



# 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 continues with "A" for Achieve

This week, in our worship, we continued "A" for Achieve and explored further the idea of "truthfulness" as part of our values. On Monday, Vicar Dave launched the week with a talk about the value of staying truthful when it's difficult. He told the story of St. Peter, who told a lie three times but Christ forgave him. We also heard a story about a girl who started to tell a small lie but then her story became more complex with a layer of lies.

Truthfulness is such an honourable quality and our classes thought really hard about this value over the course of the week. We have heard in the news recently of calls for honesty when ministers debate in the House of Commons and there have been questions raised between MPs about senior leaders in government. Children were able to watch a BBC Newsround clip where young people gave their differing views on the recent reports. We have also reflected on the responsibilities placed on those who manage social media environments. For example, Mark Zuckerberg who has plans to create a "Metaverse", a virtual world of online experiences. We teach our children to surf the internet safely and to be wary of false news. In the future we may need to teach them to differentiate between what is real and what is not.



Look at the resource below, which shares more information about virtual reality.



To view the virtual world, people wear a headset. In some virtual reality (VR) worlds the virtual character copies your actions. If you turn your head left, it does too. If you start to walk, the character will walk in the virtual world too!

Some VR headsets also come with controllers or gloves that you hold during the experience. This means you are able to grab, throw move or touch objects in the virtual world.

Some virtual games and content can be very similar to our real life; others allow us to experience imaginary worlds.



Do you think you would enjoy experiencing virtual reality?

### Reflection

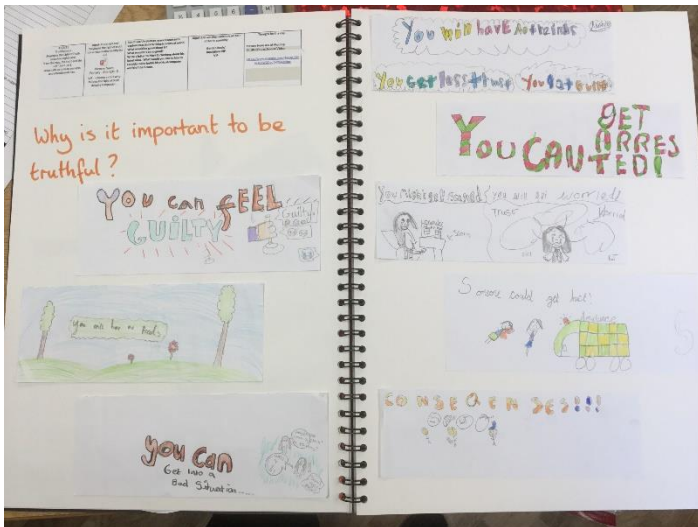


Virtual reality can provide opportunities for interactions that feel similar to real life. It's important for us to know and understand the difference between what's real and what isn't.



As we encourage our children to grow up around all of these influences, we need to hold on to our values of truthfulness and to seek the truth. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life". To be able to look to his clear message of love for one another will be a perpetual guide.

This week, the Year 3/4 worship leaders reflected on the value of truth. They shared their words in Thursday's assembly.



### My Place Community Project – Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> March

The Wildlife Trust are running sessions for adults using our environmental area. The date for this project has moved to the Spring due to the weather and current stage in the pandemic. There are lots of creative and crafty projects which are planned in the outdoors and can aid well-being. If you would like to access the My Space project then please contact us at school or contact Jenny Reddel. We are hoping to link this creative crafty group to our work with Forest Schools. Andy Pratt will also attend with Jenny.  
Email: [jreddell@lancswt.org.uk](mailto:jreddell@lancswt.org.uk) Office Tel: 07738 102274



### Robinwood – 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Families of children attending the Robinwood Residential will be invited to a "Zoom" meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The meeting will be a chance to go through the necessary paperwork and to



learn more about what happens during this very exciting trip. We have now set up a Robinwood Class Dojo group and will be sending out further information to parents very soon.

