

BiG KIDS

Newsletter October 2024



WELCOME!

Happy Autumn everybody!

It seems so long since we created one of these newsletters it's hard to know where to begin. We had a summer holiday, a holiday club and a month back at school to catch up on! Let's dig in...



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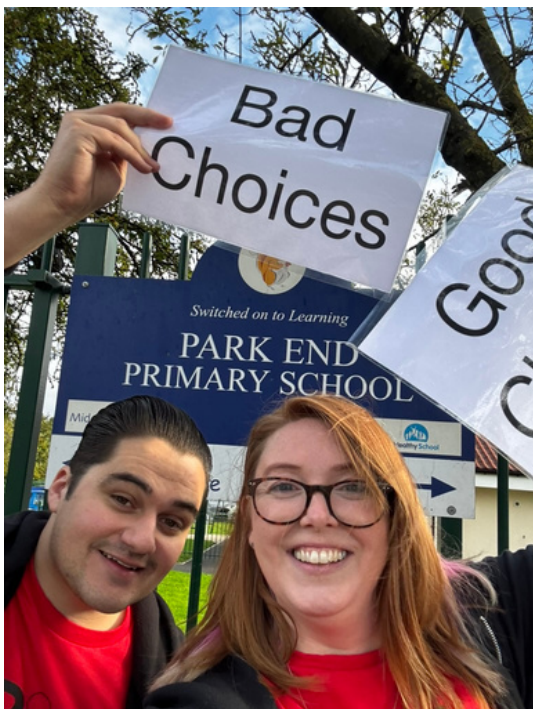
School

With all of the busyness of a new Academic year, our groups have only just got into full swing.

Once again, weekly clubs in Green Lane and Newham Bridge are following our Crumbs series of “bitesize daily bread”.



It’s been brilliant to share these stories with a new cohort of children, excited to learn more about God’s word in dynamic ways.



We also were invited back into Park End Primary to chat to Year 4 about what it means to live a “good Christian life” ... whatever that means! We had a great time exploring the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes with the three classes, and had wonderful feedback from the teaching staff! After explaining how a Christian aims to be a “little Jesus”, we shared a magical, scientific illusion, showing how the Holy Spirit can help us make good choices.



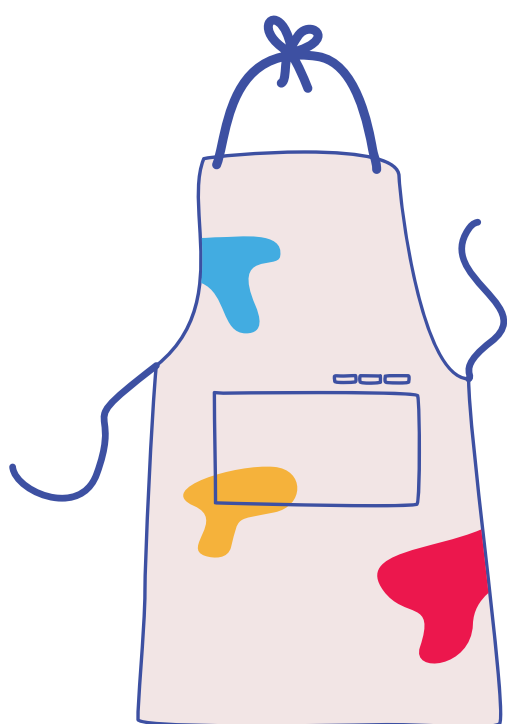
Church

In late August, we spent three days with our friends at St Martin's Church, delivering our LEGO themed holiday club. We also were privileged to join with them in leading their Family Service, rounding off a brilliant week of foundational faith building fun!

