

Our Christian Value this half term is Thankfulness

'I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.' Psalm 9:1

What a busy two months November and December have been ! I know parents really enjoyed attending Open Afternoons and children certainly enjoyed sharing their work with their parents. Thank you to those parents who had to attend several times during the week! It helped give more space to all parents and school definitely had a more normal feel. I do hope you all found parent consultations valuable and feel that you know your child's strengths and areas to work on.

Cuckfield Bonfire – I know many families attended the Cuckfield Bonfire this year along with thousands of other visitor. I have never seen so many people before and the car park has never been completely full in all the years of this event previously. We had visitors from Kent, Surrey, Brighton & Hove and Hampshire! I would like to thank all of my staff, who kindly volunteered on this night and acted as marshals and money takers for this event; I would also like to thank the PTA, who held a refreshments stall, making nearly £1000 profit for the school. Huge thanks are also due to Mr Fraser Stewart, Mr Ben Wells and Mr Steve Oversby – Powell, who represent our school and are part of the Cuckfield Bonfire Committee, planning and supporting this event all year round and on the night. The Cuckfield Bonfire donations have helped us purchase the Outdoor Classroom, refurbish the ICT suite, bought our climbing wall and many other things for our children. The fireworks this year were amazing, as were the guys our children made! Well done Beech Class and Rowan Class, who won the Reception / KS1 and KS 2 Category for the best guys! Thank you to Mrs Mayou from Cuckfield Park House, who had the very hard job of judging the winning entries.



Junior Play Equipment – You may have noticed we have had five new pieces of trim trail equipment installed for our junior children (Years 3 – 6) which the older children are excitedly waiting to use! **May I please remind parents that no children should be playing on any of the play equipment before or after school, it is for our children to use only during the school day, whilst being supervised by school staff.** The trim trail equipment is not age appropriate for our younger pupils. Thank you to our PTA, who bought two of the new pieces of equipment for our children from the sponsored run last term.



Children in Need Day – Our Rainbow Reps decided that we would up as animals to raise money for Children in Need!



Thank you for supporting this charity. The children and staff enjoyed being animals and it was lovely seeing the array of different birds, animals and even mythical creatures like unicorns, which we had in school on the day!

Outdoor Classroom - We had our official opening ceremony for our outdoor classroom in early December. Our Year 6 Ambassadors welcomed our guests, showing them a Forest School session in action, walking through our beautiful grounds and then into the Outdoor Classroom for coffee and cakes. We were so pleased to be able to thank local people and organisations, who kindly donated money to our fund, or were instrumental in securing or approving grants. The guests included Sir Richard Kleinwort, The Cuckfield Bonfire Committee, the PTA, Mrs Mayou, who allows the bonfire to take place in Cuckfield Park, The Coop, Mrs Lauren Lloyd, Mr Robert Salisbury from WSCC, governors, Grounds Team members, Paulina and many more! Speeches were given and Sir Richard kindly cut the ribbon. Four of our Ambassadors Hollie, Georgie, Lars & Luca gave excellent speeches on

why the Outdoor Classroom was such an important part of our school and all Ambassadors were polite, welcoming and helpful to our guests. We are proud of our school! The four Ambassadors' speeches are on our school website.



Active Learning

Life is never dull at Holy Trinity and our children love active learning, whether it's indoors or outdoors! Our children always show excellent attitudes to their learning and are keen to share their thoughts, opinions, being able to question, be curious and develop enquiring minds. Our children can collaborate and negotiate with each other, as well as being independent learners.



Drama



Immersion in playscripts



Science



Developing gross motor skills



Learning about light



Learning times tables



PE



Roman numerals



Making the digestive system in science



Visiting Woods Mill



Printing



Making music!



Weighing out ingredients



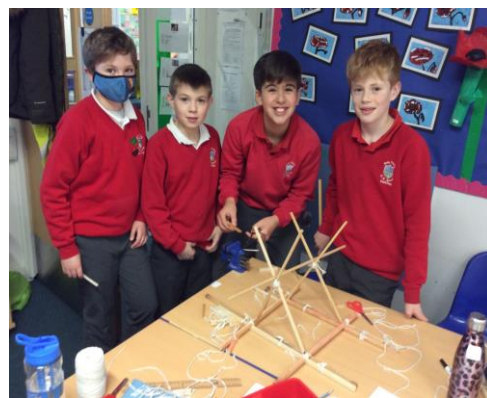
Rolling our biscuit dough

DT – Learning to plan, do and review. We build on skills year after year as we move through school, thinking what we would do next time to make our work even better. This is important for growth mind-set.