### Fairtrade Fortnight – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb to 4<sup>th</sup> March – “Going Cocoa”

Fairtrade Fortnight is coming after half term. Our Worship Leaders are preparing a special assembly at 10:50 a.m. on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb to launch the fortnight. Parents/carers are welcome to attend if they have time. This year, we are reflecting on the impact of Climate Change on the poorest farming communities. We will be thinking about what we can do to help and having fun with chocolate powder at the same time! Our worship leaders have been making posters and writing to political leaders to invite them to hear our views. We are looking forward to exploring more ways to help the planet as well as benefit from the delicious taste from the cocoa bean!

Watch out for posters made by the worship leaders!

### PNE Work with our Schools

We are grateful to PNE who have trained our play buddies to be better at developing sport on our playgrounds. Our children even got a mention in a PNE programme (15.1.22)! Thank you PNE!

#### Going Cocoa for Fairtrade 2022

Fairtrade fortnight is all about farmers not getting enough money and we should fix it. This year we are thinking about Climate change which harms farming.



21st Feb - 4th March



### Dates for your Diaries

Class assemblies are planned for this half term. Families are welcome to watch assemblies but must wear a face covering and ensure that they do not attend with any covid symptoms. **Public Health advice is that all adults should LFD test before coming into school for a gathering/meeting.**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb: Upper KS2 film and pizza night after school - £3 (payable on ParentPay)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February: Meeting for Robinwood Families at 6 p.m. (this will be on Zoom).

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: KS1 trip to Blackpool Zoo – payments to be made on ParentPay.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb: Fairtrade Fortnight begins – this year we are focussing on climate change whilst also having fun with chocolate!

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: World Book Day – we have some exciting ideas for reading on this day!

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March: “My Space” Environmental Area Group begins.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March: Robinwood Residential

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Enrichment begins

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Interim reports will come home to parents.

Wednesday and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March: Parents’ evenings after school



### VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”

These children “Achieve Highly” and follow the light of truth, despite temptation

Aliyah Hussain - F. Inventors      Halimah Feroz – F. Explorers

Alina Bahar - Y1, Joy Varre -Y1/2

Ananyaa Nanda – Y2, Junior Waters – Y3 Sienna Turner – Y3/4

Ethan Duncan – Y4      Akram Nassib Anour - Y5/6      Safiyyah Zinga - Y6

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

Ivy Taylor - F. Inventors      Alfie Robinson – F. Explorers

Sebastian Iacob - Y1, Paul Bentley -Y1/2

James De Sousa Corrin – Y2, Aminah Bahar - Y 3      Leo Clayton – Y3/4

Yaseen Kulesza – Y4      Akemi-Mae Knight - Y5/6      Harley-Reece Fox-North - Y6



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

Ramaya Costello - F. Inventors      Skyler Turner - F. Explorers

Faridah Mustapha - Y1, Hannah Bhayat -Y1/2

Aida Ilie – Y2, Lacey Johnson - Y3      Kingsley Costello – Y3/4

Testimony Igbo – Y4      Shirley Stevens - Y5/6      David Olalekan Orishabiyi - Y6

# Junior Preston Cricket Club

## Sunday Mornings 10.30am

2022 Sessions	Start Date	End Date	Fee
Pre-season 6weeks	06/03/22	03/04/22	20.00 Preston Cricket Club
Dynamo or All Stars 8 Weeks	08/05/22	26/06/22	40.00 Payment Made Online to ECB– English Cricket Club
Post Season 6 Weeks	03/07/22	07/08/22	20.00 Preston Cricket Club

Please note: Sessions cancelled due to bad weather, will be applied as credits for future sessions

**Parents Information Meeting  
at the Club House:**

**Tuesday 15th February**

**6.30pm**

**Refreshments Provided**

**THE CLUB HOUSE**  
Preston Sports Club  
South Meadow Lane  
Preston  
Lancashire

