



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 is "Justice"

As we reflected on "I" for Include

On Monday, we welcomed Curate Barbara to school as we learned about teamwork in assembly. St Paul wrote about celebrating being in a team as though it were a body and where every part of the body worked together to carry out God's work. We have thought about being in the best teams by working together. In order to think about team work, we explored the best football team, arguably, in the country – yes, the Women's England team, who won the European cup in the summer.

As part of our "I" in the word Include, we learned that women's football has been popular amongst certain women for a very long time. Did you know that the first recorded women's football match was in 1881? It was thought to be unsuitable for women at this time but women still wanted to play. You may also have heard of Dick Kerr's Women's team. They were a popular team 100 years ago, when the men were at war, and proceeds from tickets sales went to support charities. Sadly, the Football Association, banned women from playing on their pitches until the 1970s. However, thankfully, women's football has gone from strength to strength and girls and women have better opportunities to play. Our girls team played in competition recently and loved having the opportunity to play in competition. We wish them every success as in future games and reflected on the justice and equality for women in sport.

DICK, KERR LADIES FC

THE FACTORY GIRLS WHO TOOK ON THE WORLD

DREAM TEAM

One of the most famous and successful teams was the Dick, Kerr Ladies F.C. It was founded in Preston at Dick, Kerr & Co., a train and tram manufacturer that had converted to making weapons and ammunition for the war.

Two hundred women took part in trials for the team. It was set up as a charity team to raise funds for a local hospital. They played their first match in 1917 at Despondale, Preston North End's famous ground. Attendance was 10,000.

Alice Kell was the first captain of the Dick, Kerr Ladies. She was born in Preston and grew up playing football with her brothers. A newspaper report said she 'worked with a skill that no professional player could have excelled'.

Florrie Redford was another player mentioned for her skill. The team played throughout the war raising money for injured soldiers.

After the war the Dick, Kerr Ladies continued to play, still raising money for charity. Alfred Frankland, who worked in the factory office, managed the club from 1917 until 1957.

The team's first match of the 1918-19 season included Molly Walkes, probably the first player to be transferred from another club.

One of the most well-known post-war players was Lily Parr. She joined the Dick, Kerr Ladies in 1920, aged just 15. She moved to Preston and lodged with another player, Alice Norris.

BOXING DAY MATCH

As men returned to their jobs at the end of the war, many of the women's teams stopped playing. Some continued, however, including the Dick, Kerr Ladies. By 1921 they were playing two games a week, even though the women were working full-time.

Dick, Kerr Ladies organised a series of matches against a French team, who were welcomed to Preston by the factory brass band. Over 25,000 people watched the first game.

By 1920 women's football was a highly popular spectator sport with 150 teams playing. Dick, Kerr Ladies regularly drew crowds of over 10,000. On Boxing Day 1920, they played St Helens Ladies at Goodison Park, Everton's ground. Everton's gate books record a whopping 45,450 spectators for the match.

Once before a match in Ashton Park in Preston, Lily was challenged by a professional male goalie. She kicked the ball from the penalty spot and the power of her kick broke the goalkeeper's arm.

She is thought to have scored nearly 1,000 goals in her career. You can see her statue in our gallery downstairs. It is the first statue in the UK of a woman footballer.

Lily Parr statue

Paul Cookson shared one or two of his favourite football poems and he is the named poet for the Manchester Football Museum. You can see him performing at the museum here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89MYURg6gaQ>

There is a wonderful tribute to women's football at the museum and you may like to visit if you are ever in Manchester City Centre.



We have learned this week that to be part of a great team, we need to be committed to our team's values, to care for each other equally and to use the best of our individual skills and talents. We would like our school team to support the causes which make the world better for everyone. We can all do our little bit to make the world a better place.

Do your **little bit of good**
where you are; its those little bits
of good put together
that **overwhelm the world.**

– Desmond Tutu



Applications for High School and Primary School

Parents of pupils in Year 6 need to apply for a High School Place for their child before 31st October. It is vital that families select 3 separate schools for consideration on the application form and this must be done online. Late applications may result in your child failing to be granted a place at their chosen school.

The link for applications online is here: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools



Open Morning for Families of Reception Pupils 2023

Parents and carers of nursery-aged pupils who are 4 this year must apply for a primary school place before 15th January. The link for applications online is here: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

In order to help families with this process, we are hosting an open morning on Tuesday 8th November from 9-11 a.m. This will be an opportunity to find out more about how to apply as well as to visit school. We do hope that many nursery families will attend the open morning!



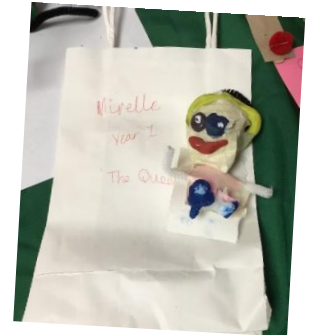
Food Market

The St Stephen's food market is open every Friday from 2.30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church on Bird Street. A wide range of foods are available for just small donations.

