



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 "Wisdom" as we explored S for Succeed

Value of the Week

We have continued to explore the value of "wisdom" in our worship this half term. This week, Vicar Dave taught us how the church celebrates the creation story and how humans are caretakers of the earth. This is a value expressed in other faiths too. We have been learning how plastics are harming the wildlife in the oceans and that single-use plastics are very often not recycled.

Dave showed us a video of his wife collecting plastic off Formby beach and so much was collected in just one minute. This will be plastic washed up or discarded.

Much of our plastic comes from food and we notice a lot of packed lunch items wrapped in plastic. Sadly, much of this isn't recycled. Mrs Cookson and the eco-council led an assembly and where we learned more about healthy food for life and how to package food so that it is good for us and good for the planet.

What does it look like?

From this...



To this...



What is a waste-free lunch?

- ✓ Contains no throw-away packaging.
- ✓ Food and drinks in reusable containers.
- ✓ Uses a reusable lunch bag or box.



We have also learned about the "Big Plastic Count" which takes place from 11-17th March. You can sign up as an individual or as a household [here](#). As a school, we ask that children do not bring single-use plastic into school and we hope that families will join us in our efforts to help look after the environment, thank you!

Waste-free lunches



- ✓ Protect our environment.
- ✓ Avoid waste going to landfill.
- ✓ Reduce school costs on waste disposal.
- ✓ Keep our school grounds clean and litter free.
- ✓ Encourage better food choices for healthy kids.

Easter is Coming!

We are still in the period of Lent and, as Easter draws near at the end of March, we will, in every class, celebrate the festival with our annual Easter enrichment work. During our R.E. lessons, we will be learning themes from the Easter story. Each class will also be “getting vocal” in their learning, using oracy skills (speaking and listening) to share their understanding of a small section of the story.

We are using a text called The Easter Story by Brian Wildsmith. You can read it with your child [here](#) The Easter story is told through the eyes of a donkey and we are celebrating this in our Easter Enrichment this year. The classes will be creating some artefacts for a special treasure hunt in the Environmental Area and which will be signposted with donkeys. The donkeys and artefacts when found, reveal a letter which will spell out a message (when written in the order of the Easter story).

Here is one of the donkeys, decorated by the Values Leaders to promote Fairtrade and care for the earth. We have bought a small Fairtrade chocolate egg for each child who visits the trail during the last week of term and families are invited to do the trail for themselves after school on Wednesday 27th March. A small Easter prize will be given to those who complete the trail and staff will be on hand to help. This will be Ms Wright’s last community event before leaving at the end of term.



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 Easter experience is always a real treat!

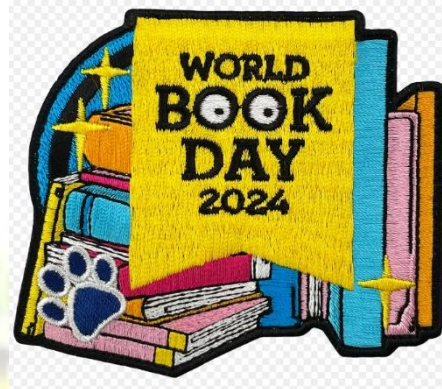
On the final day of term, Maundy Thursday (28th March), Bishop Jill will visit school for our Easter assembly. We are hoping for good weather and to celebrate Easter in the new worship area outdoors. We shall also reveal a wonderful mosaic which is currently being worked on in school. Mrs Garstang has done a tremendous job to design the mosaic and to use the ideas of some of our children, as well as their crafting skills. As this will be positioned in the outdoor worship area, families will be able to view the work when visiting the Easter trail on Wednesday 27th March. The mosaic is coming along really well!



World Book Day is Next Week on Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is next Thursday! The children have been invited to make a model character and enter it into a competition. The prize will be hot chocolate, a book mark, book and popcorn or cookies!

Children may come to school on World Book Day wearing/bringing 3 items to hint at a book character. We will then spend the day trying to work out who the characters are. For example, red shoes, a blue bow and a basket might represent Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. A scar, a wand and a wizard's hat would clearly be "Harry Potter". Staff will also share 3 clues with the children so that they can guess their book character too!

**Clubs for this Half Term**

Please contact school if you require information about any of these activities:

Club	Day	Staff Leading
Mosaic Art (Values Leaders)	Most Lunchtimes	Ms Wright and Mrs Garstang
Maths Y6 SATs Booster	Monday 3.20 – 4.20 p.m.	Mr Scott
Maths More Able Y6 SATs Booster	Friday Lunchtime	Mr Scott
Lunch club	Every day	Mrs Haughton, Miss Livesey and Mrs Kasmierska
Dodgeball Disco	Wednesday 3.20 – 4.20 p.m. Lower KS 2	Mr Haydock and Miss Patel
School council	Tuesday Lunch	Mrs Cheetham
Maths Club	Wednesday 3.20 – 4.20 p.m.	Mrs Cheetham
Brilliant Book Awards	Wednesday after School	Mrs Harlow and Miss Booth

Girls' Football	Wednesday Lunchtime	Fishwick Rangers
Chinese Club	Thursday Lunchtime	Mrs Gorman
Eco council	Thursday lunchtimes	Mrs Cookson
Chess	Tuesday lunchtimes	Mrs Cookson
Y6 Reading Booster	Tuesday 3.20 – 4.20 p.m.	Mrs Devitt
Crochet Club	Fridays 3.20 – 4.20 p.m.	Mrs Molloy
Fencing	Monday 3.20 – 4.20 p.m.	Private provider

Year 6 High School Offers

Children in Year 6 found out their High School offers today! If you have any questions or concerns about these offers then please ask!

Polite Reminder about Uniform

Please can we remind families that earrings and other forms of jewellery should not be worn in school for health and safety reasons. We also ask that children wear shoes, ankle boots or black trainers, not knee length boots or trainers with logos to school. We have purchased new stocks of uniform and if you need any support with any aspect of uniform then please ring the office for advice. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diaries

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Tues and Wed 19th and 20th March: Hothersall Lodge trip for Upper Key Stage 2 Pupils

Monday 25th March: Easter Enrichment week begins

Wednesday 27th March: Easter Treasure hunt for families after school in the environmental area
Easter experience for KS2 at St Stephen's Church.

Thursday 28th March: Bishop Jill to visit for our Easter Assembly and to unveil our Mosaic in the outdoor Worship Area

School finishes for the end of Term at 2 p.m. on Thursday 28th March



VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”

These children “Achieve Highly” and Trust God for the future

Leo S - Reception Inventors Muhammad S - Reception Explorers

Ayansh M - Y1 Eddie B - Y1/2

Zahra K – Y2 Amber F – Y3 Amelia C – Y3/4

Madara S – Y4 Riley M - Y5 Blake D – Y5/6 Crystal I - Y6

Golden Book winners who have “Aspired to Greatness” in their Work

Oscar S - Reception Inventors Lucie W - Reception Explorers

Nethran B - Y1 Ian M S - Y1/2

??? Holly D – Y2 Kishen N - Y 3 Katie C & Joseph L S – Y3/4

Jacob B – Y4 Riley-Joe H – Y5 Kingsley C - Y5/6 Abigail J - Y6

Lunchtime VIPs – who have “Aspired to Greatness” and excelled at lunchtimes in their behaviour

Maleeha A - Reception Inventors Patrick D - Reception Explorers

Danny M - Y1 Jiyaan M - Y1/2 Muhammed H – Y2 Ellie J - Y3

Oliver R – Y3/4 Layla-Mae S – Y4 Ira S - Y5

Leo N-W – Y5/6 Declan O-K – Y6