

Newsletter November 2022

Our Christian value this term is:

Trust



TRUST HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK ABOUT TRUST TOGETHER...

Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:

- people who you know that are **trustworthy**
- practical ways that we can show others that **we** are **trustworthy**
- why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"**Trusting** someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you"

Anon



FASCINATING FACTS The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI)

When the crew and passengers of boats get into difficulty at sea, they can **trust** the lifeboat crews from RNLI to try their very best to rescue them. Many of the crew and coastguards are volunteers.

- There are over 230 lifeboat stations all around the coast of Britain & Ireland
- Crews are on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They must be ready to drop what they are doing at a moment's notice to go out on their lifeboat



READ TOGETHER... The Storm on the Lake

The disciples were just exhausted. All day crowds and crowds of people had been following Jesus, listening as he taught them about God's love and watching as he healed people who were ill. Now the sun was beginning to set over the Sea of Galilee. Seeing how tired his friends were, Jesus said, "Let's get in a boat and go over to the other side of the lake."

They rowed away from the shore while Jesus went to the front of the boat and lay down. The waves lapped gently against the side of the boat, lulling Jesus into a peaceful sleep.

Suddenly the wind began to blow dark clouds across the sky. The waves weren't so gentle anymore. The little boat began to pitch and rock. The men looked anxiously across the lake. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

The wind blew stronger. Great gusts rocked the boat. Spray from the waves soaked everyone inside. But still Jesus lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

By the time they reached the centre of the lake, the wind had turned into an angry gale that whipped the waves so high that they washed right over the boat. Jesus' friends were terrified. They thought they might drown. But still Jesus slept on.

Finally, one of Jesus' friends went and shook him awake. "Master," he cried, "don't you care if we drown?" Jesus looked around. He listened to the howling wind. He felt the cold, stinging spray of the waves. He saw the fear in the faces of his disciples.

Jesus stood, stretched out his arms to the wind and the waves, and commanded: "Peace! Be still!" At once the wind died down and the waves became completely calm. Turning to them, Jesus asked the disciples: "Why are you so afraid? Do you not **trust** me?"

Bible story based on Mark 4:35-41



QUIZ Crack the code

Answer the clues to find the letter corresponding to each number and then fill in the message.

Thrown in a board game

1	2	3	4
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Jam is stored in this

5	6	7
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Opposite of dark

8	9	10	11
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Used to carry money

12	13	14	15
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Break the code to discover the message in the story:

11	10	4
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1	2	14	5	7	12	8	4	14
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11	7	13	14	1	4	1
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5	6	14	13	14
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

2/12/2022: Nasal Flu Vaccinations
2/12/2022: PTA Christmas Wreath making workshop
6/12/2022: Barn Theatre Christmas Pantomime
12/12/2022: Carol Service and Pop-up Tea
13/12/2022: Baptist Church Christmas show
13/12/2022: iSingPOP Concert
14/12/2022: Festive Dress Up day
14/12/2022: School Christmas Lunch (Caterlink) and Christmas Party
14/12/2022: School Council Christmas Bake Sale
19/12/2022 - 02/01/2023: December Holidays
03/01/2023: INSET Day (school closed for pupils)
04/01/2023: Start of Term 3

ACORN CLASS

Acorns have had another busy month. We have enjoyed welcoming our pre-school children on Monday afternoons and the children in the EYFS group have provided a very warm welcome for these children. They have enjoyed learning a little about the origins of Bonfire Night, experimented with flexible materials and learnt about The Great Fire of London.

In English both the EYFS and the KS1 group have been busy developing their writing techniques. The KS1 group have used a video clip called The Christmas Star as a basis for some lovely writing using the techniques of repetition, alliteration and use of similes.

The EYFS group have made fabulous progress with their phonics and reading. The children are now learning their Phase 3 sounds and blending and segmenting to read and spell with great success.