Conker Harvest

Well done to Kate Traynor who won the goody basket of treats after becoming closest to guessing the weight of the conker harvest. We have made a total of £70 from the donations and from conker model making. We hope the children have had fun modelling with conkers and learning about heroes who have helped the world in some way!





Paul Cookson Returns!

We were so excited to welcome Paul Cookson back to school on Tuesday . The children had a brilliant time creating poems and listening to Paul's performances. There was so much laughter and lots of developing vocabulary as children experimented with new words to shape poems. We hope the children enjoyed the workshops.

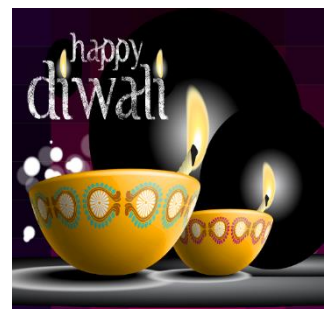
You can find Paul Cookson poems online here: <http://paulcooksonpoet.co.uk/>



Diwali

We have enjoyed celebrating Diwali today. We are grateful to community members who came into school to talk to the children about Hinduism and the festival of Diwali. Our children enjoyed the chance to make crafts and to learn more about the faith. After the half term holiday, pupils will make traditional food which will be celebrated in a food mountain on Friday 4th November. Families are welcome to sample any of this food after school.

We wish our Hindu and Sikh community a very happy Diwali as the festival approaches.





Staff News

We waved goodbye to Mrs Woolley today as she leaves to begin a well earned retirement. Mrs Woolley has worked hard to encourage children to love books. We have a beautiful tapestry which will hang in her honour, near to a book area in school. It will help us to remember Mrs Woolley and to read more books!

Parents' Evenings

Thank you for attending parents' evenings this week. Working with you is a privilege and we are keen to support your child to make the best progress in school. If you were unable to meet the teacher and would like a phone call then please message the teacher for an update on how they have settled into school and to find out more about how you can support them in their learning.

Dates for your diaries:

Half term begins after school today and we return on Monday 31st October.

Week beginning 7th November – Anti-bullying week begins

Tuesday 8th November – Open morning for prospective families

Friday 11th November – Remembrance Worship, led by the worship leaders (10:30 a.m.)

Wed 23rd November – Lower Junior Trip to the Bolton Museum

Thursday 1st December – School Christmas Fair

Tuesday 6th December – EYFS Nativities (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)

Thursday 8th December – KS1 Nativities (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)

Friday 9th December – Choir Carol Concert at St Walburge's Church (6 p.m.)

Tuesday 13th December – School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Christmas Experience at Church

Wednesday 14th December – KS1 Theatre Trip to the Dukes

VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”

These children know who set a good example of working in a team

Kshirsa A – FI, Ibrahim A – FE, Madison S - Y1, Layla R - Y1/2

Nia D – Y2, Olive - Y 3 Faeryn – Y3/4

Fatima A – Y4 Villo H- Y5C

Dhemica P – Y5D Eric W – Y6

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

Rhian O FI, Farwa A – FE, Zaynab M - Y1, Mia-May - Y1/2

Patrik C – Y2, James - Y 3 Pavan – Y3/4

Lacey J – Y4 Rishabh - Y5C

Adam J – Y5D Ryan H – Y6

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

Ibrahim A – FI, Caroline G – FE, Hauwa G - Y1, Amber F -Y1/2

Joseph L S – Y2, Muneerah - Y 3 Sophie A – Y3/4

Charlie L – Y4 Salma A - Y5C

Jayden S – Y5D Ismaeel S – Y6



Half Term Family Fun

THURS 27TH OCT
2-3.30PM

HARTINGTON ROAD
COURTS, PR1 8PP

FREE
drinks and
snacks for
you and your
children

ACTIVITIES:

Creative fun
Sports/Football
Toddler area
Board games
Art/crafts

We have some shelter in
event of rain but no toilets

No need to book
but children should
be accompanied
by parent/carers.

Run by St Stephens
Church and ends with
short Christian reflection

For info contact Kate on 07380 140647

- Free Cricket session over half term for children signing up for 2023 Season
- £80 for all inclusive weekly sessions from March to September 23



Preston Cricket Club 4 Juniors

2023 Season: March to September

Sunday Mornings 10.30 - 11.30am

Email Enquires at : PrestonCricketClub4Juniors@outlook.com

2023 Payment Plans	Payment Date	Instalments	Total Fee - no weekly session costs thereafter.
Early Bird Deal	By 30/11/22	Single payment	£80
Two Instalments Payment Deal	By 30/11/22 By 1/04/23	1st payment of £45 2nd payment of £45	£90
Six months Payment Deal	By 30/11/22 Monthly from 1/02/23	1st payment of £30 £13 per month x 5	£95

Any fully paid members also registering for a 2023 National ECB All Stars or Dynamos programmes, will receive a proportional reimbursement.

Parents End Of Season Information
Meeting at the Club House:

Thursday 27th October 2022 at 10am.
Free 1hr cricket session for those signing up! Light Refreshments Provided.

You are welcome to invite friends and family who maybe interested in joining

THE CLUB HOUSE
Preston Sports Club
South Meadow Lane
Preston
Lancashire
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