



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 2nd December 2022 Newsletter 07

Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*



Trinity Opens its new Sculpture Garden

On Tuesday 22nd November, the children and staff at Trinity Church School were joined by local author Beverley Douglas, sculptor Simon Probyn, Pamela Young from Radstock in Bloom and Don Morris the CEO of the Radstock CO-OP for the opening of our Sculpture Garden.

The November sun shone and the ceremony started with everyone singing one of our favourite songs "Tower of Strength". The cutting of the ribbon was then conducted by Beverley and Simon whilst we all eagerly looked on. Later in the morning, we took part in collective worship and discovered that Beverley's book was all about her own life as a child and we are excited to be working with her in the New Year. Simon then described how he designed and engineered the seating area to match the magnificence and ethos of our sculpture 'Acceptance'. We then watched a video of each class describing their feelings and sharing poems, songs and thoughts all inspired by the sculpture garden.

Since this time, we have reflected and have said, "The area represents our friendship and team work" and "The hands show trust, courage, respect and friendship and the garden inspires us to show our Christian Values each day."

Written by Trinity News Team

House Points Winners



Congratulations to **Sapphire** House who achieved most house points last week and have held onto their lead this week - although it is extremely close!

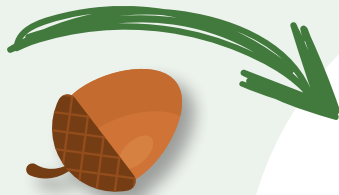
Attendance Winners



Well done to **Conker** and **Redwood** Class for achieving the highest attendance last week and to **Willow** Class for highest attendance this week.



Acorn Class



Class News:

We celebrated two special events in the calendar to raise children's awareness and help their learning.

For Children in Need, we decorated our cakes with brightly coloured sprinkles and Smarties in yellow icing, we painted and decorated our Pudsey Bears with pom-poms and for Anti Bullying Week we all wore odd socks!

In Science, we performed some fascinating investigations of colours!

We filled one tray with milk and another tray with blotting paper. We then squeezed drops of food colouring into each tray to see how the colours would spread and react. The colours spread out and mixed very quickly when dropped into the milk, but when dropped onto the blotting paper they didn't spread out very much at all.

We noticed the drops of food colouring formed circles and we counted the number of drops it would take to try and fill the circle. We also noticed some drops formed bigger circles than others depending on how much liquid we squeezed out of the pipette.

Mrs Ware



Headteacher's Award

Conkers:	Holly, Aron
Chestnut:	Esme, Finley
Cedar:	Leyna, Nevaeh
Willow:	Norman, Scarlett
Cherry:	Jacob S, Freya-Mae
Maple:	Spencer, Rebecca
Redwood:	Miya, Rhianydd



Children in Need - The Great Spotacular!

We had a fun day all dressed in spotty clothes for Children in Need this year. A big thank you to everyone who donated via ParentPay - we raised a fantastic total of **£136.00!**



Conker Class



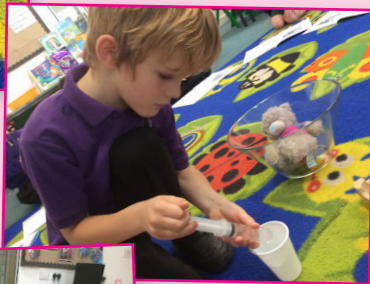
Class News:

In Maths, we are working on numbers up to 5. We are constantly impressed with how the children are looking at the clock and telling us when it is an *o'clock* time and how they know. We are seeing the children using bar models in their exploring time and are able to write number sentences to support these. With money, we are looking at how we can exchange pennies for 2 pence pieces and have set up a bakery role play to help support this. Perhaps over the Christmas holidays you could play shops at home too!

A huge thank you to all the parents that came along to our Phonics workshop this week. The children were superstars and showed you how well they sit and listen in Phonics, how engaged they are during the input and how they then take the learning into their exploring time. We hope you found it insightful. Please do fill in the feedback form for us.

The children are so excited that Christmas is fast approaching. We have thought about the Nativity story and are trying to remember the main characters and events. We have made some characters, role played the story and used props to retell it.

Mrs Vivian



Chestnut Class



Class News:

This week, Chestnut Class has been developing their scientific skills. We had great fun investigating how Little Ted's umbrella could be improved. Unfortunately, poor Little Ted only had a cocktail umbrella made of paper to keep her dry so the children set about investigating which different materials offer protection from water. The children were quick to explain why we needed to use the same amount of water so that we had a fair test. Little Ted bravely sat in a large glass bowl and she was covered with a variety of different materials including newspaper, strong card, polythene, plastic and fabric. First, the children had to predict which materials would be waterproof. Different children then used a syringe to draw up 20ml of water and squirted it onto the material covering the bowl. There were some surprising results. Initially, the cardboard was good at keeping Little Ted dry but after some time had passed the children noticed that the card absorbed the water and poor Little Ted was rather soggy. The children demonstrated so much natural curiosity and really enjoyed this hands-on investigation.

