



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

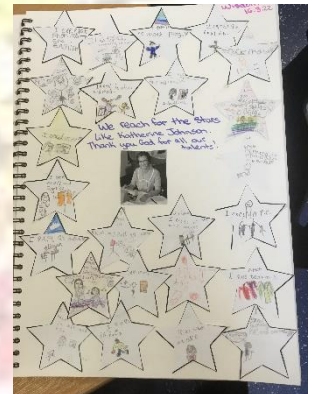
This Week's Worship Value continues with "S" for Succeed focusing on the value of "wisdom"

We have continued to explore the value of Wisdom through our worship this week. On Monday, we welcomed the Open the Book team as they led worship about Hezekiah, who trusted God all of his life. It is important to know that God has the greatest wisdom and knows and understands us and our individual situations.

On Tuesday, we used worship to reflect on being the best that we can be and using our wisdom for good. God has blessed us with gifts that we should use wisely. We celebrated Science Week in this week's assemblies as we reflected on the life and work of the mathematician, Katherine Johnson, whose brilliance overshadowed the discrimination of her day and empowered her to do the mathematics required to get a rocket back from the moon. Her story is amazing and a film has been created about her. You can learn more about her here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKxgieXQ82w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmDn0vNVyQw>



A true inspiration to those who love to learn!

Our Year 2 class and worship leaders

shared their reflections for assembly. They felt inspired to be the best they can be and to



thank God for the talents they have.

Use your God-given abilities to reach those who don't know Him—and give Him the credit for your talents. Jesus gives us two commandments: to love the Lord and to love others as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:37–40). And when we steward our talents to honor Him and to bless others, we're doing just that.



British Science Week Success!

It's been a very busy week in school for our budding Scientists and we were supported by members of our community who came into school to lead talks. British Science Week is a 10-day celebration and the idea behind the programme is to raise awareness, spark enthusiasm and celebrate science, engineering, technology and maths with people of all ages and from all walks of life.

This year St Stephen's has decided to focus on two themes within science which are STEM career opportunities and conservation.

A few months ago we reached out to parents/carers who have STEM careers and this week six members of the St Stephen's family donated their time to deliver aspirational career talks to our children. Our visitors have a varying range of careers from a Nuclear Engineer to a Physiotherapist awarded an OBE by the Queen! A very special thank you to:

Dr Sue Greenhalgh OBE (Physiotherapist)

Dr Susan Wilbraham (Psychologist)

Dr Richard Wilbraham (Nuclear Engineer)

Dr Shravan Nanda (ICU Doctor)

Micheala Smith (Theatre Scrub Nurse)

Szilvia Hornyak (several previous STEM roles as a Civil Engineer, Bridge Technologist and a Water Management Officer)

Nursery and Reception donned white lab coats and became scientists for the week, completing lots of exciting experiments to inspire them into the world of science.

Our aim was to demonstrate to our children that if you work hard and aspire to greatness you can achieve anything you want to!

Our second focus for this week was conservation, in particular the conservation of our school/local area. Each class has been set a task to design and build a variety of structures such as bird boxes, hedgehog homes and bug hotels. We will be placing them in our environmental area so we can conserve the wildlife in and around our school. Year 6 have taken part in a litter pick to tidy up our school grounds.

In addition to the projects happening in and around school we are extremely lucky to have the opportunity to work with Myplace. Myplace is an exciting and innovative Nature and Well-being project delivered by the Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside in partnership with the Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust. Myplace empowers people and their communities to connect with local environments in order to learn new skills, build resilience, meet new people and improve their physical health and mental well-being. Myplace will be running sessions on Thursday afternoons in our environmental area



with members of the public, however they have kindly agreed to run a session with our Eco Council as part of British Science Week.

Finally, as a school we are extremely aware of the affect plastic is having on the Earth's oceans and wildlife. We want to help children understand that although conserving our local area is important, we must look at the bigger picture and try and do our bit to conserve the Earth for future generations. We set the children a challenge this week. We have loved seeing all of the recycled bottle entries and would like to thank families for joining in with this project. The winners will be announced on Monday and STEM-type prizes will be going to winners in each school department.

