



# St. Stephen's C.E. Primary School

## Aspire to Greatness



For we are the handiwork of God, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

### **This Week's Worship Value was "humility"**

### **As we explored "S" for "Succeed" from**

### **Our Aspire Values.**

#### Value of the Week

Vicar Dave came to school on Monday to launch our worship theme of "humility". We are exploring this value as we delve into the Easter story. Dave told us that for Jesus to ride a donkey was a display of humility and a willingness to come in peace. The shouts of "hosanna" or "God save us" as the donkey rode past and palm branches were waved are recollected during "Palm Sunday" worship. As the story continues, we learn of Jesus washing the disciples' feet (demonstrating that we should be servants to one another), we find out that he is peaceful at the point of His arrest, and we continue to see that He shows humility throughout. Jesus said, "if someone strikes you, turn the other cheek". In other words, don't retaliate in anger.

This example is very hard to follow but time after time we see through history that those who seek peaceful resolutions, are humble and willing to engage or listen, and this does work over time. Whilst we just speak out about injustice, the power of our words and the humility in our actions can bring about change.

Over the course of the week, classes have been making artefacts for the Easter treasure hunt next week. Nursery have made a life sized donkey, which is now hidden in the Environmental Area and, on Monday, we shall be hiding 15 donkeys, and more artefacts, which will reveal a special Easter message. We hope that children enjoy the Easter trail and that families will come down to visit the Environmental Area for themselves after school on Wednesday.



## Easter is Coming!

Junior pupils will also visit church for a special Easter experience. A "Question Time" panel of Easter characters will tell them more about the Easter story and children will receive a drink and a snack. The children will be accompanied by 3 members of the SACRE team. The team work with the Local Authority to monitor and advise on Religious Education so it will be fantastic to welcome them to view the wonderful Easter work that is shared between church and school.

On the final day of term, Maundy Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> March), Bishop Jill will visit school for our Easter assembly. We shall reveal a wonderful mosaic which is currently being worked on in school. Mrs Garstang has done a tremendous job with the children and the mosaic is nearly complete. We hope to show pictures of the finished mosaic before the end of term.



## Hothersall Lodge

On Tuesday and Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 children went on an outdoor adventurous day to Hothersall Lodge. Whilst there, they took part in canoeing, climbing, caving and the zipline. Children showed remarkable resilience and challenged themselves to try new experiences. Well done to everyone. We would also like to thank the staff and volunteers who helped out so that trips like this can take place.



## Sports News

On Monday a group of Year 4 children represented our school in the multiskills competition where they were competing against other schools developing their throwing, kicking and dribbling skills. We finished mid table out of the 13 teams who were there. The children had a great time and had a fantastic attitude.



On Thursday night our girls' football team played a league match against St Michael's on Wyre. Following a closely fought game, we emerged victorious, 2-1. Well done girls!



## Science Competition

As part of British Science Week, children were asked to find an alternate use for a plastic bottle. We had some amazing entries which included planters, bird feeders and garden ornaments.

The winners for each key stage were:

EYFS: Samay

KS1: Adinath

LKS2: Ethan K

UKS2: Patrikas



## Fantastic Book Awards

Some of our UKS2 children have been part of the Fantastic Book Awards from the school library service. They have read a variety of new books from different authors and get to vote for their favourite.

As part of this, on Friday morning Y5/6 took part in a zoom with Jenny McLachlan, author of Stink, The Worst Fairy Ever. They enjoyed hearing about her books and the life of an author.

## Attendance Update


**ATTEND TODAY**  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



**Welcome to our attendance update!**

Please be on time, don't forget the school gates close at 8.50am sharp! Lost minutes = lost learning.

Last Week's Attendance w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
Our School Target is 96%	
Class Reception Explorers	87.7%
Class Reception Inventors	56.8%
Class Y1	89.3%
Class Y 1/ 2	94.3%
Class Y2	93.6%
Class Y 3	95.0%
Class Y3/ 4	90.3%
Class Y4	95.6%
Class Y5	93.5%
Class Y 5/ 6	96.6%
Class Y6	96.7%



**Well Done to Class Y5/6 and Class Y6**

Almost there with Class Y4, maybe next week?

Dates for Your Diaries

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March:	Easter Enrichment week begins
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March:	Easter Treasure hunt for families after school in the environmental area Easter experience for KS2 at St Stephen's Church.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March:	Bishop Jill to visit for our Easter Assembly

**\*\*\*School will finish at 2 p.m. on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March \*\*\***



**VIP Winners who have "Aspired to Greatness"**

**These children "Achieve Highly" and Trust God for the future**

Grace M - Reception Inventors Enid F - Reception Explorers

Patrick G - Y1 Adam I - Y1/2

Layla R – Y2 Luna B – Y3 Hamida M – Y3/4

Anushka Y – Y4 Gabriella R - Y5 Iman J – Y5/6 Atiyyah S - Y6

**Golden Book winners who have "Aspired to Greatness" in their Work**

Lily S B - Reception Inventors Ayesha A - Reception Explorers

Danny M - Y1 Shray L - Y1/2

Brandon W – Y2 Raoza M - Y 3 Muneerah B – Y3/4

Maya N – Y4 Fatima A – Y5 The Whole Class - Y5/6 Aayma A - Y6

**Lunchtime VIPs – who have "Aspired to Greatness" and excelled at lunchtimes in their behaviour**

Yanshi P - Reception Inventors Aaishah S - Reception Explorers

Bobby N W - Y1 Rebecca R - Y1/2 Inaaya A – Y2 Olza K - Y3

Maisie M – Y3/4 Jacob B – Y4 Hafsa A - Y5

Sienna T W – Y5/6 Olivia S – Y6