

Newsletter Term 1 - October 2024

Our Christian value this term is: Generosity



HOME ECHANI VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value GENEROSITY.

We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you
explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT GENEROSITY TOGETHER

When we think about generous usually think about being generous with money or possessions. However, we can also be generous with our time, our gifts and our abilities.

Generous people often say that they receive much more than they give. Perhaps this is because when someone is generous to us, it makes us want to be generous in return. The opposite of being generous is being selfish. What kind of person would you prefer to have as a friend?

 How would you describe yourself on this scale?
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 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 so
 Where would other members of your family put you on the scale and what

are their reasons?

Who is the most generous person you know?



READ TOGETHER ...

The Widow's Mite

Jesus had been teaching in the Temple. But now he sat down near the treasury and watched as the many visitors to the Temple passed by and dropped money into the collecting box to help with God's work.

The rich men dressed in fine robes threw in handfuls of coins as they passed, without a thought. But then a poor widow came by, paused, and placed just two mites (tiny coins) into the box.

lesus called his disciples to him and told them what he had seen.

Then he said to them, "Let me tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those people who threw many coins into the treasury. The wealthy men gave just a small part of their riches which made no difference to them. But the widow gave all that she had."

You see, God is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than the size of their gift.

A Mite in Jesus' time was a small brass coin worth 1/128th of a denarius.

Typically a labourer was paid 1 denarius for a day's work.



In Britain, many years ago, a coin called a mite was in general use and worth half a farthing, a very tiny amount of money.

THINK TOGETHER *** ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"God loves a cheerful giver"

2 Corinthions 9.7



Lost Letters

Which letters are missing from the alphabet? Arrange them to make a word from the story.





A Generous Saint

Nicholas grow up long ago in a poor part of Turkey. His father earned just enough to provide for the needs of his family but many people in the town were extremely poor.

One day something extraordinary happened. A wealthy relative, who Nicholas barely knew, suddenly died and left him a vast fortune. Overnight Nicholas became rich, so rich that he felt very uncomfortable about having so much money when many of the townsfolk barely

had enough to eat. But Nicholas knew that the families were proud and they would not want to accept money that they had not earned. He needed to find a way to help them in secret.

So in the dark of night, Nicholas crept through the town leaving parcels of food, clothing and money for the families most in need. He helped one family with three daughters several times. The father was so curious about the mysterious benefactor, that he was determined to stay awake and discover who was being so generous. As Nicholas quietly left his gift at the door of their tiny home the man leapt out and chased Nicholas until he finally caught up. Nicholas was embarrassed and begged the man not to give away his secret. The father promised. But he was so happy and grateful that he just couldn't help telling people, and soon the whole town knew about Nicholas' generously.

Nicholas continued to live in the same town and he continued to be **generous** to every one in need. Every December he rewarded the children who had been good during the year by secretly delivering presents whilst they were asleep. To this day Nicholas is remembered in countries across the world when children receive gifts on December 5th, St Nicholas' Day.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

The Generositree

The fruit of the generositree are blessings.

Think of something **pricess** that you could do that would bless someone and make them happy. Then do it.

Design and make a colourful exotic looking fruit to represent the blessing and take it to school to hang on the Generositree.



FAMILY

Secret St Nick

Each member of the family could decide on someone that they think deserves a special present. Find some pots for each person and begin to save a small amount each week.

When December comes buy presents that will make your special person smile or that they will find useful. Wrap the gifts as creatively as you can and write their name on a homemade label. Deliver in secret on 5th December, St Nicholas' Day.



FASCINATING FACTS

Leading the Pack

Lieutenant Baden-Powell was a brave soldier in the British Army and served in India and Africa. He was an expert in wildemess survival skills, like hunting, making fires and building rafts. To help new soldiers he wrote a small manual. A version of this became "Scouting for Boys" and gave him the idea of setting up the Scouting movement.

Today, worldwide, millions of children and young people are Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Rainboes.

- In the UK over 160,000 volunteers run Scouting and Guiding groups
- They generously give over an million hours of service each year
- Many parents also use their skills to help children to earn badges



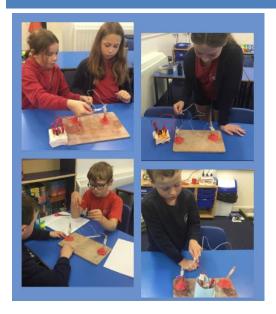
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SCIENCE IN WREN CLASS

In science, Wren class were looking at a healthy diet.
They tasted apples and voted on their favourite. Golden
Delicious won with Braeburn a close second.



CHALLENGE IN OWL CLASS



Owl class have been making their own buzz wire game. They were working in groups and challenged each group to play. Some were much more difficult. They all worked brilliantly. Well done.

CORAM DAY

Anita from Coram Life came to visit North Cerney today to talk about some really important issues including friendships and protecting our physical and mental health. Our Bibury friends

came to join us. It was lovely to see them.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all the children who attended our Harvest Festival service on Sunday 6th October. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your artwork and be thankful for this time of year.





PYJAMA DAY AND CAKE SALE

A great pyjama day and cake sale at school. Thank you for your donations, the money will be used to buy new hymn books. Thank you to worship council for organising this for us all!



NCSA

Children can wear non uniform to school on Friday 15th November, the NCSA are not asking for monetary donations. They are kindly asking for a Tombola item, for the Christmas Fair on 1st December at the Village Hall. If children can please bring in one Tombola item such as:

Tinned food

Biscuits

Chocolate

Toiletries

Alcohol donations welcome, parents are to hand to an NCSA member or Teacher.

