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Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

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**'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'**

## Worship

Trinity Sunday was celebrated across the church last Sunday. Our worship yesterday focussed on the big question - 'Who is God? We used the analogy of a shamrock or three-leaved clover to understand that God is one being made up of three persons - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We reflected on how God is one community of love - each person within God loves one another and this means that God can love us more and know us more since He is made up of three persons. We also noticed how the sign of the cross reminds us of the Holy Trinity whenever we make it. We ended by praying together and setting our mission of the week: to be very careful whenever we make the sign of the cross.



## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all our children after the half term break. Whether you are staying at home to do your learning or coming into school to be in either the red, blue or yellow bubble, we are looking forward to seeing your learning in various different ways.

A special welcome back to the children who have just joined the red bubble and the Y1 children returning to school in the yellow or blue bubbles. We are so excited to have you back. We promise to do our very best to keep you safe but also make sure you have lots of fun!

## Wider opening of school

As you are aware, yesterday we opened our door to more children of key workers and today we opened our doors to our Year 1 children. We continue to take a 'safe, steady and sustainable' approach to this wider opening and we will continue to communicate any developments or changes as we continually monitor and risk assess the situation. For parents of children in school, please remember to keep your child at home if they display symptoms of the corona virus and get a test if possible. Please also ensure that school is informed of this straight away. Many thanks.

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley, Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess, Miss Martin or Mrs Laptew

## Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is going digital this year, with the Silly Squad team ready to help children discover and read for fun, happiness and laughter. Children can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting their own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. The new online platform will help to keep track of your books, reviews and the rewards you unlock along the way.



There will be loads of brilliant book suggestions and tips on how you can keep reading even while schools and libraries are closed. There'll be heaps of silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home.

*Jacqueline Wilson, author and supporter of the Summer Reading Challenge says: "I feel the Summer Reading Challenge is extra important this year! How sensible to have a Silly theme. We've all had to deal with serious and scary issues, so it's time for a bit of fun. There are so many comical and crazy children's books to cheer us all up. Let's get reading and get happy!"*

Silly Squad officially begins here [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk) on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June with a fantastic launch.

The full schedule will be announced the week commencing Monday 1st June with the following virtual events already confirmed:

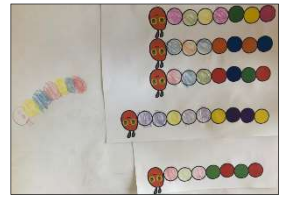
- CBBC's Sam and Mark kick-off the party with their unique brand of 'silly' fun.
- Readings and jokes from authors including David Baddiel, Ben Fogle, Philip Ardagh, Paul O'Grady, Konnie Huq and Samantha Baines.
- Silly Time with the BBC's Katie Thistleton and Hacker T Dog.
- Draw-a-Longs with official Summer Reading Challenge illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, and Rob Biddulph.
- Magic Tricks and Mind-Bending Maths with Mr Bates from The Shed School.
- Poetry with performance poet and playwright Joseph Coelho.
- Crafts, colour and creativity with the original queen of colouring, Johanna Basford.
- Bedtime Reading session with actor Charlie Condou reading from *This is Gus* by Chris Chatterton, published by Macmillan Children's Books.
- Unveiling of the official 'Let's Get Silly!' theme song by Harry Baker and Chris Read.

And that's not all ... Bradford Libraries will be offering Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge packs to children when libraries re-open (hopefully) in July. Check [www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries) for updates. The good news is that the Summer Reading Challenge will continue until the end of September and children from 3 to 14 can join the fun.

# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

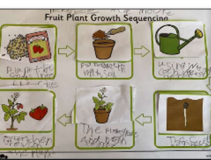
Well done to our latest virtual Merit Winners. Please note there will be no virtual merit workshop this week.

Mrs Haines' Home Learning Headteachers's Award was presented to Bobby Jones for being a total home learning work horse! Bobby has fully embraced home learning life and is working super hard.



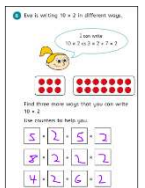
FS1: Jemima Jackson for her services to nature! Jemima found a frogspawn mass a few weeks ago and has been caring for her tadpoles ever since they started wriggling. She has kept them topped up with boiled lettuce and broccoli and helps with a water change every day. You are so kind and caring Jemima.

FS2: Leo Raistrick for being a Super Hero! Super survey, super baker, super writing and super maths. Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No its Leo!



Year 1: McKenzie Moore for all the brilliant work he has been completing in school every day.

Year 2: Maisie Walker for commitment to learning and wider school life. Maisie is a super star and we are incredibly lucky to have someone like her at St Francis.



