



# Trinity Church School

*Learning, Growing, Believing Together*



Friday 9th February 2024

Newsletter 09

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



## House Points Winners



Congratulations to Ruby, Emerald and **Sapphire** House for being joint House Point winners last week. **Ruby** and **Emerald** shared the lead this week and so enjoyed a non-uniform day today. Well done!

## Attendance Winners



Well done to **Chestnut** Class for best attendance last week and to **Redwood** Class this week.

## Reading Millionaire!

Congratulations to **Savannah Y5** for Reading Two Million words. Well done!

## Second Best in the COUNTRY!

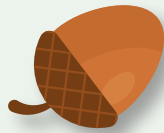
Well done to the whole of KS2 who took part in the Emile MTC National Finals. During the course of Wednesday and Thursday the children battled it out against the other schools that qualified for the finals.

The school finished **2nd place out of 1,200 schools**. Over 60,000 children took part! A special well done to Jake A, Sophie, Emily, Isaac, Tobious, Violet B and Georgia who finished in the top 100 places. A big well done to Jake T-E who finished in the top 50 and a MASSIVE well done to Savannah who finished in the top 10, having given an astonishing **4,842 correct answers!**

It was brilliant to see all of the children working together and so enthusiastic about their times tables!



# Acorn Class



## Class News:

Wow and just like that another term is over!

The children in Acorns have had such a busy fun last two weeks. They have been learning the rhyme *"Humpty Dumpty"*, practising cutting poor old Humpty up and sticking him back together with plasters. We have thought about other places that he may sit, such as on a car or a tree or the funniest being on Mrs Vivian's head! We made egg sandwiches, looking at how eggs change when boiled, practising peeling them, mashing them and spreading - developing so many skills. We have enjoyed making springy concertina legs and arms for Humpty, which involved following instructions carefully.

This week, we have been learning about the Lunar New Year. We have had a go at using chopsticks with noodles, which is not that easy! We have also learned what the lucky colours are. I wonder if your children can tell you these? Mrs Athay extended our concertina skills by supporting us to make dragons, which we then used to dance with.

In Maths, we have been reinforcing our awareness of 4 by going on 4 hunts, using bingo dabbers to put only 4 spots on a ladybird and practising subitising - seeing an amount as a group of 3 and 1 more. We are beginning to look at 5 and have talked about why we say *"high five"* as we clap each other's hands.

Our home corner play has been extended by the arrival of a giant cardboard box that Ms Bradley turned into a washing machine. We have 'washed' the dolls' clothes and practised putting them on hangers on the airer. The children were also very keen to do some washing up so we have had lots of warm soapy water to explore with.

We were delighted to welcome so many of you to our Parent Workshop on Tuesday, where we experimented with eggs with Miss Wood. Thank you for attending and completing the parent questionnaire that was sent out.

The children have really enjoyed having some of the older children come into class to read their books to them. This has been so rewarding for both year groups.

We hope you have a fantastic restorative half term and look forward to welcoming you and Miss Wood back.

Mrs Vivian



## Headteacher's Award

<b>Conkers:</b>	Rosa, Fraser
<b>Chestnut:</b>	Art, Amelia C
<b>Cedar:</b>	Caspar & Daisy, Joey
<b>Willow:</b>	Grace, George
<b>Cherry:</b>	Cody, Maddie
<b>Maple:</b>	Alfie, Jacob
<b>Redwood:</b>	Emily, Ben





# Conker Class



## Class News:

For the last two weeks, we have been learning about rainforest habitats. We discovered animals which live in the rainforest and learned the word *micro-habitat*. Ask us what it means! We discovered that the rainforest is actually very dark due to the tall trees. We were fantastic at comparing the habitats and made a *Venn diagram* to show what similarities and differences the habitats had. We loved creating an animal from polar, rainforest, desert and urban habitats from junk modelling. Some of us followed the step-by-step instructions to make our animal. We could even remember facts about our animals.

In RE, we have been learning about a different religion called *Judaism*. We discovered the special place where Jews worship is called a synagogue. We loved looking at the different artefacts and comparing them to what we may find in a church. We found out about the importance of a Torah scroll and loved making our own. We even made a *Yad* to go with it - which is a special pointer to read the Torah with, as you are not allowed to touch it. We also made beautiful Star of David artwork and drew everything you might discover in a synagogue.

