

# Newsletter May 2023

Our Christian value this term is:



## TRUTHFULNESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

### TALK ABOUT TRUTHFULNESS TOGETHER...

'I promise to tell the **truth**, the whole **truth** and nothing but the **truth**, So help me God'

In a court of law a witness swears an oath on the Bible or another Sacred text, but Sometimes in everyday life people find it more difficult to be **truthful**.

Talk together about occasions when complete honesty could cause trouble or be hurtful. For example:

- When a member of your family asks you if you like their new shoes
- When telling the **truth** will get your friend into trouble
- When Someone asks what you are thinking but the answer would hurt their feelings

### THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"To be **truthful** with others, you must first be **truthful** with yourself"  
Anon



### READ TOGETHER... A Day That Changed Everything

It began just as any other day.

Peter the fisherman was mending his nets as he always did.

But then Peter met Jesus. On that ordinary day his life was changed for ever.

Peter was to actually see Jesus heal people who were ill, make blind people see again, and turn 5 loaves and 2 fish into a feast for 5000!

Peter became Jesus' follower and friend. "I will do anything for you" he said to Jesus. "Just say the word!"

"One day you will tell people you never knew me" said Jesus, "and then a cock will crow."

"No" shouted Peter "Never, Never, Never!"

Sure enough, life for Jesus did become difficult - difficult and dangerous.

The day came when Jesus was on trial for his very life. He needed his friend to stand by him. But Peter said "I don't know him, I never knew him, I never saw him before."

And at the end of the day a cock crowed.....just as Jesus had said it would.

Jesus was sentenced to death and crucified, even though he had done nothing wrong.

But death could not defeat God's Son! Three days later Jesus was alive again and went to find his friend, not to blame him but to forgive him.

It was a new day and Peter had another chance. Everything was different!



Bible story based on Luke 5:1-11; Luke 22:54-62; John 21:1-19



### QUIZ

#### Words in the Fishing Net

Pair letters from the net together to make words from the story. You could colour matching halves...

For answers, see reverse.



## ACORN CLASS

May has been a busy month in Acorn Class. Year 2 have been busy completing their SAT tests and have tackled them with confidence and good humour.

In Maths we have been looking at fractions and the children have enjoyed using pictures and objects to help them with this.

In Geography we have been exploring the wonders of the world both natural and man made. EYFS have also been writing postcards about places to visit in London.

All the children enjoyed taking part in the coronation activities from maypoling to crown making. It was a good opportunity to talk about the role of a monarch and explore key buildings in London.

Finally in English the children have enjoyed receiving and writing letters as part of a unit of work based on the book *The Day the Crayons Quit*.

## OAKS CLASS / MIGHTY OAKS

**English:** In English, Oaks have been busy exploring a play script. They have been able to build sentences which follows a play script layout, using simple stage directions and instructions, and using the correct punctuation that tells the reader know when a new character is speaking. Oaks are currently planning their very own play script which links to our history topic, the Anglo-Saxons.

**Computing:** Oaks have focused on two areas of computing this term. Firstly, oaks have been learning about what a simulation is and understand the purpose of simulations. We have recently moved onto looking at graphing, focusing on entering data into a graph, answering questions and to solve an investigation and present the results in graphic form. Oaks have enjoyed the independence of creating graphs using data given from their peers.

Mighty Oaks have been looking at the Binary system, whereby they have understood that Binary is a digital system which represent all types of data using number codes that ultimately are patterns of 1s and 0s. Since then, Mighty Oaks have been able to use this pattern to create their own secret code for their peers to work out.

**Art:** So far this term, Oaks and Mighty Oaks have been investigating different ways of applying paint in by mixing tints and shades of a colour, mixing tints and shades of a colour to give a three-dimensional effect when painting and have recently began drawing their own still life portrait (focusing on composition and size). The next step will involve using these techniques (shades, tints and mark making) once they begin painting their still life drawing.

