



St. Stephen's C.E. Primary School

Aspire to Greatness



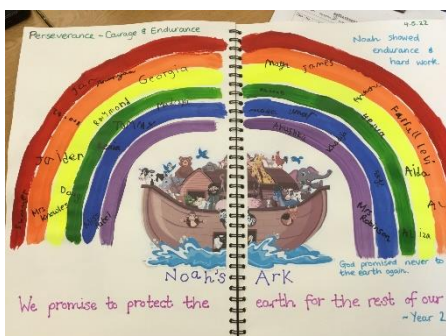
For we are the handiwork of God, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

This Week's Worship Value continued with "endurance"

As we explore "P" for "Persevere"

The week began with the bank holiday and where many in our community celebrated Eid ul Fitr. The festival which marks the end of a period of fasting and is a world wide celebration and uniting of families as the period of fasting ends. The month of Ramadan requires the dedication and endurance to abstain from food and drink during daylight hours and is also a time where faith is deepened. In school, we celebrated Eid yesterday and children enjoyed making craft items and trying new foods. We were grateful to Mrs Tagari, Mr Timol and members of the local muslim community who gave talks to further the children's understanding of Islam, as part of the R.E. syllabus and offered Eid snacks to the children as well as decorated the children's hands with Mehndi. It's fabulous to see that our community comes together to wish one another well when there is something to celebrate.

In our worship, we have reflected on the story of Noah. He had the huge challenge of building an Ark in which to preserve two of every kind of creature. This very well known story teaches us that God wasn't happy with the way humans were living life on earth and He wanted to start afresh with Noah's family and the creatures He had created. At the end of the story, we learn that God promises never to flood the earth again. A rainbow was cast over the earth as a symbol of God's promise and of hope for the future. God wants us to take the best care of the world He created.



As we reflected on how precious this earth is and how humans have been tasked with care for the world, we celebrated the life of Sir David Attenborough. Sir David, from an early age, loved animals and has dedicated his life to celebrating the wonder of nature and raised serious questions about how we should take immediate action to reverse the effects of climate change.

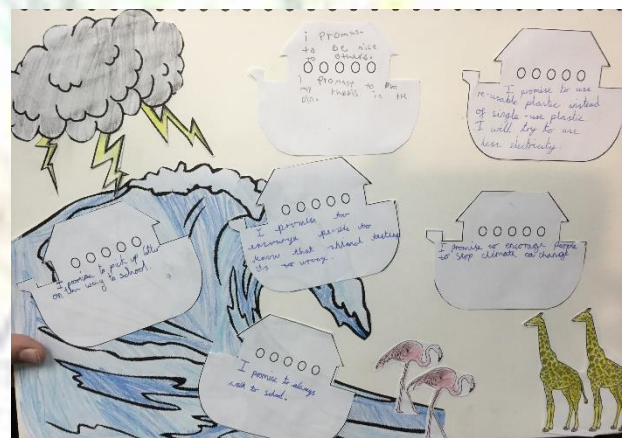
We heard the story of Sir David Attenborough's life here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAh-UOWBfI4> . It's a great re-telling of the story of man with an enduring care for the world.

"It's surely our responsibility to do everything within our power to create a planet that provides a home not just for us, but for all life on Earth."

As we reflect on the value of perseverance, we should join together to take positive actions to care for this precious world.



Today, our Year 4 worship leaders reflected on the value of persevering to protect the planet. Children shared their promises, in the same way God made a promise after the great flood at the time of Noah.



Jubilee

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations are taking shape and we are joining in with the national celebrations. On **Friday 27th May**, we will have a non-uniform day and are planning a whole school party on the field. The school meals' service are making a special Jubilee meal in a celebratory lunch box. Please see class Dojo for further details and please complete the survey on School Spider to opt in for the packed lunch. 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 is invited to make a pennant for class bunting. This will be attached to the perimeter of the school as Broadgate joins in with a celebration of the Platinum Jubilee.

On Thursday 9th 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 7th July.

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

Eid Enrichment Day

What a wonderful day of fun we had yesterday! We hope the children enjoyed the day. We are still ensuring all those who wanted to have Mehndi will get a hand decoration today. All pupils have been invited to visit the new mosque on **Monday 16th May**. Groups will attend over the course of the day and will spend just under an hour looking around this new place of prayer in our neighbourhood. Thank you to families who have offered to walk class groups to the Mosque. We now have enough helpers.



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 Tel: 07738 102274



Dates for your Diaries

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 at 6 p.m.

Thursday 14th July – Y6 Production of “Cinderella Rockafella”

Tuesday 19th July – children move up to meet their new class teacher

Thursday 21st July – School closes for the summer holiday at 2 p.m.



VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”

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

Seth Lyons - F. Inventors Maksims Cigirs – F. Explorers

Nihal Ozkan - Y1 Delilah Ryan - Y1/2

Georgia Keane – Y2 Safiya Hassenjee – Y3 Blake Duckworth – Y3/4

Finley Carter – Y4 Heidi Ashworth - Y5/6 Tancho Tanchev - Y6

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

Ramaya Costello - F. Inventors Vandan Limbachia – F. Explorers

Ciara Tapsell - Y1 Theo French - Y1/2

Alex Podlowski – Y2 Ira Naqueen Shameer - Y 3

Kingsley Costello & Abdullah Alzoubi – Y3/4

Olivia Simpson – Y4 Veronica Kazmierska - Y5/6

Jake Gonzales - Y6

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

Mika’eel Chowdury - F. Inventors Halimah Feroz - F. Explorers

Maseeha Shaikh- Y1 Joseph Leadbetter Swain - Y1/2

Jacob Burke – Y2 Sophie Andrews - Y3 Leann Gavin – Y3/4

Panna Balint – Y4 Akemi Knight - Y5/6

Mumtaaz Badat – Y6