



St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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School Newsletter

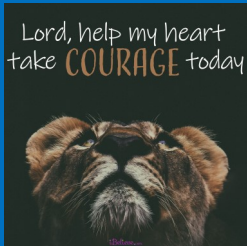
School Vision: Our aim at St. Francis Church of England Primary School is to guide our children to live fulfilling lives, rooted in the values taught by Jesus based on the gospel value of love for one another.

School Mission Statement: Love Faith. Love People. Love Learning.

School Values: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Date: 05.02.2021

Worship Theme



This week we looked at another biblical character - Ruth. Ruth is another Giant of Faith. She showed great courage and sacrifice by giving up so many things to follow God's call and to help others.

We heard from different missionaries who have followed the call of God and used their talents to help others. This week we focused on sometimes we have to do things that require courage in order to help other people.

Speak to your child about...

How do you think Ruth felt leaving everything she knew behind?

How would you feel if you had to leave your home and everyone you knew?

Is there someone you can help, even if it means doing something scary or giving up something?

Prayer:

Dear Lord,
Help me to help others,
even when it's scary.
Let me be a good friend,
Like Ruth was to Naomi.
Give me courage,
And make me brave.
For you are with me,
Every day.
Amen.



Picture News: (<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/19-20/84388>)



British Values

1st – 7th February 2021

Individual Liberty

At different times in our lives, we can choose to challenge ourselves. When we do, we need to manage the risks and understand the consequences of our actions.



Children's Mental Health Week

We have had an ACE week celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. We have learned so much and we have really raised the profile of what mental health is and how we talk about how we feel. We have acknowledged mental ill health and we have spoken about the different strategies that help when we are not feeling our best. If you think you are struggling with your mental health, please reach out to those around you and seek professional support if needed. Please make sure you watch our Children's Mental Health week video on our Facebook Page.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our online Collection Pot. If you have not done so and would like to, please do so by going to: <https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/83210/>

In the words of Captain Sir Tom Moore: "The sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away."

Letter from the Local Authority

Attached to the email with this newsletter is a letter we have been asked to send out from the Local Authority.

Travel Survey

As part of an effort to further improve road use leading up to the school, the Local Authority is going to ask our school families to complete a travel survey. As soon as I have a link to this, I will send it on.

NEW Primary Mental Health Team

It is very exciting that a new Primary Mental Health Team has started in Blackburn. The scheme is already up and running in BwD's secondary schools but it is something that has now been extended to primary schools. This will be a brilliant resource for children with low level mental health difficulties.

Please speak to us if you feel your child is struggling with their mental health. Our named contact mental health practitioner is Sharon.

Welcome Sharon!



Yellow Zig Zag Lines

A polite reminder to all parents that the yellow zig-zag lines should not be used to park on or stop on to drop children off. It is really important to keep the turning circle clear. The ideal option is not to drive down Cherry Tree Lane to increase safety for our children.



NEXT WEEK: Internet Safety Day

On the 9th February we will be supporting 'Internet Safety Day'.

Miss Reynolds and her digital leaders may well have some internet safety challenges for everyone!

As your children interact with the internet, please continue to monitor their devices and talk to them about the importance of keeping safe online.

Safer Internet Day will be on the 9th February 2021

Safer Internet Day 2021 will be celebrated in the UK with the theme:

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores reliability online. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction?

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally with the slogan: Together for a better internet.

Celebration Worship

If your child completes anything outside of school that they are proud about and would like to share during Celebration Worship, please email a picture of their achievement and I will add it to the presentation. Please send to

<head@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk>. The link for Celebration Worship is: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73030624557?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73030624557?pwd=TFFrZC9aNDM3V0ZWVUyNTZnRWxwUT09)

[pwd=TFFrZC9aNDM3V0ZWVUyNTZnRWxwUT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73030624557?pwd=TFFrZC9aNDM3V0ZWVUyNTZnRWxwUT09) Thanks to everyone who joined us this week! See you next Friday!

Global Action Heroes

We had three GLOBAL ACTION HEROES this week. Thank you to those children who are completing social action to support those around them and their communities.

Who will our GLOBAL ACTION HEROES be next week?

Please email me <head@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk> with photographs and information about any social action that your children have completed.



Global Action Heroes - Captain Sir Tom Moore



Use the information to start a conversation with your child.

Can you complete the challenge?

Does the story inspire you to social action?



What's going on?

Captain Sir Tom Moore has sadly died. He was being treated in hospital for pneumonia and coronavirus but passed away on Tuesday afternoon. The army veteran became famous when he raised millions of pounds for the NHS by walking 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday. The Queen has issued a statement saying, "My thoughts and those of the royal family are with Captain Tom's relatives, I recognise the inspiration he provided for the whole nation and others across the world."

Question:

What can we learn from Captain Sir Tom Moore?

Listen, think, share

- Look at the poster image. What do we know about Captain Sir Tom Moore and his achievements? Do we know much about his life before last year?
- Watch the Prime Minister's tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore found in the useful video link below. Can you recall three positive examples that Boris Johnson outlined in the clip? Boris said that Captain Sir Tom Moore was 'a beacon of hope for the world.' What do you think he means by this and do you agree?
- Read through the information found on the resource about Captain Sir Tom Moore's life. What do you think is his greatest achievement? What will he be remembered for the most? Why do you think he inspired so many? Captain Sir Tom's main goal was not to be famous but to raise awareness of the NHS. He previously has said he remembers the days before its creation, when getting ill meant worrying about having to pay for treatment. Do you think Captain Sir Tom achieved his aim?
- Whilst undertaking his first challenge of completing 100 laps in his garden, initially hoping to raise £1,000 for charity, Captain Sir Tom had said, "One small soul like me won't make much difference". Why do you think he might have said this? Do you think he was right?
- Many people have said that Captain Sir Tom Moore will leave a huge legacy. What do you think we mean by legacy and what do you think the impact of Captain Sir Tom's lasting message will be?

Reflection

Captain Sir Tom Moore was an inspiration to us all during difficult times. Through his courage, perseverance and strength at the age of 99, he united the nation.

Challenge

In April 2020 during the first national coronavirus lockdown, Captain Sir Tom set himself a small challenge to raise £1,000 for NHS charities by walking 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday. He raised £33 million and became famous all around the world! Can you set yourself a challenge of doing something 100 times to raise awareness of something you care about? This could be through an exercise like Captain Sir Tom, drawing, completing an activity for 100 minutes. Can you take photos, write about your challenge and send it to us?

Devices

If you do not have an appropriate device to support your child with remote learning, please telephone us! Please do not be completing work on a mobile phone etc. We will help get an appropriate device to you ASAP.



ParentPay - Outstanding Payments

As we head towards the end of the financial year, we have a lot of work to do with regards to our budget. To support us with this, please check your ParentPay accounts and ensure you are up-to-date with any payments. Please ensure your balance is cleared ASAP. Thanks.

School Facebook Page

If you have not done so already, please like our Facebook page.

@stfrancisprimary

Check for updated photographs from this week!

Positive COVID Test or Symptoms of COVID?

If your child(ren) develop any COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive, please report this to school by emailing us at: < covid19@stfrancis.blackburn.sch.uk >.

Please report COVID-19 symptoms and positive tests even if your child is not in school provision.

The application process for key workers has closed and is not being viewed. If you need to discuss a place, please call the office. You will then be asked to complete the paperwork.

Keep safe and be kind to yourselves! Thank you again to all of our parents/carers supporting remote learning—you are doing an AWESOME job! Mr Kewley