

Newsletter March 2021

Our Christian value this term has been: Justice



JUSTICE HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK ABOUT JUSTICE TOGETHER...

Justice means more than making things 'fair'. In order for people to live together well in a **just** community, it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road!

As a family you may want to talk about:

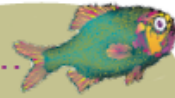
- why it is important to have rules and laws
- rules or laws that you don't think are **just** (or fair)
- family rules that you think are important

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to **justice** everywhere."
Martin Luther King Jr



READ TOGETHER...



The Story of Jonah

Some folk always seem to be arguing or moaning and groaning. Sometimes they moan about the weather, Sometimes they moan about their family, and Sometimes they just moan. In fact, they are so busy moaning about EVERYTHING that they forget to be thankful for ANYTHING.

Jonah was just like that! He moaned all the time. So when God asked him to go to Ninevah and tell the people there that he was angry about their Stealing, lying, fighting and their wicked ways, of course Jonah moaned and groaned.

"Not Ninevah, please! Anywhere but Ninevah! We have never got on with that nasty bunch. Please Lord, send someone else." And just in case God asked him again Jonah, quick as his legs could carry him, ran to the dock and asked the captain of the nearest boat to take him to the furthest place from Ninevah.

The nearest boat was the Jolly Dragon and her captain was called Wise Captain Silas. The Jolly Dragon set sail on a calm sea under a clear blue sky but within a day found herself caught up in a fierce and frightening storm. Captain Silas knew immediately that something was not right. He went to find his passenger, who, surprise, surprise, was below deck moaning to one of the sailors.

"It's my fault," groaned Jonah. "Throw me into the sea and the storm will blow over." Wise Captain Silas knew Jonah was right and so to save his ship and all the crew, gave orders to toss Jonah overboard that minute. A huge fish saw Jonah sinking slowly to the bottom of the sea, and he opened his great mouth wide, and swallowed him whole!

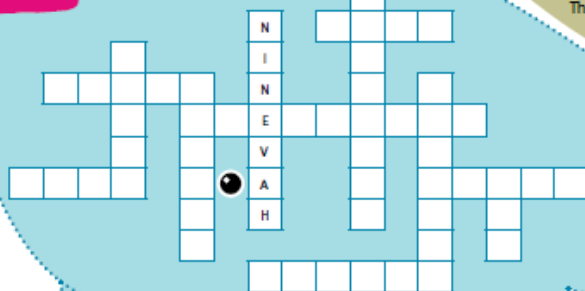
Jonah had only just enough time to recover from the shock when he found himself shooting through the air and onto a beach very near to Ninevah. The great fish had spat him out and swum away.

Even Jonah knew now that there was no way out. He picked himself up, shook off the seaweed and walked slowly into the centre of the city. There he did what God had told him at the start and explained to the people of Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did.

They fasted, they prayed for God's forgiveness and even thanked him for sending Jonah.



QUIZ Word Fit



ANGRY
CALM
FISH
GOD
GROANED
JONAH
MOANER
OVERBOARD
PRAYED
STORM
SWALLOWED

DATES TO REMEMBER

3rd May - Bank Holiday
31st May - Bank Holiday
1st June - 4th June - Half Term
21st July - INSET Day
22nd July - 31st August - Summer Holidays

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Happy Birthday to Freya and Violet! ☺



RED NOSE DAY

The children all looked wonderful in their 'something red and something funny' outfits. Thank you for purchasing your red noses and supporting this charity event. We raised £49.50.

Well done to Matthew and Theo Szabo who raised money for comic relief by entering the TT Rockstars maths competition. By taking part in various tournaments for over 30 hours in one week, they were able to buy every red nose available with their game money and helped to raise £5000. Super effort boys!

EASTER EGGS

Thank you to everyone who took part in decorating eggs. The creativity and imagination has been wonderful to see. Mrs Colburn, one of our School Governors, had a very difficult task to judge them yesterday but eventually settled on these winners:

Acorns class - Olivia Saunders

Oaks class - Jasmine Hosken

Mighty Oaks class - Matthew Holdford

And a special Eco award to Isla Angel for her Save the Turtles creation.

Congratulations to our winners. They will receive a prize today at school, kindly donated by Tim Hastie-Smith and Mrs Colburn. Everyone will receive a gold chocolate rabbit for taking part!

