



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 "courage"

As we explore "P" for "Persevere"

The "open the book" team arrived on Monday to tell us the story of "Elijah and the Ravens". We learned that God sent ravens with food to feed Elijah when he was sent away from his homeland. The story reminds us of the hardship of being away from home and yet that God provided for his physical needs.

As the week progressed, we reflected on the plight of refugees who have to leave home to find a place of safety. We read the book, "When the war came" by Nicola Davies. In the story, we learn that a child finds a place of safety and is made welcome, eventually, by pupils. Although she suffers rejection initially.

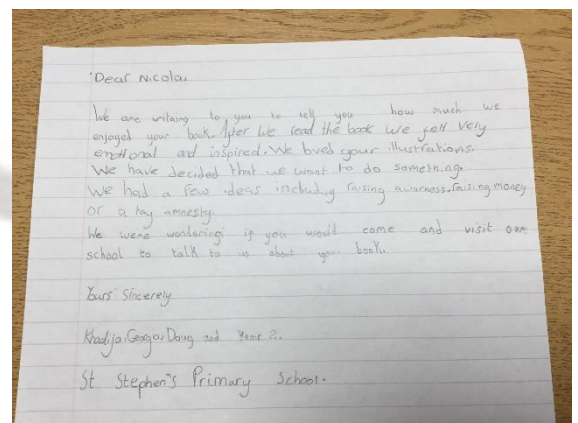
This story has inspired the Year 2 class to donate toys to children who are less fortunate than us. If your child would like to offer a good as new toy then please send it into year 2. In addition, the children have written to the author, Nicola Davies and drawn posters.

The book reminds us to show compassion for those who are displaced and to be grateful for what we take for granted in our place of peace. You can see her story being read here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BM0pgDqJME>

Well done Year 2 for showing such compassion!

Year 4 are also raising funds for charity. They are collecting for the RSPCA after a talk they received in school this week. Thank you for supporting our children to think of others.



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.

Mosque Visit – Monday 16th May

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



After School Jubilee Community Fundraiser

To celebrate the Jubilee and to come together as a community, we are hosting a summer fundraiser straight after school on Thursday 7th July. There will be a Jubilee themed treasure hunt in the environmental area and a number of stalls. Please save the date!

Sports News

We have had a busy couple of weeks, taking part in 2 different competitions.

Year 5 went to Christ the King last Tuesday and took part in a tennis tournament. They had a great time perfecting their serves, forehand and backhands, winning 2 of their matches. This week, it was the turn of some keen Year 3 footballers. During their matches, it was great to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to play. They showed super sporting behaviour and we are really proud of them!

Coming up before half term, we have Year 5 cycling competition at Christ the King, the School Games baton relay and Year 5/6 rounders tournament.

"The Year 2 Big Toy Rehoming"

Year 2 have been thinking a lot about refugee children and how they might have had to leave their favourite toys behind. We read a book this week in worship called "The Day the War Came" by Nicola Davies and it inspired us to take action. We would like to have a toy amnesty to encourage parents and children to donate pre-loved or unwanted toys. We will then donate them to children less fortunate than us. From Monday there will be a dedicated bin inside the school reception for you to make your donations.

Toy donations are not compulsory, and we wouldn't expect children to donate anything that is special to them. Please also ensure that any toy donations are of a good quality, clean and are in full working order.

Many thanks
Year 2, Mrs Robinson and Miss Patel.

SATS

Year 6 children sat their end of KS2 tests this week and were excellent in their attitude and will to do their very best. Thank you to families for ensuring that children came to school prepared and on time.

Year 2 children will be sitting their assessment tests next week. These tests are marked by the teachers and administered in class as part of the children's everyday learning. They support the teachers' end of KS1 judgement and are delivered over the week. Teachers will report assessments at the end of the year. In the meantime, thank you parents for encouraging your child to try their best.

'Preston Live' Raffle

The organisers of "Preston Live" have donated 1 free child's ticket to every family this week. The festival takes place 2nd - 3rd June and there are adult tickets we are raffling for £1 a ticket. Tickets may be purchased on Parentpay and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 27th May.



preston live

📍 Preston Sports Club Preston

Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd June

A spectacular 2 day music festival featuring some of the best tribute acts, local bands and DJ's.

Dates for your Diaries

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 7th July – After school Summer Fundraiser – Jubilee theme

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

Layla Ronald - F. Inventors Alfie Robinson – F. Explorers

Luna Butland - Y1 Rayhan Ali - Y1/2

Summer Adams Balshaw – Y2 Cameron Tymon – Y3 Junaid Ashraf – Y3/4

Oliver Leadbetter-Swain – Y4 Danika Fox-North - Y5/6 Lilly Howse - Y6

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

Efia Meredith-Sharples & Mark Miller - F. Inventors Mariah Tapsell – F. Explorers

Faridah Mustapha - Y1 Remi Shokar - Y1/2

Ali Hussain – Y2 Abhi Vuppala - Y 3

Mason Singleton – Y3/4

Testimony Igbo – Y4 Dylan Hardouin - Y5/6

All of the Year 6 Pupils - Y6

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

Zara Yousaf - F. Inventors Logan Black - F. Explorers

Mohammed Hussain - Y1 Muneerah Badat - Y1/2

Aliza Desai – Y2 Faeryn Meredith-Blake - Y3 Salma Ali – Y3/4

Charlie Knight – Y4 Adam Traynor - Y5/6

Lucy Hough – Y6