



Newsletter September 2022

Our Christian value this term is:

Thankfulness

THANKFULNESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK ABOUT THANKFULNESS TOGETHER...

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be **thankful** and not take things for granted.

As a family you may like to talk about

- Remembering to let other people know when you are **thankful**
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone **thanks** you!

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.

Have you used one to say **thank** you?"
Anon



READ TOGETHER...

The Man Who Came Back

Jesus was travelling along the dusty roads towards Jerusalem. At each village he was welcomed by people, happy to see him and listen to his teaching. But today, as he entered the village he saw in the distance a small group standing apart from the crowd. They were calling out, "Jesus, Master, help us, please make us well." These poor people had a disease called leprosy. They were terribly ill and no-one in the village wanted to go near them.

But Jesus didn't ignore them. He stood among them and prayed for them. As each of them went on his way they began to notice that their whole bodies were healing up. They were so excited that they immediately rushed off to share their good news. Well, nine of them did. The tenth turned and fell on his knees in front of Jesus and **thanked** him for what he had done.

"I healed ten people with leprosy today", said Jesus to the man. "Where are the others?" But then he smiled "Well at least you came back to say **thank** you!".

Bible story based on Luke 17:11-19

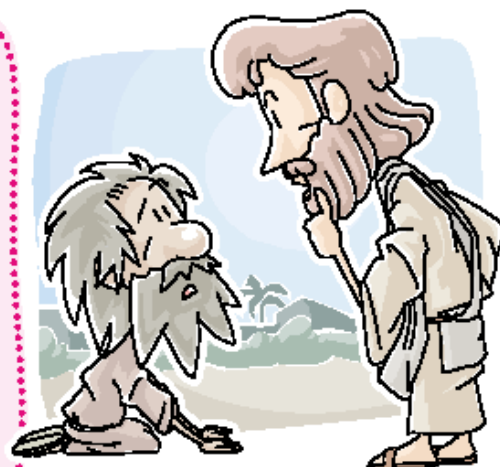


QUIZ

Jumbled Words

Unjumble the words (that are known as anagrams), to discover words from the story.

- r sleep _____
- per day _____
- net _____
- sly rope _____
- heed al _____
- had kent _____
- sue js _____



DATES TO REMEMBER

6/10/2022: Census Day Lunch (Caterlink)
7/10/2022: "In the Net" Production for Yr 5 at Cirencester Primary School
10/10/2022: KS1 outing and workshop at Cotswolds Motoring Museum and Toy Collection
17/10/2022 and 18/10/2022: Parents Evenings
24/10/2022 - 28/10/2022: October Half Term
8/11/2022: Sportshall Athletics Yr 5 & 6 at Cirencester College
15/11/2022: School Photos - individual and siblings
16/11/2022: Diwali Dance Workshops
9/11/2022: Height & Weight and Vision Screening (Reception and Yr 6)
30/11/2022: KS2 Hockey session with Helen Pauling
2/12/2022: Nasal Flu Vaccinations (date to be confirmed)
6/12/2022: Barn Theatre Christmas Production
14/12/2022: School Christmas Lunch (Caterlink)
19/12/2022 - 02/01/2023: December Holidays

HEAD GIRL AND HEAD BOY FOR 2022/2023

We are pleased to announce that Louisa has been appointed as Head Girl, and Raul appointed as Head Boy for the new academic year. We know that you will carry out your duties to the best of your ability and make our school proud.



ACORNS CLASS

September has been a busy month in Acorns Class. Early Years have made a good start to school and have already learnt over 10 letters and sounds. They have begun to read and write short words and are taking home reading books already! Years 1 and 2 have been busy writing traditional tales and they have impressed me with their versions of Little Red Riding Hood. In Maths, EYFS have been matching and sorting whilst Year 1 and 2 have been developing their place value understanding.

In Science, we have been investigating how to boost our mental health as well as observing the effect of exercise on our bodies. The children really enjoyed listening to their heart beats using our set of stethoscopes! In PE, Acorns Class have been developing their hockey skills and competed in their first match this week with several goals being scored. The children are enjoying being taught by our new PE coach Miss Cole.



Our swimming lessons are a great addition to our curriculum this term and the children are making progress learning to swim. The children are working on laying on their front and backs in a float position, kicking their legs to travel across the school and general water confidence. The benefits of our swimming lessons last year are obvious with a higher proportion of children being confident in the water this year.



finding out how different the 1950's and 60's were.

