been thinking about the special qualities we need to be a good friend. We then made a friendship potion which had these special quality ingredients mixed in.

We have been using our careful counting skills to count the Rainbow Fish's lost treasure and have tried really hard to find the total amount of treasure in each chest. We became 'Subitising Superheroes' this week and used our subitising powers to recognise up to 3 objects without even counting them!

Acorns have been discussing Autumn through the story: "We're Going on a Leaf Hunt". We created leaf wreaths, rubbings, necklaces and prints. We went on a leaf hunt and looked at the different colours, shapes and textures of the leaves. We especially loved making a leaf mountain and jumping up and down in it - just like in our story! We also made story maps and put the pictures in the correct order and some of us decided to change the character of the skunk and used our own.

Metal Mike has been again to visit us in Phonics. He can only talk in sounds so we have been helping him blend words. We have also continued developing our rhyming skills and finding rhyming pairs.

Have a lovely weekend Acorn Class, I will look forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Clements



School Council



On Friday last week, we wore spotty clothes and funny ears for Children in Need - everybody looked great! With donations and the money from the cake sale, we raised a brilliant **£223.53!** Thank you everyone.

Conker Class

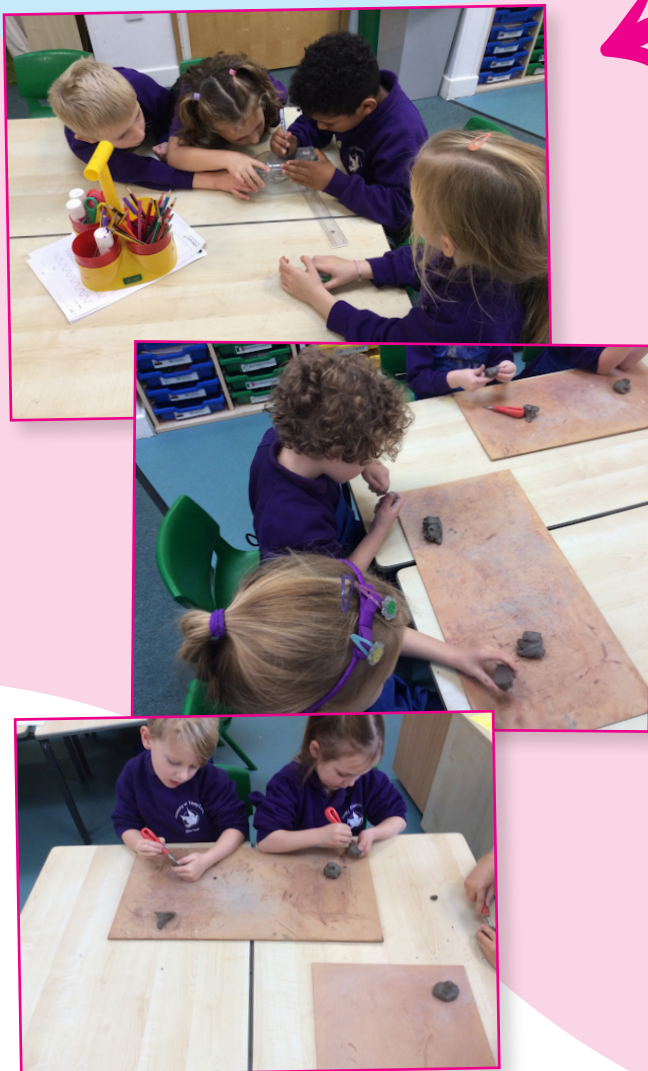


Class News:

This week, we have started reading a new story, one that nearly all the children are familiar with: "*Stick Man*". We have been thinking about the characters in the story and went to the outdoor classroom to see if we could collect some sticks that reminded us of Stick Man. We searched the trees to see if we could find the Family Tree. We found lots that we thought would be good but not the actual one. I wonder if anyone can draw a picture of Stick Man over the weekend?

In Maths, we are looking at *more* and *less*. We have been explaining what happens on a five frame when we put more on or when we take some off. Playing '*Trinity Bus*' was a real hit. We pretended we had a bus with five seats on it, going to bus stops to collect passengers and then taking them where they wanted to go. Each time we had to work out how many empty seats we had. Can you make your own bus at home? Send me some pictures on Seesaw to show me how you played, perhaps you could take your teddies for a ride?

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

This week, we have continued to retell the story of *Little Red Riding Hood*. Chestnut Class realised how big, bad, hairy, menacing and cunning the wolf really is! I have been so pleased with Chestnut Class and their growing independence with their writing.

