



# 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 "endurance"

#### As we explore "P" for "Persevere"

The week has continued with sunny weather and our children have been enjoying their outdoor learning as well as working hard to prepare for the national assessments in the next few weeks.

In our worship on Monday Barbara came to tell us the story of Joshua. He was a leader who faced many challenges to ensure that the Israelites eventually found a place to live in peace. He had to persevere and to trust God.

We have also learned more about the inspirational life of Shirley Chisholm who went into politics as the first female black American politician in the 1960s. She won prizes from debating when she was at college and her professors encouraged her to go into politics. However, she worked as a nursery school teacher until, eventually, she went into politics. She championed racial and gender equality, the plight of the poor and the ending of the Vietnam war. She faced many challenges and unfair discrimination, but she became a national role model stating that she wanted to be remembered as a woman... "who dared to be a catalyst of change".



We encourage our children to persevere in school and to stay true to the values we share such as thinking of others, celebrating diversity and making change for the better. As the elections approach next week, it is good to celebrate those who are willing to represent our communities and to bring about change for the better.

#### Jubilee

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations are taking shape and we are joining in with the national celebrations. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, we will have a non-uniform day and are planning a whole school party on the field. Should the weather be wet, we will celebrate in the school hall. Children may come into school wearing red, white and/or blue and be in party mood as we celebrate 7 decades of our monarch with music, and a procession. We shall also be decorating the school railings with bunting. Your child will bring home materials so that you can join with us to create the pennants for the bunting.



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, the school choir and some able magicians from Year 6 will entertain members of Judd House as they have a Jubilee party. We will also incorporate the Jubilee theme into our Summer Community Fundraiser which will take place straight after school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Please note that school will be closed for a Jubilee holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. School re-opens on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June after 2 Inset day closures.

### **Polling**

School will remain open for the forthcoming elections on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Eid Enrichment Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Ramadan is expected to finish at the beginning of May so we plan to host our annual Eid enrichment day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Children may come into school in festival clothes/non-uniform and classes will carry out special activities and will learn more about the R.E. units on Islam from visiting speakers. Children will be able to have Mehndi on their hands on Thursday. Please let staff know if you give permission for this. We are also planning to visit the new mosque on Grafton Street and a date will be announced very soon.



We have had a number of requests for children to take leave from school to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr. School can authorise 1 day to celebrate a major festival and families from our muslim community may choose to take one day at Eid-ul-Fitr. For many, we expect this to be next Tuesday but please let school know if your child will be absent.

### **My Place Community Project**

The My Place project has been really successful and we hope to continue with offering an outdoor learning group again in the future. If you are keen to join the group now, there are 6 weeks left. You can contact Jenny Reddell for more information:  
Email: [jreddell@lancswt.org.uk](mailto:jreddell@lancswt.org.uk) Tel: 07738 102274





## Robinwood

We have rebooked the Robinwood trip for 2023. If you have expressed an interest then please ensure you hold the place by paying the deposit as soon as possible.



## Brockholes Trip

The lower juniors have enjoyed their trip to Brockholes. Thank you to families for supporting this off-site activity. Children observed wildlife and were able learn more about an alternative location to their local community.



## Poetry Success

Well done to Neha Tailor who was invited to enter a KS1 young writers' competition, alongside her class and other children in Lancashire, as part of home learning. Neha won and has received a goody bag full of books and stationery items. We love how you have used a word which is very special to our school in your poem. Our values of perseverance and aspiration are also celebrated. Well done Neha!

## Inspire

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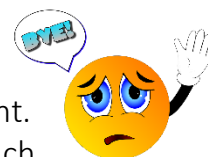
**I** was less than two years old when diagnosed with type one diabetes.  
**N**o one in my family knew this day was to come and our world fell apart.  
**S**tood behind me were the beautiful people around my life that helped me bounce back.  
**P**ricks and needles become part of my life.  
**I** will ensure my blood glucose levels remain on track.  
**R**esilience becomes a factor in my life.  
**E**ach day, hypo or hyper I will fight back and not let type one diabetes set me back and I will be an inspiration for people with type one diabetes.

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By **Neha Tailor** (6)

## Staff News

We are really sorry to share that Mrs Rowley will be leaving us next Friday to take up a promotion at a school in Bamber Bridge. She will be so much missed and I know that many children and families have benefitted from her support and encouragement. Although she will be leaving, she remains in our cluster of schools so will keep in touch with Miss Livesey. Miss Greenhalgh and Miss Livesey will be holding the fort until we find someone to take on Mrs Rowley's role. In the meantime, we wish Mrs Rowley all the best for the future.



## Class Dojo Messages

Many families comment on how great it is to communicate with staff using Class Dojo. It is a good way for us to keep in touch with one another and we have built positive relationships with one another through this communication stream. We have, however, experienced a very small number of communications which have been rather abrupt in manner. We are happy to respond to questions or concerns but we ask that this is done in a way which is polite and productive to both parties.

## Dates for your Diaries

Thursday 5th May – Eid Enrichment Day

Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May – SATs week for KS2 pupils

Monday 16th May – KS1 assessments take place over a 2 week period. Visit to the new mosque on Grafton Street

Monday 23rd May – Platinum Jubilee week finishing with an outdoor picnic for pupils!

Thursday 26th May – Year 1/2 class assembly at 2.35 p.m./choir trip to Young Voices in Manchester

Monday 30th May – Wednesday 8th June Half Term – (Queen's Jubilee) followed by Tues and Wed  
Inset days

Thursday 9th June – School re-opens

Tuesday 14th June – Upper Junior Trip to Salford Keys (details to be announced).

Monday 20th June – School Sports Week begins:

Tues – KS1, Thurs – KS2 and Friday – EYFS (9.30 – 11.30 a.m.) Families may come to watch but please only photograph your own child on the day

Wednesday 22nd June – EYFS open evening, this will take place on Zoom

Thursday 14th July – Y6 Production of "Cinderella Rockafella"



VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”

These children “Achieve Highly” and show humility in difficult circumstances

Aliyah Hussain - F. Inventors      Kiaan Chauhan – F. Explorers

Luke Nagy-Walmsley - Y1    Evangeline Taylor - Y1/2

Ananyaa Nanda – Y2    Safiyyah Gumel – Y3    Salma Ali – Y3/4

Dhemica Parmar – Y4      Idris Ajmal - Y5/6      Jensen Wade - Y6

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

Ramaya Costello - F. Inventors      Derek Jones – F. Explorers

Muntaha Choudhury - Y1    Neha Tailor- Y1/2

Madara Strautina – Y2    Lilly Moloney-Carter - Y 3    Mason Singleton – Y3/4

Holly Johnston – Y4      Nicole Mayren - Y5/6      Safiyyah Zinga - Y6

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

Seth Lyons - F. Inventors      Hauwa Gumel - F. Explorers

Owais Bodi - Y1    Olive Fenna - Y1/2

Khadijah Ali – Y2    Gabriella Rigby - Y3    Leo Clayton – Y3/4

Aayma Asif – Y4      Dylan Hardouin - Y5/6

David Olalekan Orishabiyi – Y6