

## Newsletter April 2021

Our Christian value this term is: **Service**



### **SERVICE** HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

#### TALK ABOUT SERVICE TOGETHER...

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at School
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at School
- at home
- in your clubs

#### THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"There is more happiness  
in giving than receiving"

*The words of Jesus recorded in  
Acts 20:35 - The Good News Bible*



#### READ TOGETHER...

##### Queen Esther serves her people

When King Xerxes, the ruler of the mighty land of Persia, was looking for a wife, Mordecai immediately thought of his cousin, the wise and beautiful Esther. Mordecai's family was Jewish, but he warned Esther not to tell anyone about this as he knew that there were powerful people in the land who hated Jews. Mordecai took Esther to the palace gates to be presented to the king, and, sure enough, as soon as King Xerxes saw Esther he fell in love with her, and the humble Jewish girl became a queen.

Mordecai often sat by the palace gates hoping to hear snippets of news about his cousin. For some time, all seemed well. But Haman, a wicked and powerful man in the court of King Xerxes, became angry with Mordecai because he would not bow down and honour him. Haman hatched a cunning plan. He began to tell the King bad things about the Jews living in his land and eventually he persuaded Xerxes that all the Jews should be killed. Queen Esther was beside herself with grief. She loved her people very much but felt powerless to help them.

King Xerxes noticed how terribly sad his queen had become, and begged her to tell him why she was so upset. Esther said she would explain if he and Haman would come to a feast that she prepared the following evening. When the grand banquet was over King Xerxes asked once again, "My dear Esther, you promised to tell me the reason for your sorrow." Esther summoned all her courage in what might be her last act of **service**. She told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested.

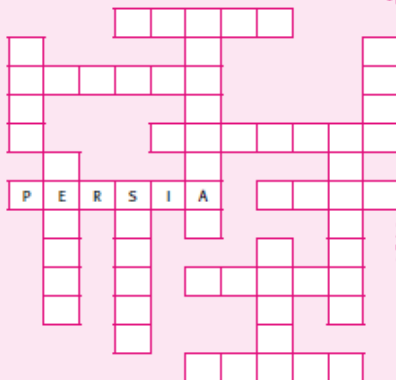
And so it was that Esther's name will forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the **service** of her people.

Bible story based on Book of Esther



#### QUIZ Word Fit

ESTHER	FEAST
XERXES	GATES
HAMAN	KING
MORDECAI	QUEEN
JEWS	SERVICE
PERSIA	SORROW
CUNNING	WISE



## DATES TO REMEMBER

31<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
1<sup>st</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> June - Half Term  
21<sup>st</sup> July - INSET Day  
22<sup>nd</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> August - Summer Holidays

## BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Happy Birthday to Olivia N, Ethan, Pixie and Nirvana! ☺



## ACCELERATED READER FOR YEARS 2-6

Well done to Sophie, Lilly, Beatrice and Theo S for achieving their termly reading targets.

## SOCKS OFF

Congratulations to Beatrice who got the Socks off Award this Term. Enjoy your socks Beatrice!



## WORSHIP

Whilst we cannot attend St Mary's Church for our daily worship under the present Covid restrictions, our vicar and other visitors have been very busy conducting worship either through zoom or leading worship outdoors in the our playground.



## WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

Academy Portraits will be here to take the whole school photo on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

## KITCHEN CLUB

We are very happy to be able to welcome back The Kitchen Club on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We look forward to see what culinary delights the children will be cooking for you!

THE  tchen CLUB  
Learn to cook, eat well for life



## DAILY MILE

All the children took part in '[England Does The Daily Mile](#)' which is for schools across England to get active together. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, mental health awareness, especially in children and young people, and its relation to physical activity, is incredibly important. The children all did very well running around the church grounds!



## ACORNS

This month in Acorns Class we have been writing some poetry inspired by the poem, 'If I were in charge of the world'. This has led to some wonderful discussions about the climate and how we can protect our environment. The children have used plenty of poetic devices such as repetition and alliteration in order to produce some excellent work.



In Geography we have been exploring our wonderful world and we started our topic with a beautiful sunny walk around the village. The children were quick to notice and talk about the geographical features we could spot on our walk and we enjoyed plenty of time in the lovely weather appreciating where we live.



In Design and Technology we have been designing and making free standing structures and the children worked as a team to build a bridge from just paper, masking tape and screws - it was very impressive indeed.



## OAKS

Oaks Class have enjoyed a great start to the term and we are looking forward to continuing our exciting new topics.

Our English work is transporting us into Philip Pullman's retelling of Aladdin where we are learning to write our own fantasy stories.

In Maths, we have been finishing our topic on decimals and Year 3s have started deepening their understanding of mass and capacity. Any weighing of ingredients at home would be really helpful to support children in understanding how we always use mass in the real world.

Amazing afternoon work has been taking place in Science, Art, RE, French, Music and Computing. This has involved everything from creating the perfect bubble recipe to adding tint, shade and tone to our painting styles.

Huge well done to all of Oaks for coming back from Easter with such positive and hard-working attitudes! Let's keep it up!



Since returning from our Easter break, we have continued our interest in environmental issues and the children have written some texts persuading people to do more to help protect the environment, including picking up litter, providing bee habitats and planting trees. They have also been keen to become involved in the Blue Peter green badge challenge and have all chosen some pledges that they will try to maintain for two weeks, such as making sure they turn off electrical devices and taps and sorting out the family recycling. We are also going to work on these challenges at school - for example we are planning on planting pots of pollinator-friendly plants. We will let you know how we get on with this next time.

In science, we have been learning about how living things are classified and the pupils created their own classification keys. This week, we were exploring whether micro-organisms were helpful or harmful.

We also enjoyed a visit from our favourite police officer - PC Davis comes in regularly to speak to the class about keeping safe. The discussion included online safety and what to do if they encountered something which was hurtful or made them feel uncomfortable. The children all demonstrated a really clear understanding of the dangers and showed that they knew how to behave sensibly and respectfully online.

