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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Today, we should have been gathering both in school and in St John's as a school community to celebrate in prose and song the events of the first Easter which would have started with the events of Palm Sunday which will be remembered on Sunday. Below is a copy of the poem which we had chosen for the start of our service which you may like to reflect upon:

Humble yet holy, a donkey rode in,
Hosanna, Hosanna we sing to our King.
Palm leaves and cloaks were thrown down on the ground,
Hosanna, Hosanna, there's joy all around.

Jesus rode in on the humblest of beasts
Hosanna, Hosanna, prepare for the feast
But Jesus knew then he was destined to die
Hosanna, Hosanna, he looked to the sky.

Father, forgive them for what they will do,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Your words must come true
For the future of man and the promise You gave
Hosanna, Hosanna, I go to my grave.

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On our VLE, we have an area for Collective Worship and a number of worship PowerPoints have been uploaded to this area linked to the events of Holy Week which is next week. Moving forward, we will continue to upload reflections, prayers and short worships to this area.

RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION CONSULTATION

All families should have received information about the consultation about relationship education prior to our closure. Even though we are closed, please can we ask you to return any questions which you have to the school office at office@baildonce.co.uk

ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK RETURNS

Following its absence last week, we have relaunched Achiever of the Week with certificates being awarded for a variety of reasons. Congratulations to the following children who should have received their certificates by email:

Nursery Aoife D – for sharing lots of fantastic learning from home. We have been very impressed with her writing and her rainbows.

FS2Q Poppy H – For doing some excellent home learning tasks which you have shown on the VLE. I have been particularly impressed with your Phonics work! Well done Poppy!

FS2M Jack B – for sharing his fantastic maths work done at home this week. Jack demonstrated the best 3D shapes for building with and noticed which shapes didn't work. Well done Jack!

Y1P Seth H- For doing some fantastic learning at home and sharing them with me on the VLE. I particularly loved your poster and research on Neil Armstrong! Well done Seth.

Y1S Arthur W – for sharing lots of learning from home. He has completed different activities and designed and made a colourful storage pot to keep all his resources in!

Y2D Lottie L- For her amazing creative pieces of art using recycled materials, from painted egg shells to growing seeds in her colourful milk carton bird feeders. What an imagination!

Y2F Ellie D – For creating a super non-chronological report about dolphins, based on our work done in the last week of school.

Y3W Izzy H – she is readily and enthusiastically embracing the VLE and has completed lots of excellent work. She is also leading her own learning by extending the tasks set. Well done Izzy.

Y3FH Daisy F for engaging brilliantly with learning at home. She has taken part in a wide range of activities and let us know about it regularly on our Year 3 forum.

Y4AW Harry U for demonstrating fantastic debating skills during our English lessons based on Matilda. He put forward some great points for why Mr Wormwood should not win the ‘Father of the Year Award’.

Y4M Tai S for sharing his creative writing extracts in our class writing forum. We await the next instalment.

Y5G Emily C – for using the VLE and submitting work. She has also used Seesaw to keep in touch.

Y5B Amy V for engaging well with the VLE and sending tasks back to me when completed. Well done Amy!

Y6B Charlie A -For his fantastic contributions online, engaging with the VLE and our daily challenges. At school and at home it is clear he takes enormous pride and care in his presentation and his creativity shines through all he does.

Y6V Summer H She has regularly been uploading a variety of work and revision using the VLE

OUR READERS RECOMMEND

With our imposed lockdown, many children are enjoying the joys of reading. Please find below some of the books which have been recommended by our teachers and pupils:

FS2M Mabel J- My favourite book is The Little Mermaid by Hans Christian Anderson.

“I love this book because it’s all about love and mermaids.”

Mrs McCaul – We’re Going on an Egg Hunt by Laura Hughes. This is a lovely introduction to Easter Egg hunts, but beware of the surprise at the end!

Miss Quinlan – Tiddler by Julia Donaldson. This book is a great rhyming book and it is good to predict what might happen next. It also makes me smile as somehow Tiddler is always LATE!

Y1S Zac S says “I like James and the Giant Peach. My favourite part is when James and the big bugs hook string from the peach’s stalk to the seagulls, so the sharks can’t eat the giant peach!”

Y3W ‘You are awesome’ by Matthew Syed because it inspires me to get outside and to be creative –
Amelie S

Y5B I would recommend ‘The Nothing to See Here Hotel’ (It is a hotel for monsters and the hotel has a spell so no humans ever find out about it). I like it because it is funny and there is always something interesting about to happen. Amelia

Children – please don’t worry if your review is not here this week as it will be included next week!

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

WORKING AT HOME

Thanks to everyone who responded to last week’s art challenge and posted some amazing Rainbow creations. It was wonderful to see the fantastic creations and the ingenuity and range of materials that were used. Well done everyone! As a staff, we have compiled a long list of creative activities and we are planning on sharing one with you every week. In light of the fact that next week is Holy Week and Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, 12th April, our challenges this week all link to Easter.