During Science and Geography, we have continued to investigate *weather* and *seasons*. The children worked together to make a rain gauge and were surprised at how much rain has fallen within a week.

During our Open Morning, we had a morning of Art and DT. Continuing our project of "*Starry Night*" by Van Gogh, Chestnut Class made a spiral stamp using a polystyrene tile and another spiral stamp using clay.

Finally, to get us in the festive spirit, the children had the opportunity to use our '*Boomwhackers*'. They had to follow a Boomwhacker video to the tune of "*Jingle Bells*".

Miss Southwell

Cedar Class

Class News:



To finish our Remembrance topic, Cedar Class spent this week celebrating all the work they have achieved. In English, they have written their own poems including the repeating line "*Think of me*". They worked hard on including interesting vocabulary and they edited their work to try and include rhyming couplets. These were then written in their best handwriting on special paper to display.

In History, the children have learnt all about the Armistice, the Parade and the importance of remembering. They then made clay memorials which included items such as important dates, miniature poppy wreaths and soldiers.

To continue our celebration theme, Cedar Class celebrated *Hanukkah*. They decorated plates and made dreidles whilst listening to Jewish festival music. They ended the session with wonderful storytelling from Mrs Meredith and a doughnut!

I am incredibly impressed with how the children demonstrated respect throughout this tremendous topic and I am pleased with how they are able to talk about the vocabulary they have learnt.

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class



Class News:

Target games and gymnastics are our current PE focuses. It has been great fun watching the children develop their use of power, accuracy and sense of fair play.

We have started our new science topic: *Light*. This week, the children started to discover some of the features of light: Without light we cannot see; light travels in straight lines; and white light contains all of the colours of the rainbow.

Our Maths focus has been on *columnar addition* and *subtraction* and the children are making good progress. It has been amazing to see them applying their wonderful number sense skills!

The beautiful picture book: "*Flood*" has continued to be our inspiration for writing. They have written some fantastic sentences using lots of techniques including personification, repetition and interesting verbs.

Mr Pollock

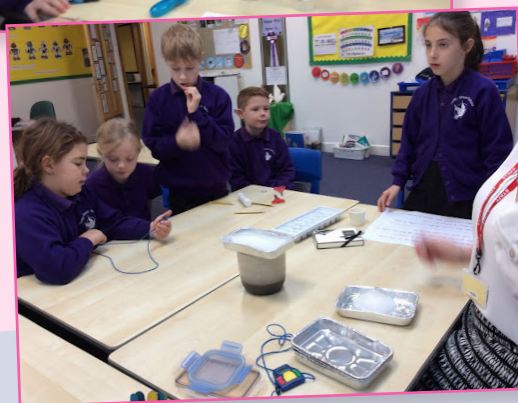
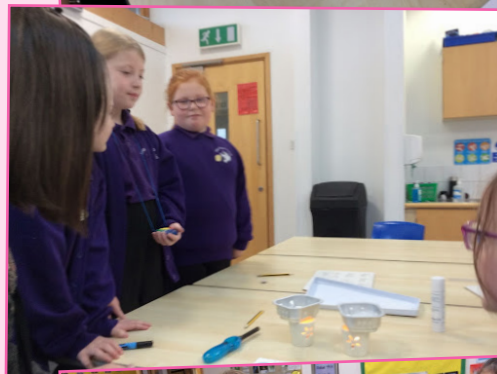
Cherry Class



Class News:

This week, the children in Cherry Class have been working scientifically! Our learning about solids, liquids and gases led us to ask scientific questions about whether the mass of a block of ice affects the speed it melts. The children impressed me with their brilliant ideas about how we could find out. We began by making our different predictions and then we discussed what variables we would need to change (the mass of the ice) and what we should keep the same (the containers to melt the ice, the candles to heat the ice) in order to ensure a fair test. We set up our experiments, made observations and created tables to add our results. At the end we came up with our conclusions based on what we found out and we discussed why a larger block of ice took longer to melt. We soon found that our experiments led to new questions and some children created new investigations! The children were so engaged in their experiments and such a lot of learning took place.

Mrs Jefferies



Maple Class



Class News:

To remember those who have been involved in war over the years, Maple Class wrote some blackout poems. Our blackout poems started off as one of a number of famous war poems by poets such as *Wilfred Owen* and *John McCrae*. The children then picked out poignant words and phrases, then words to link these together into a new poem within a poem. They then created beautiful artwork to go over the poem to highlight the theme. They looked so amazing, we displayed them in the corridor! Great work, Year 5.

Forces has continued to be our Science topic this term - Maple Class has planned and carried out their own air resistance and friction investigations. There certainly are some budding scientists in Year 5!

