



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 continue to explore "P" for "Persevere"

This has been a very special week as we have approached our school Jubilee celebration today. On Monday, we learned about the enduring leadership of the Queen and her desired legacy of planting a tree for her Platinum Jubilee. You can find out more about this initiative here: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

During the week, we also explored the life of Mama Miti (Wangari Maathai) who campaigned for the saving of forests in Kenya and promoted the planting of trees. More than 30 million trees have been planted since 1977 when she founded the Green Belt Movement to combat deforestation. This was a key part of her Christian Faith as she sought to protect God's earth. Her dedication led to her being the first African woman to earn the Nobel Peace Prize. You can read her story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qw-4NC4vhr0>



"When we plant trees,
we plant the seeds of
peace and hope."

—Wangari Maathai

It is great to work together in our communities and to unite in positive projects. On Tuesday, the school's work was recognised when Bishop Jill and the Director of the Board of Education visited school with guests from London. They were seeking to show how a school community, with diverse faith and culture, work well together and unite on shared values. The worship leaders did a great job of explaining how we lead worship and the projects we have encountered this year to raise awareness. Bishop Jill later emailed school with this message, "top marks to you & your amazing pupils for such a brilliant visit today. It made our hearts sing. Thank you so much".

We are very proud of our happy community and are thankful to families for supporting our various fundraising and awareness raising projects!

Year 2 Toy Appeal

Year 2 would like to say a huge “thank you” to all those who donated toys to the Chorley and District Support for Ukraine Group. The Charity were delighted to receive so many toys! Well done Year 2 for supporting those in need and after being inspired by the book “When the War Came” by Nicola Davies.



Jubilee

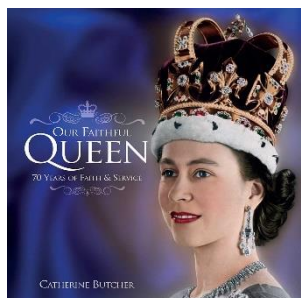
We are so excited to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee today. Thank you for supporting your child by sending them into school in clothes to celebrate the event. Our children have been putting small messages onto the Union Flag to comment on what they love about living in the United Kingdom. Pupils have commented on how they appreciate peace in this country, the NHS and the national drink... tea! A display about the Queen’s reign is emerging in school and this is also in the same vicinity as the Eid work and mosque visits. We would like to welcome families to take a look at the displays on Thursday 9th June from 3 – 4 p.m. We will also update the website and share images/videos of today’s events through class dojo.



On Thursday 9th June, the school choir, a small group of Year 2 writers 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.

Jubilee Service at St Stephen's Church



St Stephen's Church will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5 June 2022, with a special outdoor service in the church car park. The service starts at 10.30am and this will be an informal service with people sat around tables and chairs.

If the weather isn't good then we will move inside. We have x 50 copies of the book entitled 'Our Faithful Queen' by Catherine Butcher to give away and there is a free BBQ after the service. We are encouraging children to come dressed in red, white, and blue with a royal theme and adults may want to do the same. There is also a cake competition – the task is to bake a Victoria Sponge with a royal theme. We have a special judge coming to judge the cakes. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special day! More details on our church website <https://ststephenspreston.org.uk>

Young Voices

Mrs Devitt and choir enjoyed a thrilling evening last night at the "Young Voices" concert in Manchester. From singing in Latin, to the Beatles Medley, with street dance and beatboxing thrown in for good measure, the show was amazing and the children worked so hard. Holly even declared it was "The best day of My Life!" A huge thank you to Mrs Garstang, Mrs Knowles and our governor Mrs Patel for accompanying them.



Sports News

It has been another busy sporting week for St Stephen's.

Last week we were part of the School Games baton relay for Preston. The special baton is travelling all the way around Lancashire before the School Games in Blackpool in July. Some of our keen sport stars ran around the mile track to add to the distance which it has covered.

Year 5 cyclists entered an event at Christ the King where they were performing tricks and going round obstacles on bikes.



On Wednesday night the Year 6 rounders team played 3 other schools in a mini tournament. Although we didn't progress through to the finals, the children had a lot of fun.

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!

'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. The raffle for adult tickets was drawn today and the lucky winners are:

***** **WINNERS of the adult tickets are the parents of Pavan Patel and Ethan Killeen** *****



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 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

The whole class - F. Inventors The whole class – F. Explorers

The whole class - Y1 The whole class - Y1/2

The whole class – Y2 The whole class – Y3 Blake Duckworth – Y3/4

Yaseen Kulesza – Y4 The whole class - Y5/6 The whole class - Y6

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

The whole class - F. Inventors The whole class – F. Explorers

Ariella Idele-Iyen - Y1 The whole class - Y1/2

The whole class – Y2 The whole class - Y 3

Taylah-Jo Hambleton – Y3/4

Panna Balint – Y4 The whole class - Y5/6

The whole class - Y6

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

The whole class - F. Inventors The whole class - F. Explorers

Vincent Bracho-Diaz - Y1 The whole class - Y1/2

The whole class – Y2 The whole class - Y3 Mason Singleton – Y3/4

Asma’u Hammajam – Y4 The whole class - Y5/6

The whole class – Y6