



WELCOME!

In the blink of an eye, it's April! Happy Easter everybody - and less importantly, Happy 7th Birthday BiG KIDS!

With all of the Cereal based excitement over the last few months, you could've been forgiven for thinking that we'd need some space to recover and recuperate ...well, you'd be right!

But not before we shared the GREATEST story in history!



*He
is
Risen*



BiG KIDS



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School

In the final two weeks of this very short term, we visited a plethora of schools, delivering various Easter lessons, workshops and assemblies.

As the schools broke up, we took time to pause and reflect; it was only then that we saw the scale of the work that God had provided for us.



10 days

30 School sessions

1600* kids

Our work certainly isn't all about numbers, but it's an encouragement and a privilege to have these opportunities in schools, to creatively reach kids of vastly differing age ranges and backgrounds with the timeless story of Jesus' resurrection.

Some other interesting stats from our Easter sessions...

Sam ate 5 out of date chocolate bars and took 2 shaving foam pies to the face.



We should say here, that the kids at Ayresome & Sacred Heart loved the idea that their teacher was about to get pied, but Sam stepped in (much to Debs' delight!) to illustrate how taking the penalty is a gift of love...





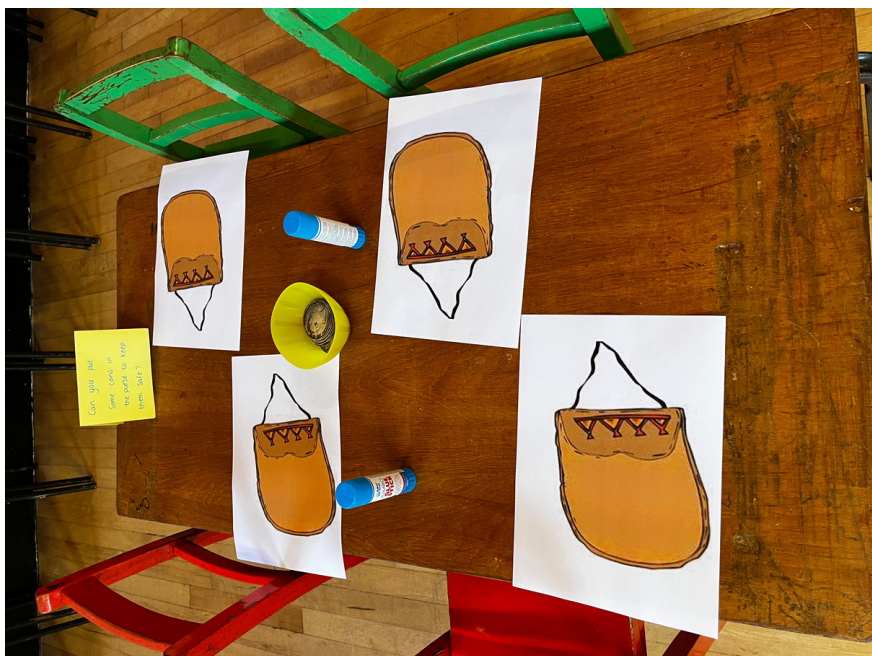
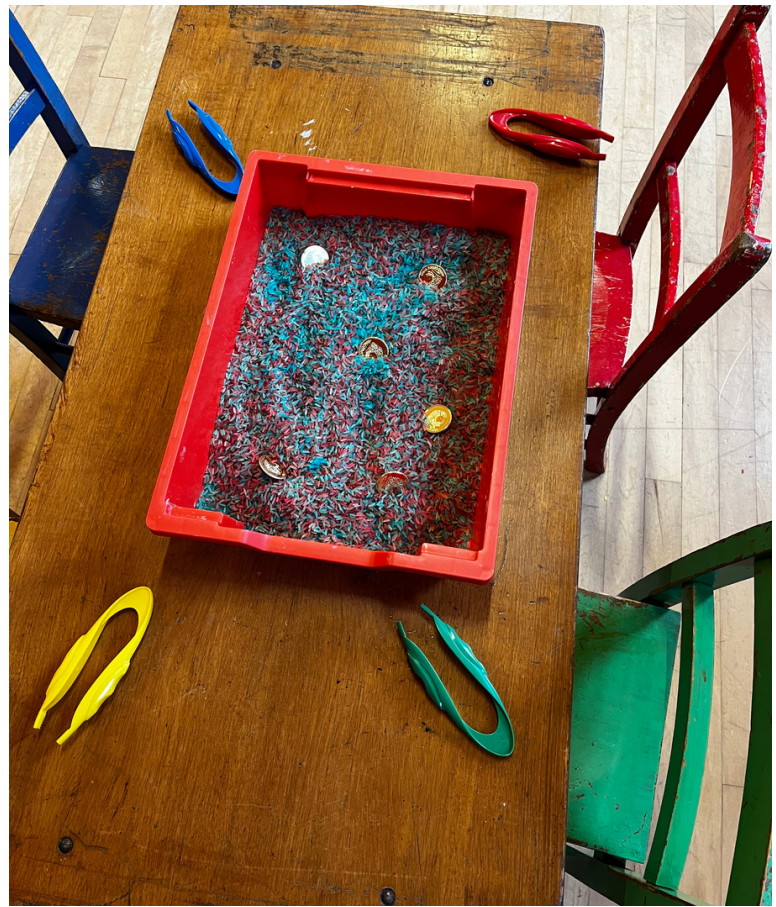
Church

