

Newsletter Term 5 2022

Our Christian value this term is:

Friendship



FRIENDSHIP

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP TOGETHER...

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"A good **friend** is worth their weight in gold."

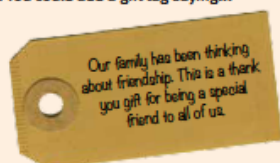
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That's a lot of gold!
Why do you think that this is
such a popular proverb?



FAMILY FOCUS Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...



READ TOGETHER...

Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12



QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.



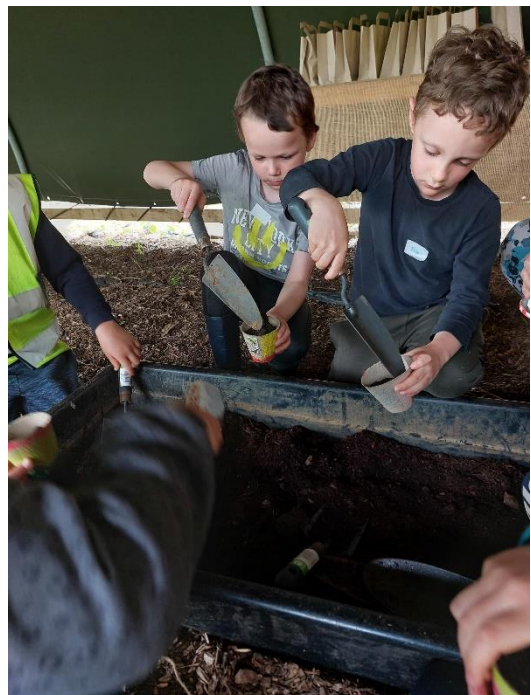
DATES TO REMEMBER

30/05/22 - 01/06/22: May Half Term
02/06/22 - 03/06/22: Bank Holidays
10/06/22 - Queens' Jubilee Tea Party
15/06/22: Leaver's Service - Gloucester Cathedral
16/06/22: Annual Sports Day - Bibury Cricket Club field
22/06/22: Photographs (Whole School)
04/07/22 - 06/07/22: Braeside Residential Trip (Years 2, 3 & 4)
11/07/22 and 12/07/22: Parents Evenings
15/07/22 and 15/07/22: Transition Days
21/07/22 and 22/07/22: INSET Days
25/07/22 - 02/09/22: Summer Holidays

ACORN CLASS

Term 5 has been very busy in Acorn Class and all of the children have worked very hard again this term. Years 1 and 2 have written some super fables using all the writing devices we have practised. As part of our moderation activities, we compare our children's work with those of other schools within the DGAT Trust and I am happy to report that our children's writing is indeed, of very high quality. Your children have worked hard with their writing and deserve many congratulations for their efforts.

In Science, we have enjoyed learning about plants and seeds. We have designed and carried out experiments with broad bean seeds and cress - the children can confidently explain what seeds need to thrive. As part of our science learning, we enjoyed a super trip to Cut the Mustard Club where the children enjoyed planting seeds, foraging for foliage, making seed bombs and creating a table decoration. The children enjoyed meeting up with their friends at North Cerney School and both schools were praised by the Mustard Club staff for their high standards of behaviour - they were, as always, a joy to take offsite.



In swimming, all the children have made superb progress and have clearly enjoyed their sessions very much. Again, your children are a credit to you with their careful listening and perseverance in learning new skills.

In History, we have explored how holidays have changed from Victorian times to the present day. We were fascinated by Victorian bathing machines and how holiday clothing and activities have changed over the years. I have been very impressed with how much detail the children can recall about holidays from the past as well as their skills as history detectives searching for clues to the past from photographs and recounts.

Well done to all the children in Acorns Class for giving your best this term, for supporting each other and representing our school so well. Have a lovely half term holiday and I am looking forward to more exciting learning with you in Term 6.

OAKS CLASS

Wow! This term really feels like it had flown by in Oaks Class. We have been so busy cramming in wonderful writing, maths, science and more that I wish we could keep working!

In our English lessons, Oaks have completed two brilliant pieces of writing. One was a clear and effective explanation text that explored how a Butler-Bot works (this is a robot and butler combined in one, obviously!). Children even designed their robot and labelled all the fascinating features, such as 'Vacuum Rolling Legs' and 'Dirty Dish Detectors'. This was followed by an excellent retelling of the fable 'The Lion and the Mouse'. Children independently wrote different versions of the ending to this story that explored a moral about our termly value, friendship. I have been so impressed with both the quality of the independent writing produced this term, but also in the attitudes behind it. All of Oaks Class have been so determined to show off their writing skills that they learn in lessons. It makes it a true pleasure to read your work. Well done!