In Drawing Club this week, we have been exploring London through the book: "*All Aboard the London Bus*". We have been learning about the Palace Guards and

some of us made our own bearskin hats. This picture shows our class bear wearing his bearskin hat whilst he sat protecting Buckingham Palace drawn on the flipchart.

In Maths, we have been discovering *length and height* using all sorts of objects, even our bodies! We measured the playground in a special Maths lesson led by Mr Pollock and learned that the playground is the same length as 31 metre sticks!

We say a sad farewell to Miss Willis as she moves onto her next teaching placement and we know we will all miss her.

Mrs Vivian, Mrs Clements and Miss Willis.



# Chestnut Class



## Class News:

This term has definitely flown by and the children have all been trying their best and working so hard. I can't wait to see what they achieve next term!

In English, we have completed our adventure story writing based on "*Lost and Found*". This week, as writers, the children have created their own 'lost' narratives using their own characters. I look forward to reading their independent stories. Next term we will focus on writing a non-fiction report.

In Maths, we have completed our topic on *Place Value to 20*. It has been fantastic to see the children using stem sentences in their Maths discussions and making connections in their learning.

In PSHE, we have been celebrating our individual success and listening to our friends explain what they are proud of. We have explored 'steps to success' and worked on a shared goal of making a marmalade sandwich!

As part of our *seasonal change* learning in Science, we have been exploring the seasons and thinking about the months of the year. We have also been recording the weather each day and learning how to use a thermometer to read the temperature. Next term, there will be lots of hands-on exploration based on plants and growing.

Well done, Chestnut Class for another fantastic term. I am so proud of the progress you are all making.

Mrs O'Brien



# Cedar Class

## Class News:



This week, we have finished and edited our adventure stories and I am so proud of the children as this was definitely their best work to date! The children then got to choose a creative outlet to present their stories - most children made a pop up story card or typed their work. Next term we'll be focusing on non-fiction writing and producing our own instructions.

In Computing, we have finished our learning on photography and we are now expert photographers! The children have learned how to focus on the subject and how to adjust angles and lighting. We looked back at our first photos and compared them to our final pictures and the difference was HUGE! The children have made so much progress in Computing and I look forward to our next exciting topic.

On Wednesday, we invited parents to join in with our Geography lesson where we consolidated our learning about the UK. Before the parents arrived, we made posters to celebrate our chosen UK country - including the national flag, an animal and a flower. We then used maps as part of an orienteering session with the parents where we answered questions related to our

learning this term.

Next term, we'll be looking at our local area of Radstock and will be visiting the local museum.

In RE this term, the children have been learning about *Judaism* and making comparisons with Christianity. On Friday, the children decorated their own Kiddish glass and plate for their Hanukkah party. The children shared fruit and sweet breads (doughnuts) and took part in a Judaism quiz where they won Gelts (chocolate coins).

Well done, Cedar Class - you have worked very hard this term. Keep up the good work and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4!

Mrs Robinson



# Willow Class



## Class News:

It has been another busy two weeks in Willow Class!

In Maths, the children have worked incredibly hard at learning their times tables. In particular, they have been learning their 3 times tables - we have also looked at multiplying by 3 and dividing by 3.

In English, we have finished our narrative story: "*The Stone Age Boy*". This week, the children have been planning their independent writes based on the story. I can't wait to read them all!

In Geography, we have finished our topic on *rivers and mountains*. This week, the children have learned about the water cycle and how it is an ongoing cycle. We finished our lesson with a quick game of MasterMind to recap our learning.

Finally, in Art, we had our Parent Workshop. The children and the parents had great fun creating Stone Age cave drawings. We used charcoal and spices to create paints for all of us to use.

Well done, Willow Class for all your hard work this term. Both Mrs Meredith and I, have been incredibly proud of the progress you have all made. Keep up the good work! I hope you all have a well deserved break.

I look forward to seeing you all in Term 4!

Miss Jones



# Cherry Class



## Class News:

It has been another busy couple of weeks in Cherry Class! The children have continued to work really hard across the curriculum right up until the end of term.

In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions, a concept which can be quite challenging. However, the children have risen to that challenge and have done brilliantly well. In English, we have spent the last week looking at newspaper articles and writing an article of our own about a missing museum artefact.

We have come to the end of our History topic on the Anglo-Saxons, a subject that the children have enjoyed learning about. Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Workshop and helped us make our Sutton Hoo masks, which was a fun way to end the term's learning. Next term, we will be studying the Vikings!

