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RELIGIOUS NEWS

This is Christian Aid week and this week all of our Collective Worship have linked to this. The theme for this year is about saving the environment and we have made links to Creation and how we should be respecting animals, the oceans and forests. On Monday, children explored the concept of Aid and what that means and looked at the Creation Story from Genesis. On Tuesday, they explored Psalm 148, 'Praise the Lord' and listened to and discussed 'For the Beauty of the Earth.' For the remainder of the week, we have made links to showing respect for different aspects of creation including animals, oceans and forests. We have used two wonderful books, 'In the Forest' and 'Under the Ocean', to explore some of these concepts. We recognise that we are stewards of the earth and that we all have a part to play in protecting it.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Genesis 1

ACHIEVER OF THE WEEK

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

Nursery Aoife D for sharing a range of learning from home. We have enjoyed the reading the messages on the VLE and seeing the photographs on Twitter.

FS2Q Charlotte for her creative piece of work on the story 'The Gruffalo'.

Well done!

FS2M Poppy R for her fantastic work on the Gruffalo. She has drawn and described the Gruffalo, made a cake and also made food that you might find in the deep, dark woods! Well done!

Y1P Tabitha L for all the brilliant work she has done at home this week. Keep up the great work Tabitha!

Y1S Gabriella O'B for super reading with Mrs Senior. She read with fluency, expression and understanding. Well done!

Y2D Daisy H for showing resilience and determination in Maths and contributing weekly to our Year 2 Hit the Button battle.

Y2F Reuben N for engaging with the lessons on the VLE.

Y3W Adam T for a truly superb Egyptian topic – Adam and his family spent the week doing a carousel of activities, staying in character all week. Fantastic work – well done!

Y3FH Naomi H for all the excellent work she's been doing on the VLE. Every week she puts 100% effort into all the tasks being set. Well done!

Y4AW Edie C for creating a roadmap of Baildon, highlighting local history points of interest.

Y4M Hetty L for her continued motivation and drive to complete a variety of tasks set on the VLE.

Hetty Has worked so hard to keep her learning hot and produce some fantastic work. Hetty has also suggested that you bake a cake with friends over Facetime and have a giggle creating something together!

Y5G Emily C for the variety of activities and work she has been doing over past weeks.

Y5B Macie D for engaging with online learning resources.

Y6B Lucy B for her constant engagement with the VLE and creative ways of showcasing her home learning.

Y6V Joel McHugh – He has produced a variety of excellent work, including a news report where he remotely interviewed his grandparents about life in lockdown.

Special Congratulations to Miss Brace who heard this week that she has successfully passed her National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders with a near perfect score! Well done!

OUR READERS RECOMMEND

The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson – the children in Reception have really enjoyed their work on The Gruffalo this week and I thought they would like to read this too!

The Gruffalo's Child can be seen here if you don't have the book:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b018nrhm/the-gruffalos-child>

Benjamin recommends 'Hercules the Strongest Man' because Hercules had to fight a dragon with lots of heads and every time he chops one off, 2 more grow!

I like the David Walliams books and the Roald Dahl books because they are funny and they are cheerful, especially 'World's Worst Children' and 'The Great Mouse Plot.' By Tallulah McC

Isla Quinlan - A book that I would recommend is Slime by David Walliams. It was really funny and made me laugh so much!

I recommend Mr Stink by David Walliams, because it is very funny (like me!) - William

Interesting light reading for teachers (and any parents of teenagers) regarding online trends during lockdown <https://www.esafeglobal.com/articles/lockdown-analysis/>

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

SAFEGUARDING

Thank you to the families who have completed the parent questionnaire to date. If you have not had a chance to complete it yet, please find the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftjcQtmNAYL67UzFtCxH2zk8Pc-vp0r8gvU-ddm32dNeYuUQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

VE CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to everyone who rose to the VE day bunting challenge – the photographs of the bunting and of the picnic teas all looked fantastic. You may have seen on Twitter that the Queen graced some of us with her presence on Friday also and caused quite a stir!

I hope that you enjoyed the latest staff song and that it brought a smile to your face. Thanks to all the staff who were involved and to Mrs Armstrong for leading on this again.

CREATIVE CHALLENGE

Mrs Armstrong is very excited to announce the next creative challenge: SOARfest 2020! We are inviting the children to host their very own music festival in the house or garden on your chosen day over the next bank holiday weekend of 22nd-25th May. 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, where over the next few days she will be adding the information and resources you need to take part in Baildon C of E's first EVER virtual festival! As always, please share photos and videos on Twitter for us all to see!

DISCO

As you may be aware from the school calendar, today should have been our summer disco which is an event which everyone looks forward to. To celebrate the end of term and her special birthday next week, Mrs Adams is inviting everyone to a virtual disco next Friday evening at 6.30pm. She has asked that you send in your requests via the VLE by Tuesday so that she organise all the music. Mrs Adams will be posting a message on the VLE about this and we will remind you again next week. In the meantime, start practising your moves and check out your disco gear!

PLANNING

Thank you to all the families who have responded to our survey earlier in the week regarding your views about the potential re-opening of school. We have looked at the replies so far but intend to look in detail at these next Monday so, if you have not managed to complete the survey so far, please do this by Sunday evening.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

As I am sure you are aware, as a school, we have not closed at all since 20th March except for at weekends and for the bank holidays. Teachers have continued planning lessons, uploading to the VLE and of course have been on the rota for our Care Club alongside the other members of staff. The kitchen, office and cleaning team have also not taken any holidays. On our school calendar for this year, we were due to close next week for a fortnight before coming back to school on 8th June. Whilst we will still be running Care Club during the fortnight, 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. Regardless of any decisions which are then taken about re-opening, we will resume service again on 8th June and will work until the summer holidays which are due to start for us on July 22nd. We will be sending out our letter about booking onto Care Club for the fortnight beginning Tuesday 26th May to Friday 5th June on Wednesday next week.

COMMUNICATION WHICH MAY BE USEFUL

As a school, we are being inundated with information at the moment from a wide range of sources. It would be impossible for us to share all the links for different things but parents may be interested in this document 'What parents and carers need to know about schools, colleges and other education settings during the Coronavirus outbreak' which can be found by pasting this link into your browser:

[Information for parents and carers](#)

Bradford Council continue to issue regular guidance about issues relating to Bradford and today's notice has included information about the re-opening of countryside car parks and it is great to see that many of the areas around Baildon are now open

- Baildon Trig Point
- Baildon Walkers Car Park
- Shipley Victoria Park ,Oakenshaw
- Shipley Glen
- Hirst Wood

SCHOOL SONG

Thank you to the families who recorded their own version of the song which we released a few weeks ago – you definitely made us all smile. Well done everyone!

As I was just finishing this newsletter, the following song was playing on the radio:

It's times like these you learn to live again
It's times like these you give and give again
It's times like these you learn to love again
It's times like these time and time again

Stay well everyone.