## MIGHTY OAKS

This term has seen our year 6 pupils all complete their end of key stage statutory assessments; we were all so impressed with their calm, determined and purposeful approach to these challenging tasks and are very proud of all of them.

In English, we have been writing legends based on the story of Beowulf, which links with our learning on the Anglo Saxons.

In science, we have been learning about how the human body changes as it grows, and comparing human growth and life cycle with that of other animals. This has provided lots of opportunities for using our mathematics skills in a real context as we have analysed and presented statistical data.



We also investigated 3 brands of nappy to find which was most absorbent - the results were amazing, with one brand holding nearly a litre of water!

Our mathematics for the last few weeks has focussed on shape, both identifying properties and drawing and measuring accurately using a protractor. This week, year 6 have been putting these skills to the test to create 3D shapes from their own nets.

The children have enjoyed interviewing members of the church community for the art installation with Paul Hobbs, due to go on display soon in the church- do, please, go along and have a look.

## THANK YOU

I am very pleased to say that our visitors this week were able to build a detailed understanding of our wonderful school. Thank you to the staff and governors for consistently doing their best for every child, and for continuing to smile and support everyone in our little community. Thank you to the parents who so clearly communicated how much the school is valued. Most of all, thank you to our amazing children, who demonstrated their love of learning and pride in their achievements. Well done!

Suki Pascoe  
Executive Head



## K'NEX CHALLENGE



A big well done to our two students who took part in the K'nex Challenge against other schools. They had to problem solve and think creatively. They did a brilliant job in representing Bibury School.

## FOREST SCHOOL

Forest school has been especially beautiful this month, the trees are green and the wildflowers are blooming. We have made potions that smell fantastic, built dens for our furry friends and made our very own stick men and took them on an adventure.





## UP AND UNDER SPORTS

In Up and Under sports the children have been enjoying using the cricket club field. They have been doing field sports and practising for Bibury Sports Day.

## CRAFTS CLUB



With 2 bank holidays in the mix we were really excited to be in Crafts Club again. We celebrated the sunnier days with making bright and colourful hanging rainbows, with ribbon to catch the summer light.

## CORONATION DAY



On Coronation Day, our children wore red, white and blue. They had made glorious crowns to wear and display in church and were presented with their very own Coronation mug. It all ended on a wonderful maypole dance display that the children had been working hard on with Mrs Williams. Thank you to everyone involved.

## AWARDS

Congratulations and well done to this terms 'Bookworm of the Term' winners and our 'Times Table Champions'. Thank you to our PTA for funding some lovely prizes.



Well done to our Stars of the week.



## ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance is currently : 94.22%

Acorns: 92.81%

Oaks: 96.61%

Mighty Oaks: 93.37%

## FROM THE PTA

Co-hosting the Coronation dinner with Arlington Baptist Church was a great success and our share of the profit from the evening totalled around £1000! Well done to Jessica and Finley for "Beating the bounds" in the 10 mile sponsored walk- they raised £320 for the PTA which will enable us to purchase some new items for the newly renovated EYFS room.

Our Ragbag bin, situated at the Football Club, was emptied again last week so please continue to donate bagged clothing.

Next term we will be selling ice lollies again for £1 each on a Friday afternoon in the playground at 3.15 and we will also be selling pre-loved uniform.

On Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am we will be holding a school Summer fete in the Churchyard. More information to follow but we will need volunteers to help man stalls, setup and tidy up so please make yourself known if you are able to help on the day ([ptabibury@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptabibury@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk)) We would very much appreciate help from some of the older children to oversee the children's games area, too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bibury School PTA.



## VISITORS



**We welcome visitors to our school.**

**We will act to ensure it remains a safe place for our children, staff and other members of our community.**

**If you have concerns we will always listen to them and seek to address them.**

**However, please be aware that abusive, threatening or violent behaviour will not be tolerated in this school.**

**Visitors behaving in this way will be asked to leave the premises and the police may be informed.**