In History, the children have been having fun speaking to our visitor via Zoom who talked about her childhood in the 1960's as well as exploring objects such as bed warmers, irons and cameras from the period. A childhood without computers and smart phones is a surprise to our children and they are enjoying

OAKS CLASS

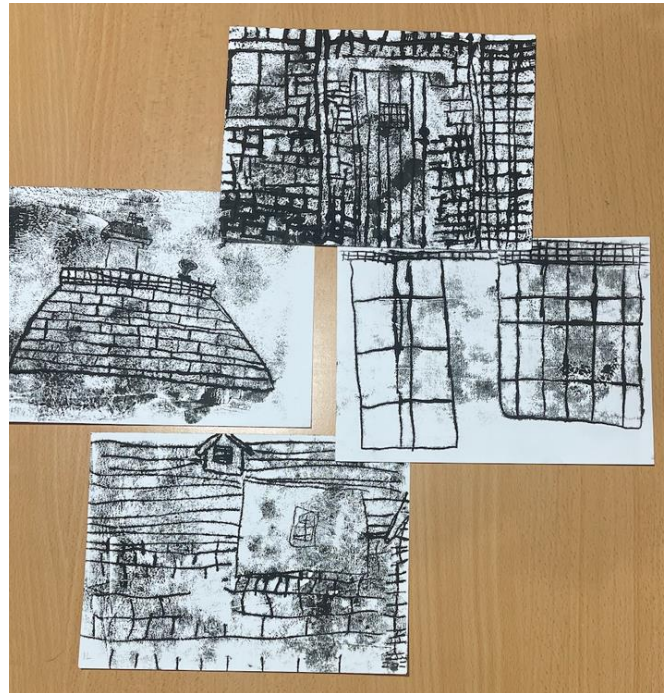
Over the last few weeks, Oaks class have been building sentences to tell the story of the Ancient Greek Myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur' by focusing on their sentence structure and using descriptive language to draw the reader in. Since then, Oaks have recently completed their planning and started their independent write of another Ancient Greek Myth!

In RE, Oaks have explored aspects of Hinduism by looking into their beliefs in God and the stages in the Hindu life cycle. Oaks have recently undertaken a small independent task in researching a Hindu God of their choice and have explored a well-known Hindu story of Rama and Sita. We will continue to explore aspects of Hindu life for the remainder of the term, looking specifically at their places of worship and how Hindus celebrate their religion through a range of different festivals.

Oaks and Mighty Oaks - Art

Oaks and Mighty Oaks have been applying observational drawing skills to interpret forms accurately. With our focus being Architecture this term, we have been looking at drawing houses and other buildings. Both classes have been developing an awareness of proportion and the importance of drawing lightly.

Oaks and Mighty Oaks have also recently created prints of their recent drawing by applying composition skills to develop their drawing into a print.



mighty oaks class



Our English this term has been linked to our topic about Ancient Greece and the children have enjoyed reading and writing Greek myths. Having written about the apple given as a gift at the wedding of Peleus and Thetis, the pupils have been tasked with finding out how this same apple led to war between the Greeks and the Trojans.

In science, we have been exploring electricity and learning to represent circuits using diagrams. We are beginning to ask questions about electrical circuits and investigate answers scientifically.



In RSHE, we have been focusing on relationships. In the last few weeks we have explored the idea of negotiation and compromise to work together as a team. One of these tasks involved working together to build the tallest possible tower out of kebab sticks and marshmallows (a sticky job). We have also looked at the language used on online messages and how this can be received.

FROM THE GOVERNORS

The building work was successfully completed during the Summer break and the children have settled into their new surroundings well. Thank you to Mrs. Pascoe and all the team for working tirelessly to ensure that everything was in place for the beginning of the term. The open evening on the 23rd of September, to showcase the alterations, was well attended by parents and the community and all agreed that the modernisation will significantly enhance the learning environment for all your children. With school allocation applications approaching for the September 2023 intake please help to spread the word about our wonderful school and direct interested parties to the school office to arrange a visit of the school. Thank you. Anthony Godwin, Chair of Governors.



Ribbon-Cutting ceremony!



*Our visitors admiring the new mezzanine level,
library and hall*



SPORTS

We have all enjoyed getting to know Miss Cole, our new sports coach, who has been teaching the children how to develop their skills in hockey and handball.



THANK YOU – SHOEBOXES FOR THE UKRAINE APPEAL

We received the following formal letter of thanks from The Diocese of Gloucester Education Team to the staff and pupils of Bibury C of E Primary who participated in the shoebox project for the Ukraine Appeal in conjunction with our Year 6 leavers last year.



18 July 2022

Dear All,

We wanted to express our sincere gratitude to the children, families and schools for your amazing generosity and kindness shown at our recent Leavers' services and our Ukrainian shoebox appeal. We received just over 500 shoe boxes in response to our appeal and cash donations amounting close to £800.



Your generosity will have a huge impact on the lives of many Ukrainian children. In addition to the donations, the messages and prayers of support and hope that were included will be of comfort to the children who receive them.

The shoeboxes left for Ukraine on Saturday 9 July and we are being kept up to date as to their safe arrival. If you would like to follow their journey, you can do so via our Twitter account @glosdiocschools where we will post regular updates.

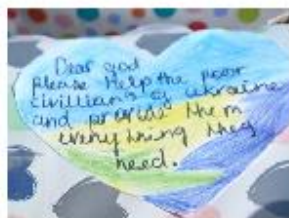
With our best wishes and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Hunter".

Jo Hunter
Interim Director of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Geddis".

Kerry Geddis
Principal Advisor



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