At St Barnabas, our LEGO theme at EXPLORE came to its conclusion. Through these sessions, we've heard and retold some of Jesus' parables, built a giant LEGO man and learnt what "LEGO" means in Latin – to find the answer, watch this video!



We also continue to enjoy leading Mini Praise, the weekly Toddler group at St Barnabas. It's wonderful to make such strong connections with young families in the community, and Debs has a great idea to see these grow – keep reading to find out more...

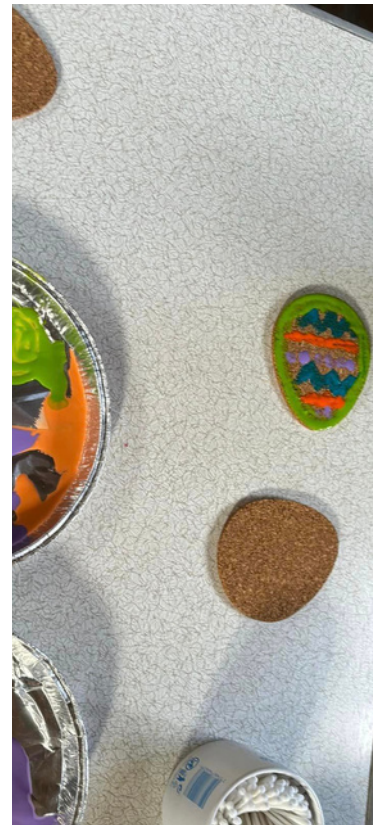
Photos here are from our “Lost Coin” week. We always try to have an educational activity where possible, so as well as counting and sticking 10 coins in the purse (pictured below) we also used tweezers to grab the coins from coloured rice to promote grasp development, fine motor coordination, and hand strength.



At St Chad's, we're excited to welcome Mark as the new vicar – always good to have clergy who enjoy building MegaBlok towers with the kids!

Mark has been the Curate at St Barnabas, so he has a great working relationship with BiG KIDS and we're keen to see it develop into the months and years ahead!

Ste helped to run the St Chad's family Good Friday event, a wonderful way to sign off the term.



We also popped across to Netherfields for the Easter event held at the new worshipping congregation of St Thomas'. Lovely to see some faces from the schools we visited and to explain the gospel 1:1 with one lad was a highlight!

All of this, along with Family Faith at St John's South Bank where we heard the story of the Prodigal Son (hence the Pig farm on the front page of the Newsletter!)





Community

We mentioned earlier in the newsletter that Debs has an idea to grow and strengthen the connections we build with the local community - and so, with a couple of faithful volunteers and support from the church and Community Grocery, we will be opening a Baby Bank at St Barnabas to support the families of Linthorpe and Ayresome.



Baby Bank

New & pre-loved
baby supplies

- nappies
- bottles
- toys



tiny baby - 4years old

- clothes
- shoes
- blankets

Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from Him

Psalm 127:3

The Baby Bank will run alongside the Grocery Cafe (from the Church hall on a Thursday morning) with those in need able to contact the team, then come to collect items whilst the cafe is open - meaning there is a safe space for them to have a cuppa and a chat too! Debs hopes in the future to be able to also put on paediatric first aid courses, baby weaning classes etc. Right now we are in the collection phase, and people have been so generous!

Debs' front room has a standing Moses basket, her kitchen has 3 huge storage boxes of clothes (plus more in bags!) and the garage has a High Chair and a Travel Cot!

Today she also received a donation of nappies and wipes from a neighbour, however we aren't at a level to be able to open the baby bank yet. If you have something you think you could donate please get in touch with Debs via the button below.





Walk

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STORIES

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KIDS

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY

27TH APRIL

10AM - 12 NOON

ST BARNABAS CHURCH HALL
REID ROOM

 **7** YEARS
ON HIS
MAJESTY'S SERVICE





Prayer requests

We kindly ask that over the month of April you keep BiG KIDS in your prayers in the following ways.



That the staff and pupils who were a part of the Easter lessons and Assemblies can understand the true joy of new life through Jesus.



For Mark and his family, settling into life at St Chad's. That alongside all of the serious "church running" business, he will still have time to build towers and have fun!



For the Baby Bank at St Barnabas - that we will be able to help and bless lots of new families and that the kindness of donations will continue.



Thanks for 7 years of BiG KIDS!
For God's faithful provision throughout, the blessing of our wonderful supporters and the guidance of our Trustees.