



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 "generosity"

As we continue to reflect on "E" for ENJOY in our values this week

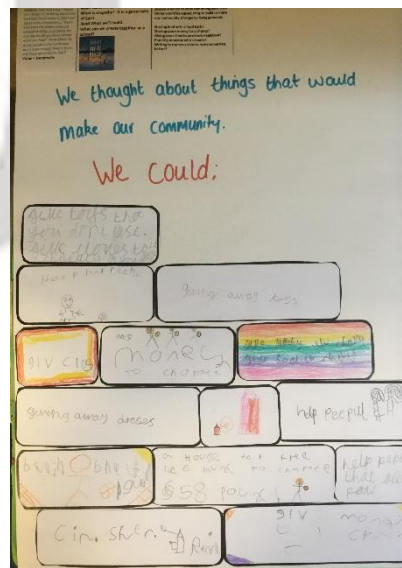
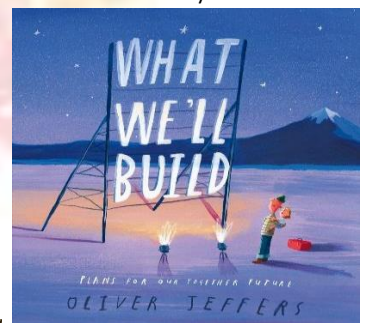
We continued to reflect on the Christian value of generosity this week. This value is shared across our faiths and is a value very much needed to strengthen our communities.

On Monday, the "Open the Book" team performed the story of Elijah and the widow. Elijah the prophet met a widow who was collecting sticks. He asked her for some water and to be fed. The widow explained that she only had enough food for one meal as there had been a drought. Despite this, she fed Elijah and to her surprise the flour and oil jars kept refilling. We reflected on her generosity of spirit and continue to explore this throughout the week.

On Tuesday, we read the book "What we'll build" in assembly. The story reflects on the building of friendships and of breaking down barriers to friendship. Our children then reflected on how they too can strengthen communities. Some examples found were:

Sharing food with a food bank, raising money for a charity, helping an elderly neighbour, phoning someone who is lonely or volunteering time in a local group. Our Year 1/2 children also shared their reflections in Thursday's assembly. You can read more of the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HARoCl2p5P4>



Jubilee Fair and Community Fun – Thursday 7th July

We are so excited to be planning a community fundraiser with a Jubilee theme this summer. Our aim is to raise funds for school, local community groups and to contribute to charity. We wish to bring members of our community together for a Jubilee Hunt in the environmental area (a school and My Place volunteers' initiative) and with many stalls and activities for families and community members to enjoy. If you would like to contribute to the event then please contact the school office or Mrs Goodwin (Vicki.goodwin@st-stephens.lancs.sch.uk). If you are aware of a local business that would like to run a stall then please let them know that we can accommodate them at a charge of £10 per stall.

In order to raise the items needed for stalls, we will be having 2 non-uniform days. These will be to collect items for stalls.

Our first non-uniform day is Friday 24th June where we need items for the tombola and raffle: chocolate, bottles or good as new toy donations.

Our second non uniform day is Friday 1st July where we need coloured items for stalls. EYFS collect red items, KS1 white items, Lower KS2 are collecting blue items and Upper Key Stage 2 are collecting platinum items. Boxes will be available in class for items to come into school and these pictures should help you with ideas for items.



Sparkle Day

We have agreed to support a charity which emerged after the Manchester bombing and where a pupil in one of our local schools lost her life. The charity seeks to support schools and families where a sudden death of a child occurs. Sparkle day is taking place in the locality on 4th July but we will be raising funds for the charity on Thursday 7th July when we host our Jubilee fundraiser. Children will be able to come to school in non-uniform and wear some “bling” or something sparkly. Voluntary donations to the charity are gratefully received on 7th July and children will be able to buy sparkly wrist bands from the school office from Monday 4th July. Donations are completely voluntary and families can give as little or as much as they like to support the charity. We welcome all pupils to come to school on Thursday 7th in non uniform as this is our Jubilee Fair day. It would be great to sparkle with a smile as we come together to celebrate our fabulous community whether you can or cannot contribute to the charity.



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Sports News

Our annual sports days have been planned and these will take place in the mornings from 9.30 a.m. next week. Please note the dates and families are welcome to attend the events to watch their child take part in a variety of different sports.

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

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



Special letter

Bishop Jill Duff organised two special visitors to our school and another Diocesan school just before half term. Our worship leaders met with them to explain how they lead on school values and plan worship to raise awareness and to enrich our deeper thinking about the world. One of the visitors, Stephen Knott, is the Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments and is based at Lambeth Palace in London. He wrote a letter to school and stated, "we were really impressed by the schools we visited and the the children we met at St Stephen's were exceptional... they are excellent ambassadors for the school!"

We feel very humbled and proud to receive such praise from such an important member of Church of England Senior Staff. Well done children!

Year 6 Trip

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the Lowry at Salford Quays this week. The children's behaviour was excellent and the pupils extended their learning of L.S. Lowry as well as the development of the landscape at the Quays.

Dates for your Diaries

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Wednesday 22nd June – EYFS open evening, this will take place on Zoom at 6 p.m.

Tuesday 28th June – KS2 Garden Party – payments may be made on ParentPay

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 are generous in spirit



Seth Lyons - F. Inventors Hauwa Gumel – F. Explorers
Henry Wilson - Y1, Hamdaan Kazee -Y1/2
Antoni Bizon – Y2, Ellie Baker – Y3 Villo Hornyak – Y3/4
Leah Lyon – Y4 Lucian Andrei - Y5/6 Yusuf Ali - Y6

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

Rebecca Roy - F. Inventors Vandan Limbachia – F. Explorers
The Whole Class - Y1, Hannah Bhayat -Y1/2
Aliza Desai – Y2, Junior Waters - Y 3 The Whole Class – Y3/4
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Lunchtime VIPs – who have “Aspired to Greatness” and excelled at lunchtimes in their behaviour

Tsz Tung Wong - F. Inventors Alys Duckworth - F. Explorers
Aiden Ashcroft - Y1, Delilah Ryan -Y1/2
Hedva Victor – Y2, Supreme Igbo - Y3 Lily Cocks – Y3/4
Oliver Leadbetter-Swain – Y4 Abu Miah - Y5/6
Maryam Hammajam - Y6