Mrs Jefferies

Cedar Class



Class News:

This week, we have been using our scientific skills to investigate a range of enquiries all linked to animals and growing up. The children came up with their own questions. *Is the tallest person always the oldest person? If you have a higher number for your shoe size does that mean you have the biggest feet?* Each lesson we are setting up practical experiments to find out the answers. Cedar are noticing that some of our resources need to stay the same to make it a fair test, the only thing that tends to change is the person we are measuring.

Our measuring skills in Science have highlighted our much improved place value knowledge from Maths! We are now very confident when comparing ordering numbers. This week, Cedar has started to link counting in 2s, 5s and 10s with our times tables. Some of us are even rehearsing times tables at home with our families.

To end the week, we had two visitors from The North Pole. The children were so excited to meet Henrik and Rex and we cannot wait to find out why they have arrived.

Miss Musgrove



Willow Class



Class News:

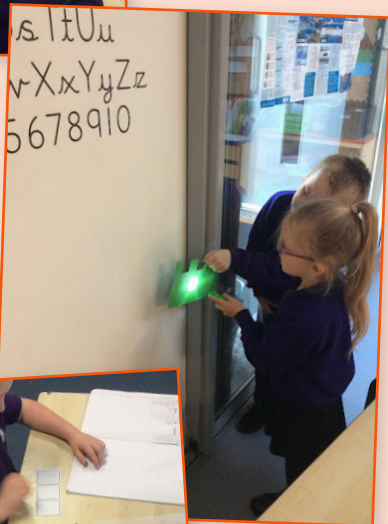
In Maths this week, we have been focusing on *column addition* and *subtraction*. Willow Class have worked extremely hard and were able to draw out amazing grid representations in their Maths books. We are coming to the end of our *addition* and *subtraction* topic. Next term we'll be focusing on *multiplication* and *division*.

In English, we are coming to the end of our book *"The Secret of Black Rock"*. The children have worked incredibly hard coming up with some fantastic sentences. We also had the opportunity to research unusual sea creatures to add to our stories - the children had great fun with this activity and will be adding these interesting sea creatures to their written pieces.

In Science, we have continued our topic on *light*. This week, the children investigated shadows. We had a variety of objects and used these objects to create shadows. We were answering questions such as *"What is a shadow?"* *"Why are some shadows darker than others?"* The children came up with some interesting findings!

Finally, in Geography, we had a slightly different lesson. We investigated who *Claude Monet* was and what kind of paintings he produced. We discovered how he created a fantastic art piece of the River Thames which we had already investigated in Geography. As a class, we have begun to produce incredible art pieces based on his painting.

Miss Jones



Cherry Class



Class News:

We had great fun last week making and testing string telephones as we continue to explore *sound*. The children were all very surprised at how well they worked and it really helped to consolidate our understanding of sound and vibrations. This week we have made ear defenders as we explore which materials are best for absorbing and amplifying vibrations.

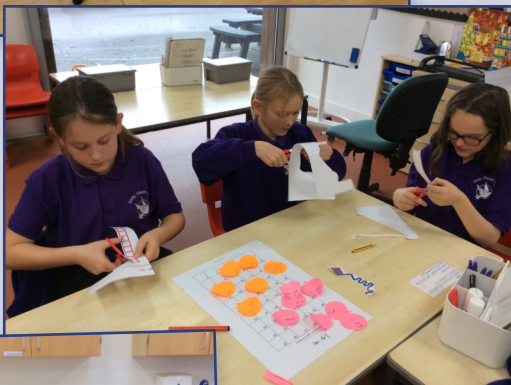
In Maths this week, we have begun our new block on *multiplication* and *division*. So far, we have covered doubling, halving and multiplying and dividing by 3 and 6.

We have explored *sentence structure* in our writing this week. The children have been brilliant at experimenting with sentences as they build complex sentences from simple ones.

In History, the children have been learning about the similarities and differences between Roman and Celtic beliefs. We also discovered how, by 391CE, Christianity became the main religion across the Empire and spread to Britain. Ask your children about Constantine's dream.

Keep up the hard work, Cherry Class!

Mr Pollock



Maple Class



Class News:

In History, we have been researching different Egyptian gods and goddesses. We have created our own fact file on our chosen god or goddess and hope to create a piece of artwork based on them too.

In Computing this week, we have been looking at web pages and what they should include. We then had a go at designing our own web pages on the computers.

In Maths, we have come to the end of our unit on multiplication and division and have started our first unit on *fractions*. To mark the end of the unit, we completed a fun Kahoot quiz on the chromebooks.

Miss Walker

Class News:

Redwood Class



In Redwood Class, we have been looking at a new story in English called "Varmints". The children have been getting to grips with the storyline and characters whilst writing some excellent descriptive sentences to accompany this.

In Maths, the children have continued to work hard on our *fractions* topic, where we have been looking at mixed numbers, as well as multiplying and dividing pairs of fractions.

