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Collective Worship

This week we have looked at the story of Joseph, from a shepherd all the way to the second most important person in Egypt. Joseph showed trust in God, forgiveness to his brothers and generosity to all. During our Friday reflection time we shared pupils' reflections from across the week. Ruby class shared things they had been jealous of and ways in which they had changed. Diamond class shared reflections on what they do when things don't go well and who they trust to help them. Topaz class shared their reflections on Joseph's life; Toren said, 'Joseph trusted God so he was set free from jail and got a good job and forgave his brothers, he is a good person'. Livia said, 'Joseph's brothers were so jealous of him that they sold him to a King, where he learnt to believe in his dreams and to forgive them'. Mali shared, 'Believe in your dreams and they might come true. So that is why you need to trust yourself'. Emerald class have written a collective prayer based on what has got them through the tough time of lock down:

Dear God

When lockdown happened, some things really helped us to cope.

Thank you for pets who give us love.

Thank you for X boxes, Playstations, Nintendo, ipads and phones that kept us entertained.

Thank you for our lovely friendly village and safe homes.

Thank you for hot tubs.

Thank you for nature that we can explore.

Thank you for Joe Wicks and his PE lessons every morning.

Thank you because all these things helped us through.

Amen



Joseph's torn coat by Lily-May
(Topaz class)

Topaz Pentathlon Event

With inter-school competition still not taking place we will be attempting to keep competitive sport alive in our school by holding events as part of our PE sessions. Topaz class have been learning and practising athletic events so far this term and we rounded off this series of lessons with a pentathlon (5 events – hurdles, javelin, standing long jump, 400 meter run and cricket ball throw).

The children all competed brilliantly but special congratulations go to:

Year 5 Girls		Year 5 Boys		Year 6 Girls		Year 6 Boys	
1 st	Grace	1 st	Memphis	1 st	Isabella	1 st	Patrick
2 nd	Mali	2 nd	Andrew	1 st	Livia	2 nd	Marcus
3 rd	Hana	2 nd	Jamie	1 st	Phoebe	3 rd	Henry
3 rd	Taylor						





Curriculum

Today is the last day of our Amazing Animals topic – I hope to share some of the pupils' fantastic work next week. Next week we will be starting our 'Being a Geographer' topic which will see pupils focusing on their geography skills, such as map reading and understanding our planet.

PTA

Christmas cards and gifts designed by your child

We are using fundraisingcreations.co.uk for our Christmas cards and gifts again this year. Your child's design for their Christmas card/gifts will be coming home on 6th October, together with an order form so please check your child's bag for these. Please order any items and return the form to school no later than Monday 12th October. The mugs and cushions make great gifts you can give to the family, and the children love them too. This year we will only be accepting BACS payment due to current guidelines. Bank details are on the order form. Thank you for your support. All funds raised go towards school projects.



Terracycle/Music Magpie

This week the PTA have taken over some recycling projects that were formerly run by Eco-Council. Outside the school office are 3 wheelie bins - please could you collect the following items and drop them in. Once the bins are full, we package them up and get money for our recycling!

What are we collecting???

- All crisp packets, any size, including the bag for multi packs.
- Laundry products - washing tablet tubs or packets. Softener bottles (all sizes), all household wipes (including baby wipes) boxes and packets.
- Old books, DVDs, computer games and CDs ~ as long as there is a bar code on the back.



Everything donated makes money for our school and will enable us to buy some lovely things for the children. These are ongoing schemes so please continue to drop items in the labelled bins.



AmazonSmile If you have an Amazon account, please sign up to "AmazonSmile" and search for "Friends of Abbas and Templecombe Primary School" then with every qualifying purchase you make on Amazon, they donate 0.5% to us. This is a great scheme, is simple to set up and with more of us shopping online in this current climate, it is a great way to make funds from Amazon.



Bags2School A reminder that our next Bags2School collection will be on 9th November. Have a clear out of those summer clothes! Please note: cuddly toys are no longer accepted.

Thank you from the PTA team.

Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer to secondary school for September 2021, it is now time to make your application. The deadline for secondary phase applications is 31st October 2020.

Please apply online by visiting <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/>

Our local secondary schools are offering a variety of ways to 'virtually' experience their schools - please do visit their websites for more detailed information.

Virtual Open Evening
Year 6 for September 2021 entry
Launching on our website on 6th October 2020
Find out all about school life at The Crypton with videos from students and staff, a presentation from our Headteacher and all the information you need before applying for secondary school.

Gillingham School
Year 6 into Year 7
Virtual Open Evening
Click the banner for more info
Please watch the 2 introductory videos which are replacing our usual Open Evenings
If you have any questions for the Headteacher, please follow this link
Questions to be submitted by 7th October
Answers will be posted by 14th October

King Arthur's School
Join us for our
< Virtual Open Evening!
Launching on Monday 12th October at 6pm
with videos and online taster activities.
www.kingarthurs.org.uk

Music Tuition



We are very pleased to be able to continue to offer piano and guitar lessons in school through external music teachers, Mrs Kirby and Mr Davidson. These are generally open to pupils in Years 2 to 6. If your child is interested and you would like to know more, please ask the school office for these teachers' contact details. Lessons take place during the school day and all payments are made directly to Mrs Kirby or Mr Davidson.



Covid Risk Assessment and Information

If parents would like to view our Covid Risk Assessment or Information Guides they can be viewed on our website on <https://abbastemplecombeprimary.co.uk/covid-19/>.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Webb".

Mr Webb