Earlier in the term, we enjoyed our cookery session with the Kitchen Club making vegetarian curry and Diwali sweets. The meal was delicious and the children learnt and practised many new skills. Following on from our cooking session, we enjoyed a visit from The West End Theatre Company who led a dance session telling the story of King Rama and explaining the celebrations held for Diwali.



In PE, Acorns class have really enjoyed their dance sessions with Miss Cole. The children have impressed me with their careful listening, creative dance moves and ability to move in time with the music. Furthermore, in swimming, the children have made excellent progress with water confidence and some are now able to swim across the pool without aids. If you are able to visit the swimming pool over the Christmas holidays, your children can show you the progress that they have made.

OAKS CLASS

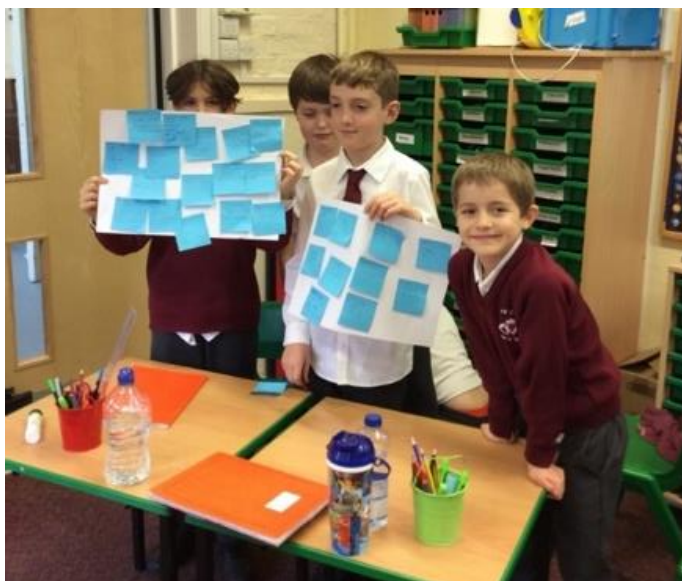
Over the last few weeks, Oaks class have been writing their very own sentences which follows a magical journey in a wordless picture book written and illustrated by Aaron Becker. They have recently completed their independent writing of this unit by continuing this journey themselves.



Oaks and Mighty Oaks

In History, Oaks and Mighty Oaks have explored the idea of journeys, looking specifically at why people go on journeys. The images show the class working in teams and gathering words that they felt associated with and why people go on journeys.

Since then, we have recently looked at three different journeys from the past and discussed what the push and pull factors of these journeys were. So far as a class we have looked at; the explorer Sir Walter Raleigh, the Irish 3rd class passengers who travelled on the Titanic and the children who travelled on the Kindertransport.



In DT, Oaks and Mighty Oaks have also researched, designed and practised different stitching techniques for their money containers. Oaks have focused on using running and over stitches, while Mighty Oaks have been challenged with backstitch and Blanket Stitch.



MIGHTY OAKS CLASS

In Mighty Oaks, our writing this term has been linked to the topic of 'Journeys'. We have written an emotional narrative based on Shaun Tan's wordless book, 'The Arrival', exploring the feelings of a man leaving his family to find work. We are currently writing a non-fiction piece about refugees, for which we have carried out some research.



In science, we have been learning about the solar system and all the children are able to recall the order of the planets from the sun and give reasons why Earth is the only one able to support life. A few weeks ago, the children all made scale models to show the relative distances between planets - using our mathematical skills

to support our understanding of scientific concepts.



We have continued to learn about Hinduism this term and enjoyed the opportunity to take part in a dance workshop retelling the story of Rama and Sita, which linked to our studies of the festival of Diwali.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



*Wreath laying ceremony at the memorial in Barnsley
Mrs Pascoe with our head girl and head boy, Louisa and Raul*



Beautiful poppy artwork by the Acorns class, on display in the Church

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for the month of November was 94.9%. The average attendance by class was evenly spread across the three year groups, with Acorns at 95.2%, Oaks at 95.2% and Mighty Oaks at 94.4%. Winter ailments have begun so please make sure that your child dresses warmly for school each day.