- Create an Easter Bonnet
- Design and make an Easter Garden
- Collect egg shells after they are used. Wash them and decorate to create an Easter Tree or other creations. Check out different ways of emptying the egg contents out of the egg so that you can use them and then decorate the whole egg shell.
- Design and make an Easter basket

Take a picture of your child’s work and upload it as a message on the VLE – sending it to Mr Van der Gucht so he can share the wonderful work on Twitter. Or, alternatively, tweet it and tag the school @baildonce

Due to the fact that the next two weeks should be the school holidays, teachers are going to take a little break so that they can spend time with their own families so, whilst they will continue to monitor the VLE and contact with children up to Thursday 9th, they will then take a break until Tuesday 14th.

The Government have updated their handwashing advice which can be found here:

The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and whenever you return home.

The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

CONSULTATION SHEETS

Due to the fact that we had to cancel consultation and in amongst helping out on the rota at Care Club and communicating with families on the VLE, teachers have now also completed a short consultation sheet to share with families. These will be uploaded to your child's area on the VLE over the next few days. A simple explanation of the form is attached with this newsletter.

COMMUNICATION

In these challenging times, people everywhere are recognising the importance of staying in contact and many are using some of the apps which are available. As a school, we too recognise the importance of this which is why we are continuing our newsletter, using Twitter to share work and tips and teachers are using the VLE.

We have now planned these additional ways to try and increase our communication going forward:

When teachers are in school, they will phone families on a rotation to check in with them so if you see a missed call from phone and your child is not in our care club, please do not worry! If they are not able to contact you, they will try on their next visit to school.

Teachers are also going to record personal messages for their classes which they will start to upload in coming weeks- my message should appear via Twitter today!

REASON TO CELEBRATE

It is quite difficult at the moment for people to celebrate things but, as a school, we are absolutely delighted to share with you the news that Mrs Wilkinson has been deemed fit to return to work after her illness. Thank you to the families in 4AW for your understanding and compassion in what has been a worrying time for Mrs Wilkinson and her family. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Marshall for doing such an excellent job to cover for Mrs Wilkinson.

SAFEGUARDING

In line with guidance from the DFE, we have updated our Safeguarding Policy. A copy of **COVID-19** school closure arrangements for Safeguarding and Child Protection at School can be found on our website.

In these days of increased activity online, we are keen to promote safety. Pupils can access support from

- [Childline](#) - for support
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - to report and remove harmful online content
- [CEOP](#) - for advice on making a report about online abuse

Support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online can be found at:

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

In the event of pupils contravening the school acceptable user policy, teachers and the Administrators on our school Virtual Learning Environment will follow procedures mapped out in our e-safety policy. This may include parents being contacted by the school in order to inform them of issues that have arisen or the suspension of online privileges, such as the messaging tool on the VLE. More serious misuse could result in contacting other agencies, such as the police in the event of illegal behaviour. The school Virtual Learning Environment includes a section with e-safety links for pupils including a virtual "worry box" where pupils can record any concerns. These will automatically be sent to Mr Van der Gucht, school E-safety lead.

MUSIC SERVICES RESOURCES

Message from Music and Arts Service - Whilst we are all dealing with the current challenges and a very different way of working, we have posted some free online activities that may help you in schools whilst caring for children of core workers and disadvantaged children. To access these, follow this link <https://www.bradfordmusiconline.co.uk/site/for-teachers-schools/>

- o In addition, our Art Lead Tony Bullock has created some online resources and activities for schools and pupils available via <https://www.bradfordmusiconline.co.uk/site/schools/visual-arts/>. He has also set a range of activities available on Google Classroom – email him on anthony.bulluck@bradford.gov.uk and ask for the classroom code!
- o Regular updates are available on our website, twitter and Facebook feed.

CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS GOING FORWARD

As identified last week, to help us with our planning, we are asking parents who need to use our Emergency Care Club to complete a survey which will be sent out **weekly on a Thursday** so that we can organise our staffing rotas around this. If you have not completed this already for next week, please can I ask you to complete this by Saturday if possible. We do appreciate that many people who work shifts are subject to changes in shifts and some requirements may therefore need to change. In these cases, please can I ask you to contact the office on office@baildonce.co.uk with details of changes. I can confirm that we will be open in the school holidays including on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Please can I ask that when parents drop off and collect children from Emergency Care Club that they exercise social distancing and that children enter and leave on their own. Once more, I can't stress enough that this facility should only be used when it is absolutely necessary and that parents should aim to keep children at home as much as possible.

In light of the advice not to travel unless absolutely necessary, our office is being remotely manned for the majority of the time. Therefore, please email the office with any queries or information and they will deal with the request or will contact the member of the Leadership Team who is on duty in school if required.

BIBLICAL QUOTE

In these challenging times, our biblical quote has even more significance and we look forward with hope to that future which is promised:

Jeremiah: For the Lord says I have plans for you...plans to give you hope and a future.

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.*

Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)