



Newsletter

March 2025



WELCOME!

After January felt like a year in itself, February has passed by in a blink!

As always, we've been hectic!

But we're also very thankful that half term gave us a the opportunity for a little break in the midst of the busyness.



Spring is on the horizon and so, just as we're thankful for every daffodil opening, we're also thankful for you; opening up this newsletter and supporting the work that God has called us to do.



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School

BiG NEWS - Boro Cereal is back for 2025!

We're excited to be back exploring themes of community and social action, teaching entrepreneurial and presentation skills to four new classes, across four different schools.

This year's entrants are Park End, Whinney Banks, Beech Grove and Ayresome and throughout February (and March) we're right in the thick of lessons.



As always, the ideas from these children, many of whom are from challenging backgrounds themselves, have blown us away. From 'Park End Rangers' and musical mindfulness walks, to homelessness fundraisers and 'Whinney the Poo bags' (yes, seriously...!)

So far, we've showcased the children's ideas to parents in Park End and Whinney Banks, with them voting for their favourite project to take to the final.

No spoilers here - but we'll share more when we can...

We hope that each of these projects can come to fruition, however, that is of course dependant on funding. If anybody would be interested in supporting one of these schools and their project directly, please get in touch.





Church

We're really excited to link with a new church for BiG KIDS; St Margaret's, Brookfield.

We're eager to find new ways to connect with this congregation and community, so watch this space!

This month, Sam was asked to deliver a talk, unpacking how Jesus calms the storm; here's an excerpt:

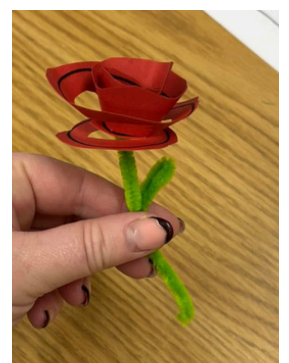
"One day, all the chaos will be gone, all tears will be wiped away; as Revelation says, the sea will be no more. But for now, we're not alone in the boat. As the old song says, with Christ in your vessel, you can smile at the storm..."



In our role as Children and Family workers at St Barnabas, we organise termly lunches for the brilliant team of volunteers in their various children's groups. They serve God each week with such faithful hearts, its only right that we faithfully serve them with some hearty soups! These have become really valuable opportunities, not only to share fellowship but also to invite and encourage new volunteers into roles within the groups.



At our monthly Family Faith sessions in St John's, we've been working our way through a small "Once upon a time" series; this month looking at the Beauty and the Beast - how Jesus transforms our "beastly" hearts, with His love.





Community

On Friday 14th February, BiG KIDS had a surprise valentines day present, a call from Stokesley Town Hall to ask if we would like to host their weekly charity coffee morning as they had had a drop out. In true BiG KIDS fashion, Abbie was able to scramble a fantastic team to help and we had a great time with the people of Stokesley, sharing news of our work over a cuppa and plenty of biscuits! We hope to be able to repeat this soon in the future, hopefully with a bit more than 18 hours notice! Thank you to Alistair, Margaret, Sheila, Kay, Elizabeth, Caroline and Natalie who stepped in to make this event a success, we raised £130!





Walk

There's plenty of opportunities to catch up with Sam, Ste, Debs and Abbie in the coming weeks. Check out the graphics below for details and hopefully see you there!

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Coffee Morning

Cuppas, Cakes and Stories!

Sat 8th March
10am - 12pm
St Barnabas Church Hall
TS5 6JR

If you would like to help by making cakes or serving on the day, please contact finance@bigkids.org.uk



Friday 14th March
9:30am - 12:30pm



St Mary Magdelene Church
Yarm

Raising funds towards our chosen local
charity - BiG KIDS

Visit www.bigkids.org.uk to find out more!



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8TH BIRTHDAY COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY 31ST MAY
10:00AM – 12:00PM

Cuppas!
Cakes!
Stories!

St Mary's Church Hall
Morton Carr Lane
Nunthorpe
TS7 0JU

**If you would like to help by making cakes or serving on
the day please contact: finance@bigkids.org.uk**



Prayer requests

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



For Boro Cereal; working across Park End, Ayresome Whinney Banks and Beech Grove. For continued support from staff and enthusiastic engagement from pupils, excited to improve Middlesbrough.



Thank Him for the faithful service of many Christians across our area throughout the generations; servants who are/were passionate about furthering His kingdom and sharing His love with local children.



For the exciting opportunities available in the coming months to further the work and reach of BiG KIDS and thank Him for His continued goodness and provision.



For the development of our team and for God to continue to guide us on the right path and as we make decisions regarding future connections and opportunities.