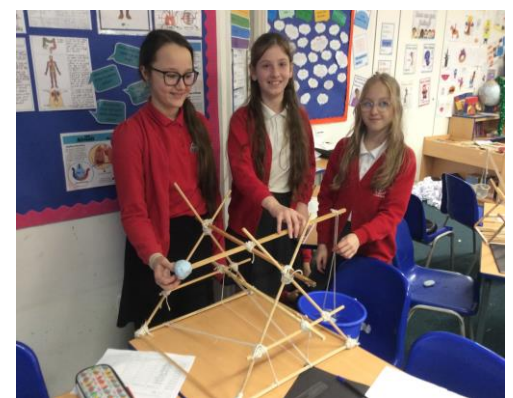
Year 6



Precision sawing



Making an Egyptian shaduf



The finished article!

Year 2



Glueing and sewing



Practising joining by sewing



Perseverance and resilience



Pride in our work

Year 5 sewing drawstring bags



Concentrating hard on sewing skills



All smiles, as the bags take shape

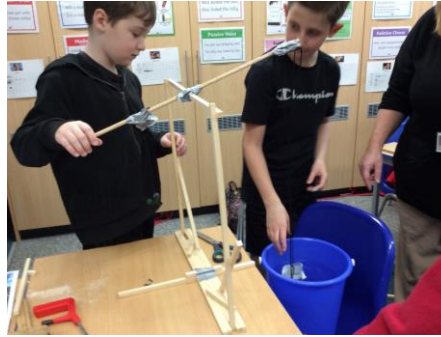


Zoe is very proud of her work!

Year 6



Working to a plan



Reviewing and reshaping the shaduf



Happy with the final product!

Christmas 2021

We have been delighted that we were able to celebrate in the way we had hoped with Nativities, Carol Singing, Christmas shopping day, Christmas parties, the Pantomime, Christingle Services and Christmas lunch! It has been an exciting end of term for our children and one which they have enjoyed. Thank you to the PTA and parents who have supported us in walking to church, selling goods at the Christmas Shopping Day and supporting our singers as well as many other things for our children.



Year 6 carol singing in Orchard Shopping Centre



Christmas Shopping Day

Reception & Key Stage 1 Christingle Service – Thank you to Father Michael for leading the service and to Jane Haughton and Fiona Halsey for our Infant Choir singing so beautifully.



Key Stage 2 Christingle Service



Christmas Lunch Thank you to our fabulous, friendly lunch staff. We all agreed the Christmas lunch was delicious!



The staff and governors would like to wish all of our Holy Trinity CE (A) Primary School families a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Achievement Leaves on the Tree:

05:11:2021

Chestnut –George, Damson –Megan, Elder – Dorothy, Hawthorn – Tilly M, Juniper –Lily, Lime –Alex, Maple –Harry, Oak – Gabrielle, Pine- Amelie, Rowan -Arlo, Silver Birch –Reuben, Willow –Erin



19:11:2021

Apple - Eve, Beech –Chloe, Chestnut – Jack E , Damson –Alex, Elder –Minnie, Juniper – Emmy, Lime – Magnus, Maple –George, Oak –John, Pine- Elizabeth, Rowan –Jossy, Silver Birch –Joshua, Willow – Amy



Achievement Leaves on the Tree:

26:11:21

Apple – Emilia, Beech –Rhys, Chestnut –Annabelle, Damson –Thomas, Elder –Megan, Hawthorn–Marcello, Juniper –Harry, Lime –Sophia, Pine- Verity, Rowan – Caris, Silver Birch –Inesa, Willow – Ridley



03:12:21

Apple –William, Beech – Avia, Chestnut –Jack B, Damson –Sam, Elder –Charlie, Hawthorn–Bora, Juniper –Amelie, Lime –Oak-Leigh, Maple –Jack C & Eli, Pine- Arthur , Rowan –Scarlett, Silver Birch – Fiona



Congratulations to:

Pen Licences

Oak Class - Euan, George B, Orlena, Madddalena, Barnaby, Theo, Isabelle

Maple Class – George K, Lachlan, Edward, Olivia, Bobbi, Scarlett, Zaara, Lyla, Ruby, Joel, Harry