

# St Bede's School Newsletter

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## Holy Week Liturgies



During this Holy Week the children of St Bede's took part in three liturgies that commemorated the most significant events running up to Jesus' crucifixion. On Monday the children of KS1 led us in a Palm Sunday Liturgy in which the character of Jesus (*played by Braydon, right*) led a real donkey into the excit-

ed crowds of children singing hosanna and waving their palms joyously. On Tuesday the children of Year's 3 and 4 led us in a liturgy about the Last Supper and Jesus' agony in the Garden of Olives. And on Wednesday the children of Year 6 led the whole school through a dramatic version of the

### This Sunday's Gospel

**John 20:1-9**

*Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed.*

### Dates for your Diary

**Good Friday 10am**— Stations of the Cross in the Prayer Garden;

**ALL WELCOME**

Monday 15th April—First day of the summer term



Stations of the Cross which powerfully enabled the pupils to contemplate Jesus' last moments. A huge amount of work went into these liturgies, but the result is that our pupils have a rich and memorable understanding of Holy Week. Thank you to all of the staff and children who took part and thanks especially to Fr John and St Bede's Parish for accommodating us each day.

*Author Visit*— As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we invited author Ross Montgomery to visit our school last Friday. We all gathered in the school hall in the morning (*top right*), where Ross talked with us about what inspired him to become an author, what he likes writing books about, and sharing three top tips for those of us who dream of becoming an author one day. Then, there were further assemblies throughout the day for different year groups. In these sessions, Ross read aloud (in a very animated fashion!) some of his favourite books and talked about his writing process before then using this to

work with us and come up with our own original story. It has been a memorable day, full of laughter, inspiration and learning about what makes a great story. A big thank you to Ross for visiting our school! *Reported by Mr Parry*

*Year Trip*—Last Wednesday Year 2 went to Kew Gardens. We visited different plant houses and got to experience what it would be like living in a tropical climate; many of us would find it tricky (*right*)! We spotted different plants like palm trees, papaya, banana trees and even a sausage plant. We did a lot of walking so many of us were very tired on the way home! *Reported by Mrs Adams*

*Yr 5/6 Science Dome Lesson*— Last week we had great fun in the Science dome that came to our school hall. We went inside the giant inflatable dome and looked at some projection videos and images of the galaxy, Earth and in particular Ancient Egypt (*lower right*). We learned about how the Ancient Egyptian astrologers used the stars to map out the sky and subsequently decide on their calendar year and sea-



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*Love one another as I have loved you*

sons. We also heard about how their gods/goddesses and myths related to the stars. It was a fantastic learning experience! *Reported by Mr Sharkey*

*Big Lent Walk*— Recently our school community joined thousands of others across the country to walk in solidarity, and to raise money, for our global neighbours who are fighting extreme poverty. Our KS2 children walked publicly (*Some pictured top right*), demonstrating our support by holding banners and signs and our KS1 children walked within the school grounds, talking pause to reflect on how we can help others. Together we walked a near 700km as a collective – a huge achievement! If you would like sponsor us, please scan this QR code:



*Reported by Mrs Salter*

*Fun in EYFS*— Recently Year R went on a local walk as

part of the Our World topic (*right*). We discussed what type of things are in our local area and looked out for them on our walk. We then ended up at a park for a little explore. When we got back to school, we drew a map of our journey. We were so well behaved!

We also had a visit from the police recently. The Police Officer Amy, from Thames Valley Police, answered lots of our questions about what it is like to be a police officer, and she even let us have a look at her very cool police car (*right*)! This visit was perfect, as our topic is 'People Who Help Us', and police officers definitely do that! *Reported by Miss Timms*

*Year 6 Cycling Proficiency*— Last week our boys and girls in Year 6 had a whole series of cycling proficiency lessons. They learned basic skills on the playground before being supported to ride around the local roads (*lower right*) to further their cycling skills. It was an excellent opportunity for them to develop essential life-skills and they obviously had a really good time learning about how to ride safely.



*Sports News*— It's been a busy time for many of our children who have represented St Bede's at football and netball recently. Basingstoke Soccer Centre held soccer festivals each Friday for the last few weeks and we have entered all of these. Our Year 3 boys' team went first on 23rd February and fought hard in all of their games with some mixed outcomes. Next, two Year 4 boys' teams played on 1st of March with the A Team winning every game and the B Team putting in a great effort winning a few of theirs. The Year 3 and 4 girls team took part on 8th March and dominated the tournament winning 10 games and only drawing 1!. Our Year

5 boys' team played on 15th March winning all of their games and losing just one. And finally the Year 6 boys' team took part on 22nd March and won all of their games. Well done everyone!

Our Year 5/6 Boy's team football team have also been playing really well in a league throughout this year. They have won nearly all of their games, often by a significant margin and really proved themselves. As a result, they have won their league and are the Basingstoke Schools' champions!

Finally our Year 5/6 Netball Team took part in the Basingstoke School's netball tournament last week. They played exceptionally well



*From top right, clockwise: Boy's Y5/6 football champions, Y5/6 netball champions, Y4 boys' football team, Y3 boys' football team, Y3/4 Girls' football team, Y6 boys' Football team*

winning all of their games before drawing in the final. However, they took first place as they scored most goals throughout the afternoon. That meant they travelled to the County finals on Monday of this week and once again played exceptionally well winning four games and losing two, just missing out on the quarter finals. A fantastic effort from everyone. Well done!



Housden (above), who is retiring at Easter. Andrew is a much loved member of the school staff and has worked at St Bede's for many years; as a teaching assistant, tutor and cover teacher. His relationship with the children has always been really positive and they are very fond of Mr Housden and have really benefitted from his support, kindness and generosity. We wish Andrew a very happy retirement and thank him for his huge commitment to St Bede's over the years.

**Drop off safety**— Please remember that when using the school drop-off in the morning, children should only leave cars from the **passenger side** and in the **hatched area** (see photo below). Some children are starting to exit at different points and this can be very dangerous when they walk or run around moving vehicles. Thank you.

**Goodbye Mr Housden**—At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mr Andrew

**Well done to the children who have won these recent awards**

*Dawid P*

**WOW Awards**

*Aurelia A*

*Elzira M*

*Evie H*

*Leo B*

*Temidola O*

*Adam T*

*Jennifer L*

*Lucia PA*

*Grayson T*

*Elsie A*

*Martha G*

*Jaydan G*

*Aisaaca H*

*Sienna P*

*Nela J*

*Ivana B*

*Alfred S*

*Edith A*

*George K*

*Samuel-Jude A*

*Dylan G*

*Isla T*

**Mission Hearts**

*Emmanuel A*

*Kayden G*

*Ameline A*

*Thomas L*

*Ola K*

*Rachel W*

*Shawn B*

*Eden U*

*Charlie G*

*Florence T*

*Rayhan B*

*Joy F*

*Nela K*

*Kendra A*

*Keevah L*

*Anissia R*

*Elisheva AD*

*Joseph D*

*Marysia G*

*Bhushan R*



**Rejoice in our redemption!**



*Have a happy and Holy Easter holiday*

*Mr J Carroll*

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