We are thrilled that we were able to spend time this week celebrating science and we are certain the children also felt inspired. There will be lots of photos on our school webpage over the coming weeks so look out for those.

Comic Relief

Children had fun raising money for comic relief today and we saw some amazing hairstyles in school. Each class carried out some comedic activities and raised awareness of the work of the charity. Thank you for donating to this national charity.



Traveller Site Stays

Great news for our GRT community as we learn that the Preston Traveller Site will stay after council discussions.

This is great news for some of our pupils who can stay settled here at home and, of course, keep attending our school.

<https://www.lep.co.uk/news/people/preston-traveller-site-saved-for-families-after-deal-between-councils-3611060>

Lent Charity – The Red Cross

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 £159.42

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



 **British Red Cross**
150 years

UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL

Donate today.
Lives are at stake.

My Place Community Project –

We still have places on the My Place outdoor project if you are free on Thursdays from 1 p.m. Please contact Jenny Reddell for further details. Email: jreddell@lancswt.org.uk Tel: 07738 102274



Robinwood

The children have had a fabulous time at Robinwood and we have seen smiling faces throughout the week as they carried out various challenges. We hope that the children enjoyed the trip. Staff commented on excellent behaviour and attitudes and they have had marvellous weather to boot. Well done children and thank you to the staff for the extra time they have given to the children so the trip could go ahead!



Lower KS2 Trip to the Gurdwara

Children in the lower juniors enjoyed a trip to the Gurdwara on Bow Lane this week. They were very knowledgeable about the faith and behaved brilliantly. Well done children!

Parents' Evening

Please be advised that families can now book their parents' evening appointments through the school website. If you have any issues with managing the booking then please contact your child's teacher.

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 25th March: Interim reports will come home to parents

Monday 28th March: Easter Enrichment begins

Tuesday 29th March: Easter Experience at St. Stephen's Church

Wednesday and Thursday 30th and 31st March: Parents' evenings after school

School Closes for Easter on Friday 1st April and will re-open on Tuesday 19th April.



VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”

These children “Achieve Highly” and value their learning to help others

Zara Yousaf - F. Inventors Johnny Doran – F. Explorers

Hasinah Feroz - Y1 Maisie Mason -Y1/2

Summer Adams Balshaw – Y2 Cameron Tymon – Y3 Jacob Livsey – Y3/4

Ethan Duncan – Y4 Arton Burrniku - Y5/6 Mumtaaz Badat - Y6

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

Holly Davis - F. Inventors Logan Black – F. Explorers

Mohammed Hussain - Y1, Layla-Mae Singleton -Y1/2

Khadija Ajmal – Y2, Supreme Igbo - Y 3 Leann Gavin – Y3/4

Serenity Meredith-Blake – Y4 Joseph Gad - in 5/6 Solange Padonou Eguakhide
- Y6

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

Efia Meredith-Sharples - F. Inventors Alfie Robinson - F. Explorers

Kishen Nayee - Y1 Remi Shokar -Y1/2

Doug Wilbraham – Y2, Riley McElligott - Y3 Katy Kerrigan – Y3/4

Leah Lyon – Y4 Danika-Leigh Fox-North - Y5/6

Excellence Igbo - Y6



THE CLUB HOUSE
Preston Sports Club
South Meadow Lane
Preston
Lancashire
PR1 8JP

Preston Cricket Club Juniors

Sunday Mornings 10.30am

Its not too late to sign up and join Junior Preston Cricket Club.

Boys and Girls ages 5-15 welcome!

Email: PrestonCricketClub4Juniors@outlook.com

Mobile Contact : 07435321708

2022 Programmes	Start Date	End Date	Fee
Pre-season 6weeks	20/03/22	24/04/22	20.00 Preston Cricket Club
Dynamo or All Stars 8 Weeks	08/05/22	26/06/22	40.00 Payment Made Online direct to ECB– Preston Cricket Club
Late 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 credit for later programmes

