



Baildon Church of  
England Primary School  
and Nursery  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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### RELIGIOUS NEWS

We have continued to develop the theme of Respect this week and explored two different stories relating to showing respect to people and also to places of worship. Wednesday was 'Thank a Teacher Day' and we looked at this theme whilst considering the fact that Jesus himself was a very special teacher with many important messages for us. Unfortunately, once more, we missed one of our planned services yesterday and were unable to gather as a school to celebrate the great feast of The Ascension. We have all been in a period of waiting in our lives recently as we wait for news of lockdown etc. and the Church is now also in a time of waiting as it looks forward to celebrating the great feast of Pentecost on 31<sup>st</sup> May. This is when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples after His Ascension.

For the Spirit of Peace  
that calms our mind  
and stills our life,  
we give you thanks.  
For the Spirit of Love  
that touches hearts  
and reaches out,  
we give you thanks.  
For the Spirit of Joy  
that lifts our soul  
and gives us faith  
we give you thanks.  
For the Spirit of Power,  
that gift of grace  
for this your church,  
we give you thanks.

### EID al-FITR

Today, children in Care Club looked at the celebration which Muslims all around the world will celebrate this weekend and which marks the end of Ramadan. Whilst this year's celebrations will definitely be different than normal, may we wish all of our families who are celebrating, 'Happy **Eid Mubarak**'.

### ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children who should receive their certificates by email:

Nursery Jacob N for fantastic drama work with Mrs Adams and Miss Quinlan at Care Club

FS2Q Harry L for your 'stay safe' poster for key workers in which you were inspired to complete from Mrs Wilkinson's Art class at Care Club.

FS2M Poppy-Mae Little for enthusiastically creating her own PE video as well as designing and making a bug hotel! Well done!

Y1P Caitlin E J for sharing a range of learning at home. Well done for working so hard at home.

Y1S Martha H for embracing learning at home and sharing her work with me. I particularly like your work on Rivers! Well done Martha!

Y2D Joseph R for a fantastic week of working hard to produce some amazing English and Maths as well as being our Hit the Button Champion too!

Y2F Archie R for excellent maths work in care club this week.

Y3W Adam T- Adam's character description was excellent. His character really came to life and made me eager to read more about him.

Y3FH Caitlin B- She has received her Blue Peter badge this week, which she got for sending in a short story. Well done!

Y4AW George S for his heartfelt and funny poem about life in lockdown. Well done George.

Y4M Sophia S for her fantastic reasoning skills this week for Mr Holmes' Weekly challenge. She also did a fantastic job on the Year 4 Maths quiz. Well done Sophia!

Y5G Isabela V for her superb extreme weather shelter.

Y5B Evie M for working hard offline, often using resources from the VLE to help her!

Y6B Henry D for doing a brilliant job engaging with our virtual guided reading, working on 'The Curse of Cogston House'.

Y6V George I who has been producing a variety of work on Seesaw and filming cricket videos to help Mr VDG's online PE lessons

### **OUR READERS RECOMMEND**

Please continue to share your recommendations with your teachers. Once more this week, we have received some suggestions which have not been shared this week but will be in next week's newsletter. If parents have any suggestions to share with us about books you are enjoying sharing with your children or indeed adult books, please share these via your children on the VLE or email

[office@baildonce.co.uk](mailto:office@baildonce.co.uk)

Please check out <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=2PnnFrPaRgY&feature=youtu.be> which is a lovely video story to demonstrate social distancing with friends

Mad About Minibeasts! By Giles Andreae & David Wojtowycz -This is a brightly-illustrated collection of uplifting rhymes about all sorts of minibeasts. These rhymes are ideal for reading aloud and learning by heart! I'm sure Reception would enjoy this book after all their hard work creating bug hotels and making nature monsters. Mrs McCaul

I would recommend 'How to Survive Summer Camp' by Jacqueline Wilson. A girl called Stella goes to Evergreen Adventure Holiday Camp where she just knows she is going to hate it. The only bad thing about this book is that you can't put it down! - Isla Q

I recommend 'Captain Underpants' by Dav Pilkey because it is funny. I like it because George and Harold hypnotised their primary school headmaster and he turned into Captain Underpants. - Harry H. Hopefully, I will not be subject to the same fate Harry!

### **ASSORTED RECOMMENDATIONS**

Ciaran M's mum has recommended the following websites for children to practise their drawing. She says it has really helped Ciaran's confidence with art grow, and he has particularly enjoyed recreating the Star Wars drawings.