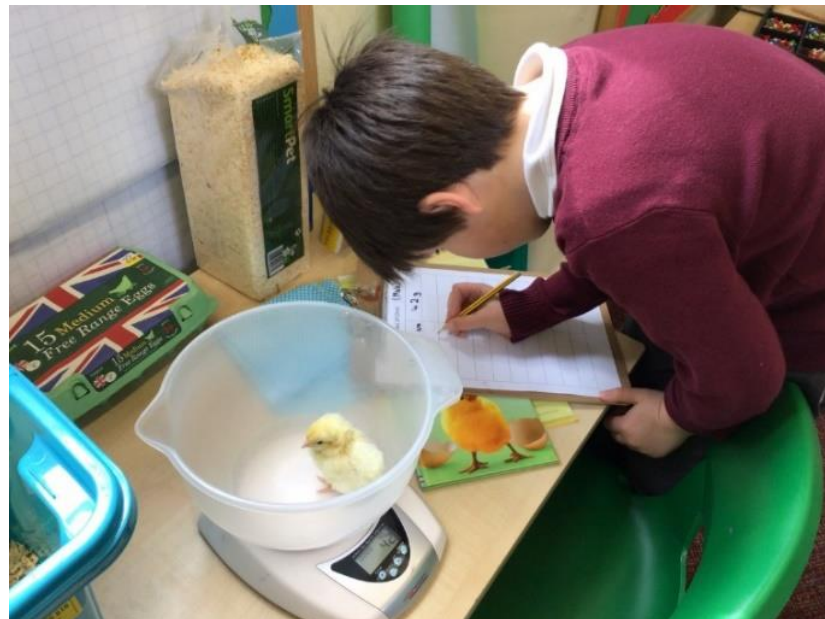




LIVING EGGS

The children have really enjoyed the Living Eggs experience, frequently visiting them every day. All our eggs hatched and we had 6 girls and 4 boys. They have now all been rehomed to parents of the school. We hope they are very happy in their new homes.

The children weighed the chicks daily to record their growth.





PE WITH MR WHITAM

With the support of St Mary's Church in Bibury, we have benefitted from extra PE coaching every Monday for each class.

The children have been involved in some exciting team building challenges and have really enjoyed these sessions.



INTERNET SAFETY

This term we have been lucky to have PC Leah Davies from Schoolbeat, visit the children in years 5 & 6 to discuss all issues regarding Internet Safety.



ACORNS

Acorn Class have been busy watching the eggs hatch and we were thrilled to have all ten hatch out successfully. Acorns have also been busy developing their writing and maths skills focusing upon using their phonics for spelling and developing correct letter formation in their handwriting.

We enjoyed receiving a box of artefacts from the Wilson Museum to complement and enhance our work on Florence Nightingale.

OAKS

Oaks class have been working very hard this term. We have been learning how to write persuasive holiday brochures, entertaining stories and improving our reading skills by looking at some great poetry in English lessons.

In Maths, Oaks have really improved their arithmetic skills whilst exploring the challenging world of fractions. Lots of children have managed to keep on top of their times tables practise, even when they were at home!

Huge well done to them for putting in so much effort in our morning lessons whilst also managing to discover the continents of North and South America in Geography. Not to mention the incredible rockets and spacesuits that were designed and made during our Space Science topic.

Good work, Oaks!

MIGHTY OAKS

Over the last couple of weeks in English, the Mighty Oaks have been gathering facts about single-use plastic and identifying all the places where it is evident within the school. We have used this information to write a persuasive 'pitch' encouraging our school leaders to get involved in a campaign to make Bibury a single-use plastic free school. Having signed up to 'Surfers Against Plastic', a number of pupils are keen to make a start on eliminating these plastics in the new term and we will keep you posted of their work.

In maths, year 5 have been exploring decimals and their link with fractions, while year 6 have been learning about ratio, scale factors and proportion and both year groups have been learning about percentages.

We have enjoyed some practical investigations in science recreating positive adaptations as part of our study of evolution and inheritance and the children have suggested some thoughtful links between physical features and likely survival of species. We also made a video timeline showing the development of life on earth and several pupils enjoyed adding their own 'Attenborough -style' narration as we played this through.

SOCKS OFF

Well done to Hammond who got the Socks off Award this Term. Enjoy your socks Hammond!



ACCELERATED READER FOR YEARS 2-6

Well done to Sophie, Ethan, Beatrice, Raul and Freddie for achieving their termly reading targets.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity in wishing you all a wonderful Easter and a happy half term break, from all the staff at Bibury CE Primary School.