We were very fortunate last week to be able to participate in making some lanterns, which were part of the parade in Radstock. The children showed excellent teamwork, as well as creativity, to produce their own star lanterns. I'm sure you'll agree that they all looked brilliant!

Well done everyone on another super term! You have all worked incredibly hard and can look forward to a much deserved rest. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to welcoming you all back for Term 4.

Mr Hancock



# Maple Class



## Class News:

Two weeks ago, Maple Class enjoyed a visit from five Bath Spa University drama students who ran a workshop together. After some warm up activities (which were great fun!), they performed a puppet show about how everyone is unique and special in their own way. After the workshop, they were kind enough to leave behind a bag for every child with resources to make their own puppet.

Last week, we made lanterns for the parade on Friday 2nd February. The children really enjoyed the experience and the lanterns looked absolutely fantastic.

In English, the children have been writing about the characters from *"The Explorer"* and a setting description of the Amazon rainforest. In Maths, we have moved on to fractions. In Science, our topic on forces has come to an end and our next topic will be *materials and their properties*. Our Geography topic on South America will continue after half term but we will also be looking at Fair Trade within it.

Miss Phillips

Class News:



## Redwood Class

Last Tuesday, we had a lantern workshop where we made star lanterns out of bamboo. The children really enjoyed making these and joining in the parade both in school and out.

In Writing, we have reached the end of our unit on "Paperman". To finish the unit off, the children wrote the ending to the story. They have really enjoyed this unit and watching clips of the short film each day.

In Maths, we have started work on percentages. The children have been working hard to find the equivalent fractions and decimals. They have also become more fluent with finding a percentage of an amount.

Well done, Redwood Class, for a great term. I hope you all have a restful half term break and I look forward to seeing you all back for Term 4.

Miss Walker



## The News Crew!



This week, our Year 5 News Crew are reporting on **Lizzy's Soup Run**.

Children from Trinity are helping to feed the homeless in Bath. Last week, some volunteers from Cedar Class gave up some of their lunch break to pack bags containing tea, coffee and sugar. Well done to Ellis W, Ellis N, Finley, Levi, Reggie, Theo, Imogen, Zanthé and Esme. These children, along with Mrs Jones, helped pack bags for the charity, Lizzy's Soup Run, and made 183 bags of hot drinks ingredients. After retiring from teaching, Mrs Jones joined Lizzy's Soup Run.

Liz is a generous woman who gives up her time to help people who are struggling with money and food. Over 40 volunteers help out every Saturday in the evening, providing hot food and even £5.00 food vouchers for Greggs.

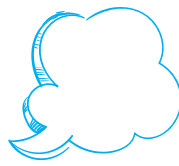
Liz Davies came up with the idea in lockdown and started off making all the meals herself. Back then, she was providing for around eight or 12 people a week, but recently the number of people using Lizzie's Soup Run has soared.

We hope to see Mrs Jones back at Trinity again so that another year group can help pack the bags for Lizzy's Soup Run.





# Thought of the week



## Our News Story Focus

45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome. Maria del Mar Galcerán Gadea is thought to be the first person with the genetic disorder to join a European regional or national parliament. She has been involved with politics since she was 18, when she joined Spain's conservative People's Party. Speaking to the media, Mar Galcerán said she wants to be seen as a person, and not for her disability.

## Talking Points

- Make a list of people you find inspirational.
- What about them inspires you?
- Think about some of the places you find leaders (e.g., schools, councils, clubs). For each place, how are the leaders chosen?
- How important do you think it is for leaders to be from a diverse range of backgrounds and with different experiences?



## Protected Characteristics

Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome. Nobody should be treated unfairly because of a disability.



## Democracy

As adults, we will be able to vote for the people we want to represent us in parliament. As children, we have opportunities to vote for those we want to represent us such as school council members, sports, arts and eco committees.



## Outside Achievements



Congratulations to the following children for their Outside Achievements:

**Ivy & Grace Y3** for being in a movie

**Anika Y3** achievement for learning to play guitar

**Savannah Y5** - Player of the match in Football

**Clara Y5** - for Rugby

**Tobious** - Great leadership and teamwork in Basketball



## Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

The following children enjoyed their hot chocolate and cake with Mrs Parsons last week.

**Conkers:**

**Chestnut:**

**Cedar:**

**Willow:**

**Cherry:**

**Maple:**

**Redwood:**

**Amelia**

**Felicity**

**Esme**

**Delilah**

**Jessica**

**Aron & Tobious**

**Rose**



## Speak Out

On Tuesday, Martha, Savannah and Tobious travelled to Writhlington School to take part in Speak Out, a public speaking competition. As avid readers, the children chose to debate whether e-readers were better than physical books. The children worked extremely hard to prepare their speeches and demonstrated courage to perform in front of such a large audience. They delivered a brilliant, well-argued and clear performance to be proud of.



