



Baildon Church of  
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## Religious News

Classes throughout school used the parables of Jesus as the basis of their Collective Worship this week.

All classes have now started their topic from the Understanding Christianity scheme linked to Lent and Easter. Next Wednesday, Canon Sandra will be in school to lead a special service to mark Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. Classes throughout school will change their displays to purple to reflect the liturgical colour of Lent. Following a recent meeting of the RE Council, they have organised a fundraising focus which will take place during Lent which they will share with children at Collective Worship next week. Following a discussion about different charities to support, they have identified two charities: Martin House which supports children with life shortening conditions and Nightstop Bradford. As part of the focus, children will be asked to bring in a donation of 20p or £1 on Fridays to fill Smarties tubes.

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*Is there no respect of place, persons, nor time in you?*

*William Shakespeare*

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### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT**

As Fairtrade Fortnight begun on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February, the school came together on Tuesday to celebrate the people who grow our food, people who live in some of the poorest countries in the world and who are often exploited and badly paid. We welcomed Mike DeVilliers-Baildon's Fairtrade convenor- who shared that this year the focus is on the people- in particular the women- who grow cocoa in the chocolate we love so much.

Today, four members of the Fairtrade Council helped support the running of a stall at the Co-op in Baildon to promote Fairtrade food and drink. This was a great opportunity for children to share the research they have done and promote this worthy cause to the customers.

As a school, we have just received our order of 90Kg of Fairtrade rice from the Kilombero region in Malawi. These will be available to buy for £3.00 next week, before and after school, in both the Key Stage 1 and 2 playgrounds. If we are to sell all of the 90Kg of rice, then the proceeds are enough for a rice farmer in Malawi to send a child to secondary school for a year.

We are currently awaiting the delivery of 20 Bala Fairtrade footballs, which are manufactured in the Sialkot region in northern Pakistan. These have been bought using some of the proceeds of the Key Stage One Film Night. Thank you very much to the PTFA for this.

### **Achievers of the week for 25<sup>th</sup> February**

This week we have awarded our certificates to children for their work in Shakespeare Week

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates:

N Charlotte O, Jack B

FS2 Tobias V, Mariette H, Frank G, Cailin S

Y1 Amelie McG, Eddie R, Reeve B, Padraig O'M

Y2 Hana W, Noah A, Henry A Ella A

Y3 Maisie H, Jack B, Zade S, Imogen S

Y4 James B, Amy V, James W Emily C

Y5 Eve B, George I, Ryan M, Dylan R, Harriet K

Y6 George B, Nathaniel B, Imogen C, Penny R, Thom S

Special Certificates for Mrs Adams and Miss Melvin for all their hard work.

### **INTER SCHOOL MATHS**

We had 2 teams in action at a local inter school maths competition at Titus Salt School yesterday. Well done to everyone and special congratulations to the boys team of Charlie, Nathaniel, Louis and Iosac who won the event. In Battle of the Bands on TT Rock Stars, congratulations to 2F, 3W, 4HW, 5G and 6B.

## ATTENDANCE Week of 11<sup>th</sup> February

F1am 98.46%

F1pm 84%

F1 30 hours 95.83%

F2P 88.67%

F2Py 77%

Y1M 95%

Y1S 97%

Y2F 97.33%

Y2D 94.33%

Y3HM 94%

Y3W 94.83%

Y4HW 94.33%

Y4M 99.67%

Y5B 94.67%

Y5G 95%

Y6B 98.28%

Y6V 96%

Congratulations to F1am who won the attendance cup in EYFS/KS1 and to Year 6B who won the KS2 attendance cup.

Well done!

Our whole school attendance was 94%.

### WASTE WEEK

Prior to the holidays, using the Blue Planet clip about how plastic is harming the oceans, Mrs McCaul and the Eco Council launched a competition for Waste Week where children were challenged to upcycle a plastic bottle and send this to school next Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March for judging.

### SPORTING NEWS

It has been a very busy week on the sporting front this week with Athletics, Boccia, Football and Orienteering Teams in action. On Monday, at the Bradford Finals, our Athletics Team put in a stunning performance to emerge winners by a winning margin of 80 points. At the same event, we had 2 Boccia teams in action and we are delighted that, once more, one of the Boccia teams emerged victorious and were crowned Bradford Champions again. In the afternoon, the Girls Football team were in competition and they finished in second place. Well done to all the children and huge thanks to the parents who transported and supported and, of course, thanks to the staff who have given their time freely to prepare the children for the competitions.

On Wednesday, we had 2 teams in action at an Orienteering competition, where, once more, one of the teams emerged victorious and were crowned Bradford Champions. Well done everyone. These successes mean that the Athletics team will be in action at the West Yorkshire Finals on 19<sup>th</sup> March and the Boccia and Orienteering Teams will be in action at the West Yorkshire Finals on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Good luck to the swimming team who are in action at the Swimming Gala tomorrow evening.

### BOOK WEEK

Unfortunately, a newsletter can't give true credit to the events which have taken place this week as part of Book Week as it is impossible to express the energy, enthusiasm and buzz which have been permeating school this week. Huge thanks to Mrs Adams and Miss Melvin again for all the planning which they put into the week which, once more, has been a huge success.

Using a range of texts and different approaches, classes throughout school have engaged in a range of drama, dancing, writing and art topics linked to the works of William Shakespeare. Over the next fortnight, we will assemble some of the work to display in our newly decorated hall so parents can view this when they are in school.

Damian O'Keefe who was our original link to the Royal Shakespeare in Schools Project visited school yesterday to see some of the work and tweeted afterwards about 'a very powerful ensemble piece that picks out some of the key themes and most memorable lines in the play' and 'such engagement and investment in the text at such a young age was a joy to see'.

Thank you for, once more, showing great creativity and originality in the dressing up costumes which children wore today for our dressing up day. This afternoon, children in different classes will perform for their Key Stage in a special showcase of some of the work completed. Parents of children who have been awarded the certificates this week have been invited to attend so we hope that they will enjoy this.

Parents are still able to book on the Parent Workshop which will take place on Monday at 7.15pm.