

St. Thomas' C.E. Primary School

Newsletter

19.05.23

A note on worship...

Service



This half term our theme for worship is 'Service'

I did not come to be served, but to serve' Matthew 20:28

We explored the saying 'no strings attached' through a play about a girl called Rosie, who uses £10 to buy her class some muesli bars in order to help a charity. The children she gave them to all expected to do something in return and they took some convincing to realise that there were no strings attached. It is always nice to serve, just because we can.

It was also Ascension Day on Thursday. Ascension is when Christians remember Jesus leaving the Earth and going to heaven. This happens 40 days after Easter and was part of God's grand plan to save us.



Stars of the Week



Willow, Katie, Isla O, Brendan, Reggie, Amelia F, All of the year 2 children in Opal class, Keegan, Sophie, Lola-Rose, Natalie and all of the year 6 children.

Events for the Week

Beginning

22.5.23

Monday

No Ukulele lessons

Tuesday

Keyboard, strings and woodwind lessons

Emerald class trip to Milnrow Library

After school multi skills for Y1, 2 and 3 (4.00pm finish)

Wednesday

Stay and read for Emerald and Amethyst classes

Guitar lessons

Swimming for Emerald class

Athletics Club for Y4 & 5 (4.15pm finish)

Thursday

Friday

Brass lessons

Whole class Brass for Emerald Class

Semi-Finals for Our School's Got Talent

School closes for the half term holiday and reopens on **Tuesday 6th June.**

From the office...

- Please ensure that school dinners are ordered by midnight on Sunday for the following week.
- There is a new lunch menu
- Check Wisepay for upcoming **school trips** – Amethyst and Opal classes.

HEARTBEAT EXERCISE

Ask your child to stand up and either jump up and down or do jumping jacks for one minute.

At the end of that minute, have them place their hand on their heart and pay attention to how their **heartbeat** and their **breathing** feels.



Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



Weekly class round up!

Amethyst

Both reception and year 1 children have been re-capping tricky words, with the year 1 children also revising their phonic knowledge ready for their phonics screen in June. In maths the year 1 children have been starting work on fractions – halves and quarters, whilst the reception children have focused on numbers to 20. The text they are using in English is the 'Tiny Seed' and they have made some posters this week. Their science this half term has been about plants, this week they have focused on signs of spring and what we notice about plants at this time.

Ruby

The children in Ruby class have completed their work on time for the moment and have moved onto measuring with a ruler. These are both topics that can be easily supported at home. In English, they have continued with their work using the book 'Rapunzel', with a focus on how the characters have changed throughout the story. In history, the children are studying Florence Nightingale and the impact her work had on care in hospitals.

Opal

The year two children have completed all of their 'Secret Agent Training' (SATs tests). In English they have written a recount in the form of a letter based on 'Stig of the Dump'. Both year groups have been working hard on fractions in maths, whilst in science the children have been investigating friction. Their geography work is all about rivers, with a focus this week on identifying rivers in Europe. In computing, the children have been learning how to effectively search the internet. Opal class have moved onto naming instruments in French.

Emerald Class

The children have continued their work on decimals and have started to work on multiplication column method. In English lessons, the children have continued to write in role, whilst working on countable and non-countable nouns and using conjunctions for cohesion. The children visited the Jewish museum on Tuesday. As part of their visit, they were able to go inside a Synagogue. The children enjoyed their visit, learning more about Judaism and Jewish festivals. Their geography focus is international trade, with a focus this week on food. In French, the children have learned to decipher and decode meaning.

Sapphire Class

Sapphire class visited the Neeli Mosque in Rochdale as part of their R.E. work on places of worship. The children enjoyed their visit and learned a lot from it. They were all very respectful, asking lots of meaningful questions. In English they focused on synonyms and changing paragraphs. The maths focus was decimals and word problems. They've been locating famous landmarks on a map. The highlight of the week for many though was auditioning for their parts in their upcoming production!

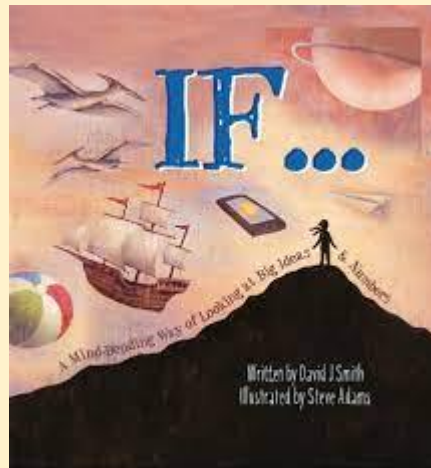
There are lots of photographs on our school Facebook page showing what the children get up to in school.

Book Recommendations

Each week we are going to be recommending 2 high quality children's books to help you when trying to choose books for your child.

Key Stage 2

'If...' by David J. Smith

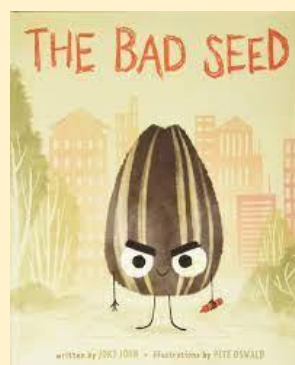


The author has found ingenious ways of scaling everything down from timelines to quantities.

For example, the timeline of the Earth is compressed into a single year! Each description is beautifully illustrated to reinforce the concept in a child's mind.

Key Stage

'The Bad Seed' by Jory John



This book is about a bad seed – a very bad seed with a bad temper, bad manners and a bad attitude. However, the bad seed decides that he wants to be happy. This is a charming and endearing text that reminds us of the transformative power of will, acceptance and being yourself.