KITCHEN CLUB

The Kitchen Club team came to visit the school again to work with the children in preparing and cooking a Diwali-themed meal, comprising a delicious "Festival of Colour" vegetarian curry and Coconut Ladoo sweets.



OUTINGS

Youth Parliament Day

Our head boy and head girl, Raul and Louisa, represented Bibury C of E Primary School at Parliament Day in Gloucester Cathedral, where, together with students from North Cerney C of E Primary Academy, they met Dale Vince, owner of Ecotricity, and took part in debates on the environment with representatives from other schools across the county.



Hunters Care Centre

Our Acorns children visited Hunters Care Centre in Cirencester and joined the residents in watching a demonstration of birds of prey. It was wonderful to witness the interaction between the young children and the elderly residents, and both groups enjoyed the visit tremendously. The children visited the Centre again at the end of the month, to join in a session of singing and Christmas carols with the residents.



PANATHLON EVENT



On 21st November the combined team of Bibury C of E Primary and North Cerney C of E Primary Academy took part in a Panathlon event at Ten Pin Bowling in Gloucester. The team came third overall, with only one point separating third from second place! Well done to our Bibury team members Alex, Ben and Emily, we are very proud of how well you represented our school.

SPORT

Swimming lessons for the term are now finished, and will re-commence on in Term 3 on Tuesday 10th January.

The Oaks and Mighty Oaks children enjoyed a fun hockey session with Helen Pauling of Cirencester Kingshill School, where they practised new hockey skills as well as learning about teamwork, healthy competitiveness and tenacity.



FROM THE PTA

The PTA is thankful to those that donated towards and came along to the Village Hall Christmas Event. Our stall raised £123 which will go towards the PTA contribution for iSingPop.

USEFUL LINKS AND HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

National Sleep Help Hotline

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

Families Gloucestershire Magazine – Christmas issue

[Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#)



FOREST SCHOOL, TRAINING & WELLBEING



Make your life a little bit wilder

**CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY SESSIONS**

Hailey Wood, between Cirencester & Stroud



EXPLORER FAMILY DAY
for the whole family

Explore, play, relax and connect together in the woods. Scavenger hunt, wreath making and reindeer crafting in the tool area as well as cooking and sharing soup from the campfire, hot apple juice and a simple seasonal campfire treat.

Monday, December 19th, 10am - 1pm

WILD WOOD STORY ADVENTURES
for children aged 8+

How can we kindle our warmth and light, in the deep, cold dark of this winter? Join us for a fire-making play day to nurture creativity, confidence & friendship, through connecting to nature.

Wednesday, December 21st, 10am - 2pm



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FULLY FUNDED FREE SCHOOL MEAL PLACES (HAF)
BOOKING OPEN DEC 1ST
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 info@into-nature.org <http://www.bookwhen.com/intonaturecic>

Into Nature CIC is a not-for-profit organisation. Please visit our website for information about our offers for families, women, outdoor practitioners and organisations.

This holidays, Into Nature are offering sessions for families and children that might be of interest to our school community; they also offer a number of fully funded places as part of the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) from Hailey Wood near Cirencester.

LITTLE ACORNS – STARTING SCHOOL SESSIONS

These sessions for children who will be starting their Reception year in September 2023 have begun. Please pass this information on to anyone with young children who you think might be interested in joining our school.



Little Acorns

@BiburyCofEPrimarySchool

Starting School Sessions

Monday afternoons 1:15 pm - 3:00 pm
7th Nov 2022 - 12th Dec 2022

Come and join us for play based learning developing the skills needed for a successful start to school.

- Phonics and Early Maths Skills
- Listening, communication and social skills
- Gross and fine motor skill development

Spaces are limited. Please call to secure a place and speak to our Early Years specialist teacher about how we can help prepare your child for September.



Call 01285 740268 to book

*Further dates may be added later in the year.
Follow us on social media for more information.



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