In Outdoor Learning, we are continuing our shelter building, with our knot tying, problem solving and team working skills continuously improving. Our PSHE work has also seen us building up our teamwork, as we had to work together to build the tallest tower - once we assigned rules and roles, we created some great towers.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Roberts

Class News:



Redwood Class

Year 6 have had a very busy two weeks rehearsing for our class assembly about *Charles Darwin* and *Evolution*. The children chose the character they wanted to be and put everything into learning their lines and song lyrics. They put on a magnificent performance in front of the parents and children of Trinity Church School. You should be extremely proud of yourselves, Redwood Class!

Amongst the acting and singing, Redwood Class has been working hard on deepening their understanding of fractions in Maths. In our English lessons, the children have produced some wonderful setting descriptions about the Galapagos Islands, inspired by our reading of "*Darwin's Dragons*". In History, we have started our new topic: Georgian Bath, and we are looking forward to our Georgian tour around Bath next week!

Miss Treasure



Dates for your Calendar 2021/22 - Term 2-3

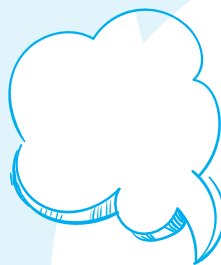
Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 2nd December	Flu Immunisations - Nasal Spray	YR-Y6
Thursday 2nd December	PTA Wreath Making Evening - 7-8.30pm	
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper/Elf Day - see Ping for details	Whole School
Friday 17th December	Christmas Lunch - Please book on ParentPay	Whole School
Friday 17th December	End of Term 2	
Monday 3rd January	UK Bank Holiday - School Closed	
Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY - School Closed	Whole School
Wednesday 5th January	INSET DAY - School Closed	Whole School
Thursday 6th January	Term 3 starts	

Thought of the week

The Christmas adverts have arrived! You may have noticed (it has been quite hard not to) that the adverts on TV have become very Christmas focussed. The purpose of the ads is, of course, to wind us up for celebrating, and to encourage us to spend. The theme of this year's adverts is largely a focus on making up for last year, on reconnecting. This Sunday, 28th November, will be Advent Sunday, advent meaning 'coming' or 'arrival'. The period of Advent, four Sundays, is a way of marking the run up to Christmas, it may be through an advent calendar (with or without chocolates or other treats!) or advent candles. Advent is often a time, a countdown, when we work through our shopping and other lists in our own preparations for Christmas.

The purpose of Advent in the church calendar is a time for personal preparation to celebrate the coming, the arrival, of Jesus. Here too the theme is about reconnecting. It is an opportunity to reflect, whether we have any faith or none, on our own connection with the Christmas story.

We hope that you will find some peaceful times to connect with your family and friends in this advent period.



Christian Values Awards

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

Trust:	Isaac and Joey YR, Travis Y4,
Friendship:	Natalya Y4,
Courage:	Jessica Y2, Natalya and Emily Y4
Creativity:	Clara, Melissa and Otto YR
Compassion:	Nico Y3, Spencer and Rebecca Y4, Ella-June Y6

PTA News



Christmas Film Night

The PTA will be holding a Christmas Film Night on Thursday 9th December. Look out for a ping next week with full details!

Wreath Night

There are a handful of tickets left for our wonderful annual wreath making evening on Thursday 3rd December. Tickets are £25 and include all materials and refreshments. Please email trinitychurchschoolpta@gmail.com to get your ticket.

Christmas Decorating

We are looking for a couple of helpers to decorate this year's Christmas tree after school on Tuesday 30th November. If you are able to help please speak to a member of the PTA committee or message us through our Facebook group - Trinity Church School PTA.

Office News:



TASC

A reminder that if your child is booked into 1hour TASC, they must be collected promptly at 4.10pm or the booking will be changed to Long TASC on ParentPay. If you are booking Long TASC, please send your child in with a light snack as we are not currently providing food. Many thanks.

School Lunches

If your child is having a school lunch, this must be booked on ParentPay by a Thursday for the following week. Food is ordered based on the number of lunches we have booked by a Friday and whilst we do have a small margin for bookings made over the weekend, we cannot accommodate many.

Staff Car Park

Please remember that other than for morning drop-off, there is **no access to the car park for parents/carers** unless you are a blue badge holder (and the person the badge relates to is in the vehicle) or by prior agreement with Mrs Parsons. If you have such permission, please **do not enter the car park before 3pm**, even if the gates open for a member of staff or somebody leaving the site. There is no access for anybody at the end of the day for pick up after clubs or TASC. Please park on the hill and walk through the pedestrian gate to collect your child.