[www.robiddulph.com/draw-with-rob](http://www.robiddulph.com/draw-with-rob)

[www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub](https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub)

Stem science has a number of really exciting challenges to try. Some of the children in Care Club particularly enjoyed the Spag Towers STEM challenge this week. Details can be found here:

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

### **CREATVITIY IN THE COMMUNITY APPEAL**

Baildon Moravian Church are hoping to get all the community involved as a way of saying thank you to not just NHS staff but all keyworkers during these difficult times.

If you have been out and about in Baildon, have you noticed the blue flowers adorning the church gates at the top of Browgate to thank NHS staff? Due to popular demand, the Church are starting a rainbow coloured fence about 50 metres further down Browgate and this time they are hoping to try and get the children of Baildon involved. We have been asked to extend the invitation to you to do some drawings of rainbows/flowers or maybe some stone paintings to sit on the wall. The pictures would have to be waterproofed in some way, either laminated or plastic sleeves. Once completed, you are asked to attach them to the netting on the fence when they go out for your walks.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Thank you to the families who have completed the parent questionnaire. Mr. Van Der Gucht has fed the findings of this back to Senior Leaders and we have identified a number of very pertinent issues to be incorporated into our planning and organisation of resources going forward.

Please check out Twitter for a short video lessons exploring how to communicate safely and kindly when online. Also here, you will find links to resources from Childnet.com, Thinkuknow.co.uk and the NSPCC.

### **CREATIVE CHALLENGE – STARTS TODAY- ARE YOU READY?**

Mrs Armstrong is very excited that SOARfest 2020 is here! We are inviting the children to host their very own music festival in the house or garden on your chosen day this bank holiday weekend. We hope that they will enjoy making decorations, food and drink, and of course getting the whole family involved in a programme of entertainment! It is also the perfect opportunity for all the family bands to showcase their work! Look out for the new 'Mrs Armstrong's music' tab in the Learn area of the VLE for information and resources you need to take part in Baidon C of E's first EVER virtual festival! As always, please share photos and videos on Twitter for us all to see!

Staff are wondering if the talented bunch of 'Gangsta gals' who entertained us earlier in the week are going to put in an appearance – we were also wondering is this what lockdown hair looks like? Thank you for your making us smile!

### **DISCO**

All the disco preparations have now been made so remember, tune in to the VLE at 6.30pm to help Mrs Adams celebrate her special birthday, let your hair down and celebrate the weekend and get your moves ready for Soarfest which is taking place over the weekend!

### **PLANNING UPDATES**

Thank you to all the parents who continue to keep us upbeat with your positive emails, comments on Twitter and on the VLE which mean more than ever these days. I know that these times are extremely unsettling for everyone and I thank you for your patience and understanding in realising that some things are completely out of our control. We are constantly reacting to guidance and information and making decisions, some of which we know are not making things easy for families but we hope that you can understand the difficulties of trying to manage the health and safety of all in this new world in which we find ourselves.

Today, all parents should have received a letter with further details about the plans for the phased re-opening of school in the week of 8<sup>th</sup> June assuming the Government give the go ahead for this. I will continue to update parents during the holidays and keep you as informed as possible.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

As I shared with you in the newsletter last week, whilst we will still be running Care Club during the fortnight of the holidays, teachers will not be setting work, uploading things to the VLE or contacting parents directly so as they that can recharge for the final half term of the year. I am also taking a break from writing the newsletter so the next newsletter will be published on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### **THANKS**

The last 9 weeks have been extremely challenging for all and, as we face into the holidays, I would like to publicly thank all the staff who have really pulled together over the last 9 weeks, supporting at Care Club, organising learning activities and contacting families on the VLE. The cleaning and caretaking staff have been magnificent and swapped their working hours to make it possible to clean more regularly and the kitchen staff have been in school most days to cook for the children. In addition, the office staff have manned the office either at school or remotely and continued to keep on top of letters and communication. Last but not least, can I say a particular thanks to the Governors, a voluntary group of people, who have been there to support and challenge me at all times of the day and at weekends. In October, our SIAMs inspector recorded the following comments which have never been more evident than at this time.

***Care, compassion and respect are at the heart of the school. The whole community articulates the vision and values through the care, dignity and respect evidenced in the daily life of the school. SIAMs 2019***

Stay safe everyone.