## Christian Values Awards



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

- Friendship:** Bella & Natan Y4, Amber Y5
- Respect:** Bentley & Riley Y3
- Courage:** Savannah, Tobias, Henry Y5, Martha & Ben Y6
- Compassion:** Amber Y5
- Trust:** Ben Y6



## Sports News

The girls' football team played brilliantly in their recent cup game against Welton. They put on a confident display in front of a home crowd and scored an impressive 8 goals - the final score was 8-0. They will now play High Littleton in the next round on Thursday 7th March.

## Dates for your Calendar 2023-2024 - Term 4

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3	Whole School
Monday 19th February	Start of Term 4	Whole School
Tuesday 20th February	Chestnut Class Parent Workshop - 2-3pm	Year 1
Wednesday 21st February	Redwood Class Parent Workshop - 2-3pm	Year 6
Monday 26th February	Maple Class Parent Workshop - 2-3pm	Year 5
Monday 26th February	Football Tournament 4-5.30pm	Year 3/4
Thursday 29th February	Paediatric First Aid Course for parents (£20) 6-8pm	
Friday 8th March	Mother's Day Shop - PTA tbc	
Wednesday 13th March	Year 6 trip - People Group Services tbc	Year 6
Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March	Wessex Water workshop	Whole School
Thursday 14th March	Chestnut Class Phonics Presentation for Parents 2.15-3pm	Year 1 Parents
Thursday 21st March	MSN Small Schools Netball Tournament 1-3pm	
Monday 25th March	Dance Umbrella - The Forum, Bath	Dance Umbrella Club
Thursday 28th March	Conker Class Assembly - 2.40pm	Year R
Thursday 28th March	End of Term 4	Whole School
Monday 15th April	Start of Term 5	Whole School



## A note about Safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the School to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Pollock, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Parsons or Mrs Hurley. The safety of our young people is our top priority and the responsibility of us all.

Or you can contact the NSPCC if you have any concerns about a child, trust your instincts and contact the NSPCC Helpline. Their specialist team will listen, advise and take any action needed.

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000, emailing [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or completing our [report abuse online form](#).

The NSPCC voice Helpline is currently available 10am–8pm Monday to Friday.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.

# February Half Term - Inspired Camps



**12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY**

- **9am - 3pm (Late and Early at Northgate)**
- **Multi-sports**
- **Champions League Football Camps**

### Venues

- **NORTHGATE**
- **WELLS BLUE**

- **NORTH PETHERTON**
- **WOOLAVINGTON**



Medals for all



Presentation ceremony on the final day



**£20** Per day

**10%** Whole week discount

**15%** Sibling discount



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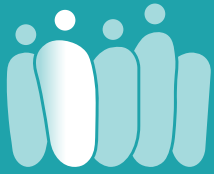
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## Violence Reduction Partnership

# Knife Crime Awareness Event for Parents and Carers

The B&NES Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are running a series of knife crime awareness events throughout February and March.

These events will take place in schools across the area. The first event will be held at Writhlington School on February 22nd (17.30 to 19.30), followed by Hayesfield Girls School on February 29th (18.00 to 20.00) and Cameley CEVC Primary School on March 18th (18.00 to 20.00).

The events are aimed at parents and carers who would like to know more about the dangers of knife crime or are concerned that their children are at risk. They aim to increase awareness of key issues surrounding knife crime, empowering you and your children to make informed and positive decisions to stay safe.

You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers with lived experience who have been personally affected by knife crime. There will also be a presentation by Street Doctors followed by a panel discussion with the opportunity to ask questions.

**For queries, please email [VRU\\_Events@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:VRU_Events@bathnes.gov.uk)**

**Or book** your ticket now on Eventbrite:

**Writhlington School, 22nd February, 17.30 to 19.30**

<https://KnifeCrimeAwareEventWrithlington.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Hayesfield Girls School, 29th February, 18.00 to 20.00**

<https://KnifeCrimeAwareHayesfield.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Cameley Primary School, 18th March, 18.00 to 20.00**

<https://KnifeCrimeAwarenessCameley.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Bath & North Somerset VRP**

<https://bcssp.bathnes.gov.uk/vru>



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