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23rd May 2025

Our Value this half term is Friendship

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

These children are our **Values Champions** for the second half of this term having consistently demonstrated the value of **Friendship**. Congratulations to all of you.

Reception:; **YR:** Arya; **Y1:** DJ; **Y2:** Nina & Daisy; **Y3:** Raylen & Sarah; **Y4:** Kenard; **Y5:** Damaris; **Y6:** Isabelle.

The final total raised from the **Read for Good Readathon** was a wonderful **£105.00** Thank you to all the children who collect sponsorship and enjoyed a busy week of reading to raise the money. Thank you too to everyone who sponsored a child to take part. The money raised will help to 'bring the magic of books and stories to children in hospital'.

12 Code Clubbers showcased their Coolest Projects at an event at Bradford Life Centre last Saturday, setting off at 5am with Mrs Coultart, Mr Coultart and Rev Karen! Mrs Coultart has written an account of their day which you can see on the following pages with some super photos.

A few reminders:

Scooting and Cycling on the playground If your child scoots or cycles to school, they should not ride their scooter or bike in the playground; they should be getting off at the entrance to the school. Thank you.

Transition Workshop Our transition workshop for parents and carers on Friday 6th June. This is taking place at 2:30pm in the school hall and is designed to help parents and carers to support their children through school transitions. We hope to see many of you there. See poster at the end of this letter for more information.

Naming uniform Please do name all of your childrens' school uniform, coats and bags, especially as the weather warms up and children are taking off layers. We are finding an increasing number of items being left inside and outside the school without names in so we cannot get them back to their owners. Thank you.

We will put all unclaimed **lost property** out when we come back after half term so you can have a look if your child is missing something. Any items that remain unclaimed will be added to our nearly new stock.

Achievements

Each week we will be focusing on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Curiosity**.

Congratulations to:

YR: Scarlett; **Y1:** Disney & Arya; **Y2:** Freddie; **Y3:** Dylan; **Y4:** Alfie; **Y5:** Dominic; **Y6:** Frankie.

When we come back after half term we will be focusing on **Concentration**.

House points

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this year for each House is:

St Francis: 3089

St Andrew: 2935

St Clare: 2816

St Catherine: 2798



Safety Online Simplified 4

Sharing pictures: Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a great way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

We recommend reading '[Younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#)' for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

Have a great half term break! Mrs Collins

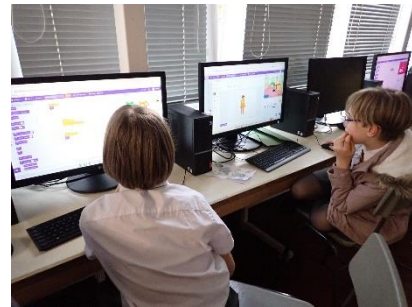
Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever." Psalm 52:8



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We spent the Spring Term designing and building our projects in Code Club:

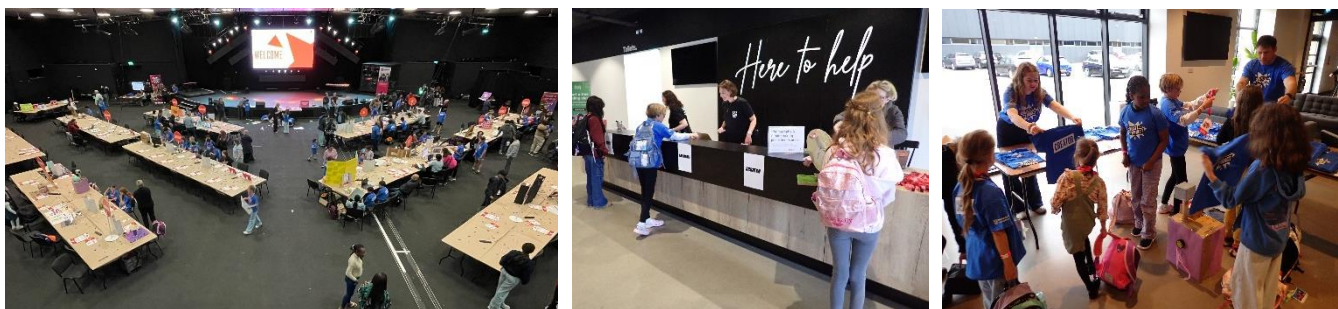


And we had a team photo taken by a professional photographer:



Then we applied to Coolest Projects run by the Raspberry Pi Foundation and applied for a bursary to get us there. Finally the day to go to Coolest Projects Live in Bradford arrived and we left school at 5am!

The Life Centre in Bradford was a great venue. We got checked-in and collected our T-shirts:



Then there was a bit of setting up to do (*last minute repairs, making a poster and getting onto the wifi etc*):



And another team photo:



Once we were set up we could look around at other people's projects (*there were some amazing ones!*) and do some of the other activities, like binary bracelets and VR experiences:



The Judges came round and spoke to us individually about our projects:





Other people came and tried our projects too:



Then there was lunch and the closing ceremony. Everyone got a great swag bag prize and certificate:



Isabelle got a special mention as one of the 'Judges Picks' and some extra goodies for her swag bag:



And then the long journey home again!



Huge thanks go to everyone involved in making this day happen and to the Raspberry Pi Foundation for their generous bursary to cover the cost of transport to the event.

Special thanks go to Rev Karen, Mr Coultart, Mrs Martin and Mrs Hobbs for all their help and support on the day.

Diary Dates

- **Monday 26th – Friday 30th May – Half Term**
- **Monday 2nd June – INSET Day – school closed**
- **Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th June – Y5/6 Residential**
- **Friday 6th June - 2:30pm Transition Workshop in the school hall for parents and carers**
- **Friday 27th June – Summer Fete after school**
- **Wednesday 9th July – Open Evening**
- **Thursday 10th July – Secondary Transfer and Moving Up Day**
- **Monday 14th July – Y6 Production**
- **Tuesday 15th July – Y6 Production**
- **Thursday 17th July – Sports Day**
- **Monday 21st July – pm Y6 Leavers' Service**
- **Tuesday 22nd July – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm**



PARENTS WORKSHOP

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

The Mental Health Support Team is hosting a workshop for parents and carers focused on helping children navigate the transition to secondary school or a new school year.

- ✓ Learn practical strategies to support your child emotionally and academically
- ✓ Ask questions and connect with other parents and professionals
- ✓ Open to all – everyone welcome

Let's work together to make school transitions a positive experience for every child

ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL 6th June at 2.30pm
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