Our Science topic has explored living things this term and we've been busy identifying bugs, leaves and more! We have learned the very tricky skill of asking scientific questions that allow us to classify organisms in a key. This has led to some superb sorting, grouping and developing the skill of drawing organisms with enough detail to recognise key features. It's a shame the weather hasn't been slightly brighter for us - we have endured several wet Wednesdays - but I am confident everyone has learned identification skills that will amaze others in the future!

We have only managed to complete three lessons of printmaking in art due to trips and bank holidays. However, I am so excited to continue this topic in Term 6 with both Oaks and Mighty Oaks. By exploring the work of famous printmakers like William Morris and designing some delightfully complex collograph plates, we will all be very prepared to get printing and designing from Styrofoam tiles next term.

Although it has been a short term, we managed to squeeze in a fabulous trip to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester. This was a brilliant opportunity to recap our history unit on the Romans and explore how Cirencester was a vital part in gathering archaeological evidence about how Romans lived. Oaks Class and Mighty Oaks behaved brilliantly on this trip. As I was working with Oaks Class completing activities focusing on Roman diet, clothing and games, I was so pleased to see the supportive and caring attitude children had towards the children from North Cerney Primary School who were working alongside us.



Thank you all for another lovely term. Have a relaxing break and see you in June!

MIGHTY OAKS CLASS

In History this term, we have been learning about the history of the local area. We have tried our hand at 'fulling' wool; used the church as a historical resource by exploring the gravestones and memorials; and looked at village census records from 1851. The older children have been encouraged to think about how historians find out about the past and the way that different records, artefacts, graves and buildings can all provide information.

We also visited the Corinium Museum to learn about life in this area in Roman times and both groups enjoyed their hands-on workshops - the younger children learned about everyday life for Romans in Cirencester and the older learned about how skeletons and gravestones were used by archaeologists to learn about the identity of the inhabitants. It was interesting to learn how they used isotopes to work out where people came from originally. Among the people whose skeletons we examined were two who came from Romania and Holland.

In one of the display cases, we were able to spot some Roman blacksmith's tongs that were found at the Roman Villa in Bibury.



Mighty Oaks

Although this has been a very short term, it has been action packed! In Science, we have been learning about life cycles and reproduction which has included watching the development of caterpillars as they transform to butterflies. Thankfully, two have emerged from their chrysalis in time for the class to see it.



We have also planted bulbs, cuttings and seed potatoes. Our bulbs and cuttings are now showing signs of new growth, but our potatoes became unfortunately waterlogged during recent weather so may prove unsuccessful.

Year 6 completed their SATs, and we were all very proud of the positivity, composure and endeavour with which they did so. Credit must also go to the year 5 pupils who successfully completed work on calculating with decimals, largely independently, during this term.

In English, along with the other classes, we have been writing fables and concluded by writing our own fables, using the formula of some of the those written by Aesop.



The highlight of the term was our residential visit to the Wilderness Centre, where the children took part in a range of outdoor, adventurous activities. Their behaviour and enthusiasm were exemplary and much fun was had by all.



We finished off the term with a DT workshop provided by RIAT, where the children were tasked with designing and making a space glider. Their model had to fit within given dimensions and had to be launched by elastic band. Working in pairs, the pupils all had a really creative and busy morning, with each partnership producing a different design solution. While all enjoyed success, Emily and Evie were chosen to go forward to represent the school at the finals, which take place on the Friday of RIAT in July.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

We are thrilled to report that during the latest "Juniper Benchmark Analysis", which is a national analysis of teacher assessments of each child's performance in Maths, Reading and Writing during 2021/2022, the percentage of pupils at Bibury that are meeting or exceeding their age-related targets are significantly higher than that of pupils from other Gloucestershire schools and schools nationwide. We would like to congratulate all the staff and children on this fantastic achievement.

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Due to there being such a lot going on at the end of this term, the PTA will be holding a slightly belated Jubilee tea party for the children on Friday June 10th at 3.15 until 4.15 in the school playground. We shall be serving light tea and cake and doing various crafts and games. We shall be asking for a suggested donation of £2.50 per child for this, please let us know in plenty of time if you would like your child to attend. Parents will be very welcome to join in or collect their children at 4.15-please let us know either way.

In addition it will also be non-school uniform day on Friday 10th June with a theme of "red, white and blue" with a suggested donation of £1 per child for this.



NATURE QUIZ 2022

Last week we hosted the second round and were visited by Ampney Crucis CofE Primary School.

Our team were Raul, Hammond, Louisa and Lilly (Evie reserve). They worked so hard preparing; from bringing in specimens to group revising during lunchtimes and taking school resources home.

It was a very close match that Ampney eventually won but despite the result we couldn't be prouder of our team. They fought to the end, remained positive, encouraged each other and were gracious runners up, wishing Ampney Crucis well in next round.

It was a privilege to work with them all and even with a last-minute team change took it all in their stride. Well done to you all.

Mrs Feltham