



# 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 "S" for Succeed focusing on the value of "wisdom"

Wow, what a busy week we have had in school this week. It has been a week of many positives in school and staff have worked very hard to give the children some experiences they won't forget.

However, we launched the week's assemblies with a thoughtful and reflective special assembly on the war in Ukraine. It is a sad topic but children cannot escape the news and they need to make sense of the conflict. Staff have been available to answer their questions and to work with children to explain that many are working to support people in Ukraine. Political leaders are also endeavouring to bring about an end to the war without further violence.

We are collecting for the Red Cross in school throughout the season of Lent. Please encourage your child to send in coins each week which they would have otherwise spent on luxuries. So far, we have collected £70.75



Lord, open our eyes, that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.  
Lord, open our ears, that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed.  
Lord, open our hearts, that we may love each other as you love us.  
Renew in us your spirit.  
Lord, free us and make us one.  
Amen

*Prayer by St Theresa*

 **BritishRedCross**  
150 years

UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

**Donate today.**  
**Lives are at stake.**

## Fairtrade Fortnight



Today is the last day of Fairtrade Fortnight. Our Fairtrade Cocoa tree in school is covered in cocoa leaves all expressing how children promise to help reduce the impact of climate change through the choices they make in their daily lives. Let's all try to do our bit for the earth!



Children have been busy making chocolate treats using Fairtrade cocoa powder and, today, some of our governors, Cath Greenlees (our Fairtrade Education Rep) and Sir Mark Hendrick MP came to sample the delights. There was an amazing array of chocolate treats including chocolate mousse, chocolate muffins, chocolate bites, icecream and much more. The worship leaders asked some great questions and Sir Mark visited classrooms where children did the school proud in not only talking about the treats they had made but sharing more of what they have learned about fairtrade and climate change. The children wanted to know what government and leaders are doing to negate climate change and to help farming communities abroad. Some very insightful questions were asked. Well done Worship Leaders!



## *Psalm 104*

*24 What a wildly wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.*





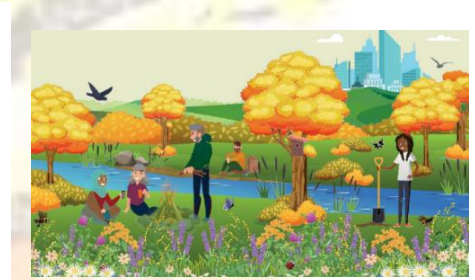
**World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

This year's World Book Day was very enjoyable and children had fun in every class carrying out activities which related to their class reader. There were pirates and magic faraway trees and challenges for knights in shining armour. We hope the children renewed their enthusiasm for reading and shared more of their learning in school.

**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.

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

Families of children attended an online meeting this week. The powerpoint has been shared with families and emergency contact details will be sent out in due course. Please contact school if you have any questions about the trip.

**Female Footballers have Fantastic Win!**

On Thursday evening, the Year 5/6 girls' football team played 3 matches in their league at UCLAN Sport Arena. The first match (their first EVER match), against Queen's Drive, ended in a 3-0 defeat which does not reflect the amount of ball time and pressure we put on the opposition. In the second match, which could have gone either way, it ended 2-0 to Sherwood. In the third game, we had really got into the groove and ended up triumphant against Harris, winning 2-0. All the girls deserve to win Girl of the Game due to their battling on the pitch, support for each other and enthusiasm for sport. We can't wait for our next 2 games.

**KS1 SATs meeting**

A meeting for Year 2 parents has been organised on Monday, straight after school, so that families can learn more about the Y2 SATs. If you are unable to attend then please let the teachers know so that they can share the presentation with you after the meeting.

### Dates for your Diaries

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Film night for lower KS2. The film is Luca – payments to be made on ParentPay

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

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Lower Junior Trip to the Gurdwara as part of their work on Sikhism

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

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Class Photos - A photographer will be taking photos (from 9am)

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

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

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Experience at St. Stephen’s Church

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 are wise when thinking about protecting the Earth



Mark Miller - F. Inventors      Sebastian Siekanski – F. Explorers

Sebastian Iacob - Y1, Theo French -Y1/2

Ali Hussain – Y2, Lilly Moloney-Carter – Y3 Blake Duckworth – Y3/4

Olivia Simpson – Y4      Akram Nassib Anour - Y5/6      Dahiru Hammajam - Y6

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

Zahra Kazee - F. Inventors      Ivaan Bradshaw – F. Explorers

Marley Jones - Y1, Luna Elliott -Y1/2

Georgia Keane – Y2, Riley-Joe Hambleton - Y 3      Zahra Mustafa Abdullah – Y3/4

Diane Gavin – Y4      Adam Traynor - in 5/6      Blake Holland - Y6

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

Mia-May Carrington - F. Inventors      Zaynab Mahmood - F. Explorers

Joseph Graham - Y1, Patrik Csabai -Y1/2

Jacob Ridley – Y2, James Johnston - Y3      Iman Junusso – Y3/4

Jayden Sutcliffe and Oliver Leadbetter-Swain – Y4      Loki Yates - Y5/6

Emily Andrews - Y6