We have continued our work on World War 2 and have been looking at how the local area was impacted during the war.

The children have also enjoyed participating in more Outdoor Learning sessions. Furthermore, they have been really embracing their 'competitive edge' during our dodgeball PE lessons!

Mr Hancock



Dates for your Calendar 2022-2023 - Term 2

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 5th December	Wreath-Making Evening (limited tickets available to purchase) - 7.00-8.30pm	Ticket holders only
Tuesday 6th December	Swimming Gala - South Wansdyke Pool 1-2pm	Parents/Carers
Tuesday 6th December	Book Fair Week	Parents/Carers
Friday 9th December	TASC only available until 5pm	
w/c Monday 12th December	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK	
Tuesday 13th December	Christmas Nativity Performance - 3.30-4.30pm (Y1 and Y2)	Parents/Carers
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch Day AND Christmas Jumper Day!	Whole School
Wednesday 14th December	EYFS Christmas Celebration	Acorns and Conker Parents /Carers
Friday 16th December	No 1hr or Long TASC available	
Friday 16th December	END OF TERM 2	Whole School
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET DAY - School Closed	Whole School
Wednesday 4th January	BACK TO SCHOOL - TERM 3	Whole School

Thought of the week

As well as being a happy and exciting time for many, the festive period can be an expensive one; with gift giving, special meals and decorations being just a few additional things we may spend money on. This year is expected to be even harder than ever with the cost of living crisis already stretching households.

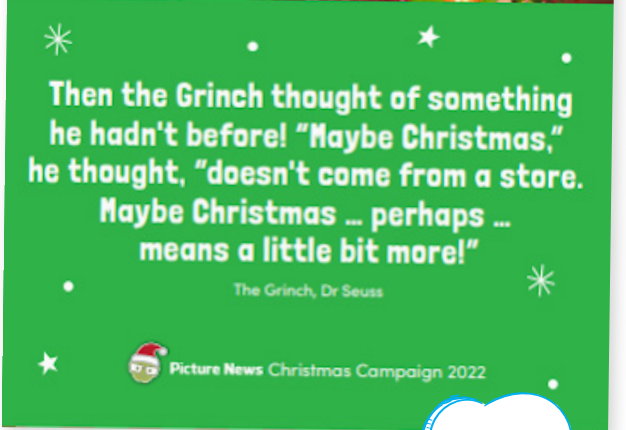
A recent YouGov survey on planned Christmas spending showed that 60% of people in the UK are planning to spend less on Christmas this year and a survey from RVS Media found that nearly a fifth of families are considering cancelling Christmas altogether!

In school this week, we have been thinking about gifts that don't cost money but that mean a lot to others; focusing on what really matters during this time.

This has included reflecting on our values of **friendship**, **compassion**, **respect** and **creativity**.

To think and talk about at home

- What do you think the Grinch has discovered?
- What do you think is most important at this festive time?
- Can you think of a gift you can give to someone that doesn't cost anything?
- Think about who is the gift for - What could you give them? How could you present it?



Office News:



IMPORTANT: Changes to Wraparound Care

A reminder that there will be no 1 hour TASC or Long TASC on the last day of term - Friday 16th December. Any bookings made on ParentPay will be cancelled.

Due to staffing issues, we have unfortunately had to review the after school provision on Fridays. The decision has been made that after Christmas, unfortunately we can no longer run Long TASC on a Friday - only 1 hour TASC will be available on Fridays. This will be the case for the foreseeable future. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

School Lunches

Please remember to book your school lunches over the Christmas break ready for Term 3.

Sports fixtures

A massive well done to the Year 5 and 6 football team for making it to the semi final of the Small Schools Tournament last Tuesday.

On Thursday, the girls team and Year 3 and 4 teams took on Welton in friendly matches at Writhlington. Both teams represented the school fantastically and both won their games convincingly.

Well done Trinity!



Outside Achievements



Solomon in Y6 took part in the Midsomer Norton Remembrance Parade on Sunday with his Scouts unit - looking very smart. He also was in the winning team at the district challenge night on Friday, against 100 other children - well done!

Back in the Summer, we said congratulations to **Jessica** in Y3 who won the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden Art Award from Radstock in Bloom for designing a wonderful celebration poster. This entry was then submitted to South West in Bloom where Jessica won 3rd Place in the Children's Picture Competition. She was awarded certificates and prizes by Pam Young from Radstock in Bloom and Don Morris, CEO of Radstock Co-Op. Well done, Jessica!

In addition, we have been awarded a Level 5 Outstanding 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Award for the Early Years outside area. Congratulations to **Mrs Ware** and everyone who helped create such an inspiring setting! They commented that they were impressed with how we "use horticulture to teach a wide variety of subjects, making learning fun for the pupils". Special mention for Mrs Ware who "...has the ability, knowledge and enthusiasm to inspire and bring out the best in the children."