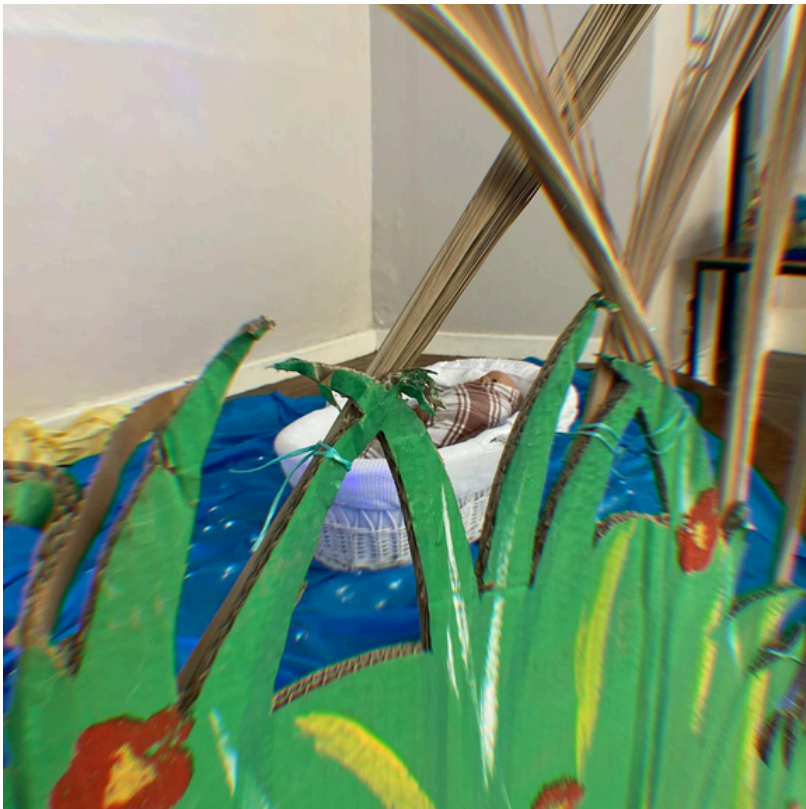


In St Chad's, Ste has been working hard in creating an A-Z of Bible characters to take us through the upcoming year, updating an old resource for a new audience! So far, A is for Adam, N is for Noah, S is for Samson and G is for Gideon. Can you guess any more?

EXPLORE has resumed with another new teaching theme, “How great thou ART”, allowing children to learn new skills, whilst considering how WE can create because we were made by the Creator. In week one, we tried our hand at painting like Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel, and in our second session, we used our hands to make Pop Art prints!



In another exciting addition to our calendar, we have also been invited to partner with Christ Church Great Ayton in their Cafe Church services. Sam will be travelling up there fortnightly to assist in leading worship and their growing ministry to children and youth.



Debs and Sam headed back to St John's in South Bank to restart the new academic year of Family Faith. We were quiet on numbers but still had a fantastic time with lots of giggles while we weaved our own baskets as we looked at the beginning of Moses' story.





Community

Barneys Baby Bank is now officially open for business, earlier this week, Debs & Sam met with Philippa Storey, Middlesbrough's Deputy Mayor and Exec member of Education and Culture to find out ways in which we can work together, it was an exciting meeting with lots of potential on the horizon. Yesterday we welcomed our first families along, it was amazing, we are so blessed to be able to help the families in need in such a small way to us but a huge way to them. Seeing the smile on their faces as we handed over parcels was truly heartwarming.

If you would like to donate to the Baby Bank but you are not sure how to, here are a few ideas:



Donate any new or preloved items (in good condition) we accept clothes, nappies, wipes, consumables (Baby Bath, shampoo etc) we are helping families with children who are 0-4 years old.



We need bags, just plastic bags or bags for life to be able to package up parcels for families, if you have any spare please do let us know.



A gift card allows us to purchase items we are short of, we had a lovely surprise yesterday when an e-gift card landed in our inbox.



Buy us a donation from our Amazon wishlist. We have a range of items on there and we will be adding more all the time, the best bit of a wishlist is we just get a delivery! View the items on our Barney's Baby Bank list at the button below

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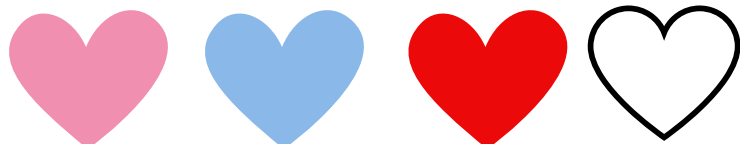
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Walk

As we paused in the summer months, we were able to reflect over an amazingly busy year. Truthfully, after the success of projects like Boro Cereal and our part in Festival Teesside and Cedarwood Festival, Sam, Ste and Debs definitely needed a break!

Going forward, we're considering how we can work-in healthy, regular rest periods into our schedule, without affecting our availability to respond to schools and churches in whichever way God leads.

We're greatly blessed to have Abbie Telford coming on board part-time to steer the fundraising side of the charity and take on some of the administrative tasks, which are so vital and yet always fall to the bottom of the pile! As a longtime supporter, it's great to have her as an official part of the team.

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Prayer requests

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



Upcoming Harvest festivals and assemblies - that children and staff enjoy taking part in thanking God for his good gifts



For continuing good relationships with local churches, and exciting opportunities in new communities of faith



Thanks for the Baby Bank! For good relationships and a sustaining provision from partner organisations.



For Abbie and her work with funders. That her hard work will positively come to fruition.