As quick as a flash Buzz flew extremely fast. Surprisingly Buzz dropped Woody. Woody was shouting "arghhhhhhhh" he was so terrified because he was getting closer and closer to the ground. Woody landed in a green, spiky tree! Oh no he was stranded! He felt very lonely. Magical Buzz used his magical powers to rescue Woody from the spiky, green, tree. Buzz used his powerful laser to rescue Woody. Zooming by together Buzz and Woody flew through the Magical, Bright, shiny, rainbow sky to Disney world to see all their Toy story friends.

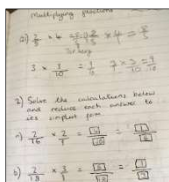
Year 3: Lucia Zanella for taking such a positive approach to online learning. She is constantly producing fantastic work.

Year 4: Lucas Heppleston for his excellent work about the book The Tin Forest. Lucas has been really creative and worked very hard.



Year 5: Caleb Hemmans for his enthusiasm and effort these past weeks with his home learning. Fantastic and well done!

Year 6: Poppy Grant for her consistent hard work and effort with her home learning. Thank you!



Mia Walker for her being so consistent in her home learning. Mia is working really hard and putting 100% effort into all her work she has been set.

**THE GAMBIT**  
It was period 4 and William was regretting coming to school today. School was nearly over but all he could think of was missing his best friend. He was sitting at his desk, looking at his watch. He was waiting for his friend to come up to him and they started talking.  
"Have you got an A yet? I know your mum is going to get mad if you haven't!"  
"No! I haven't! But I don't really care!" grinned William. "Anyway I have to go, see you tomorrow!"  
After a while, he finally got home his new was set out on the table and the rest of his family were already asleep. He put his head down at last at the table.  
"William!" called mum. "How are your homeworks?"  
"William!" called dad. "How are your homeworks?"  
"William!" called grandma. "How are your homeworks?"  
"William!" called grandpa. "How are your homeworks?"  
"William!" called aunt. "How are your homeworks?"  
"William!" called uncle. "How are your homeworks?"  
"William!" called everyone. "How are your homeworks?"  
"I did well!" exclaimed William.  
"That's great!" said everyone.  
William had turned up his nose but when he got there, he was up to the mark.

The Big Cat Reading Merit was awarded to Milana Henry in recognition of her superb reading at home. Keep it up!

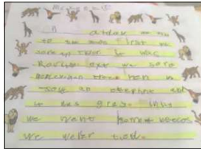


Our Mathstronaut is Benjamin Matan for his amazing maths work. His shop was absolutely amazing.

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We awarded Writer of the Half Term Oscars to years 1 - 6:

Year 1: Layla Waugh for her wonderful storyboard on The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch.



McKenzie Moore for his brilliant recount of a trip to the zoo.



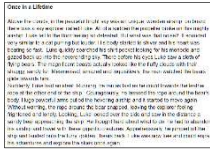
Year 2: Isabelle Quinn for her brilliant diary based on The Tiger in the Garden and her super non-chronological report on tigers.



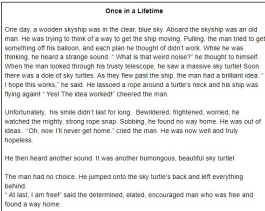
Isaac Kiwomya for his fantastic diary based on The Tiger in the Garden. His handwriting and finger spaces are brilliant.



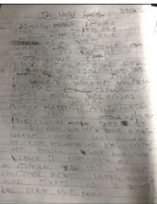
Year 3: Lily-May Cousins for consistently surprising with her abilities in writing. She has worked incredibly hard with her home learning but her writing has been exceptional.



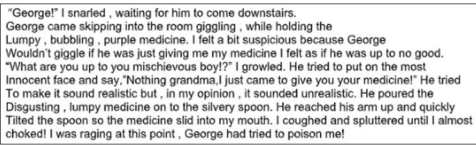
Lucas Harris for his incredible improvements in English. Lucas has included everything we worked on building up to his final piece.



Year 4: Millie McTasney for her wonderful retelling of George’s Marellous Medicine. Wonderful writing. Well done Millie!



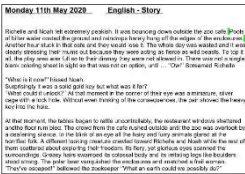
Kayl Walker for a very carefully written explanation of the water cycle, linking science and English together. Suberb work!



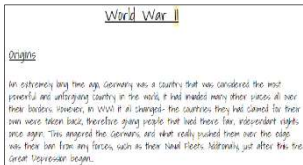
Year 5: Gracie-Mae Barron for her dedication to improving her writing even in these circumstances



Joel Newill for his dedication to improving his writing even in these circumstances



Year 6: Millie Quinn for her fantastic effort in her writing this half term. She has really pushed herself and produced a great piece of narrative writing.



Thomas Duff for applying his great writing skills to his WWII work. He has shown an excellent amount of knowledge and has writtten in lots of detail in every WWII lesson

