

GARSTANG ST THOMAS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Friday 21st January 2022

Open the Book Worship: Genesis 2

LIBRARY PROJECT: UPDATE

A wall has now been removed and the library is now more than double the size it was. The school council has shared their thoughts and ideas and a very large order of "funky" library furniture is currently being made and is due to be delivered in two weeks. The library will temporarily close for a short time but children will still be able to change their books as normal.

CANAL AND RIVER TRUST WATER SAFETY SESSIONS

The Canal and River Trust managed to deliver safety sessions to most of our classes this week (virtually). The key message was: be safe near water and stay away from the edge.

There are safety messages at their website:

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-for-kids>

CHRISTIAN AID COLOURING ACTIVITY

Christian Aid have shared a colouring activity (page 2 of the newsletter) which you may want to share with your child to help Christian Aid's Afghanistan appeal. The Entertainer Toy Shop has already donated £25,000 to the appeal, they have also agreed to donate £1 for each picture that is coloured in and shared on Facebook with the hashtag #TheEntertainerAppeal. The deadline is this Sunday, 23rd January

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

The Garstang Fairtrade Steering Group are organising a children's trail on the morning of Saturday 19th February, 10am to 12 noon. Children should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Entry forms can be collected from the Arts Centre on that morning. The trail involves gathering information from posters displayed in the windows of shops and premises in the centre of Garstang. They are mainly on the High Street, with a few close by. It will not be necessary to enter the shops in order to find the information. Completed sheets are to be returned to the Fairtrade stall at the Arts Centre; all entries will receive a small Fairtrade gift and will be entered into a draw to win a Fairtrade prize.

REMINDER: YEAR 3 STONE AGE DAY

Year 3 are having a special day on Wednesday 26th January. We have booked a 'Portals to the Past' workshop for the day and the children are set for a really exciting, immersive learning day. Year 3 children are welcome to come dressed like they are living in stone age times on the day.

DIARY DATES

Wed 26th Jan: Y3 Portals to the Past workshop (Stone Age Day)

Wed 26th Jan: Y6 animal classification workshop

Fri 4th Feb: Y6 Clitheroe Castle visit

Mon 14th – Fri 18th Feb: Half term week

Mon 21st Feb: Fairtrade Fortnight assembly

Mon 28th Feb: Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire due to visit for tree planting and assembly

Fri 1st April: Final day of term before Easter break

Full term dates are available on our website: www.garstangstthomas.com

STAR OF THE WEEK

ARIANA MITCHELL

LEYLA CAMERON

OPHELIA FRANCE

GEORGIE FRODSHAM CROSS

KAI MCGRATH

ELIJAH WILKINSON

FREDDIE YATES

LILY FAIRCLOUGH

ALFIE BLACKETT

JESSICA LOWE

LILIA FINCH

MIA BELL

DENIS MARTIN

NOAH DYER

JACK SHIELDS

MAGGIE HAYHURST

AVA BALSHAW

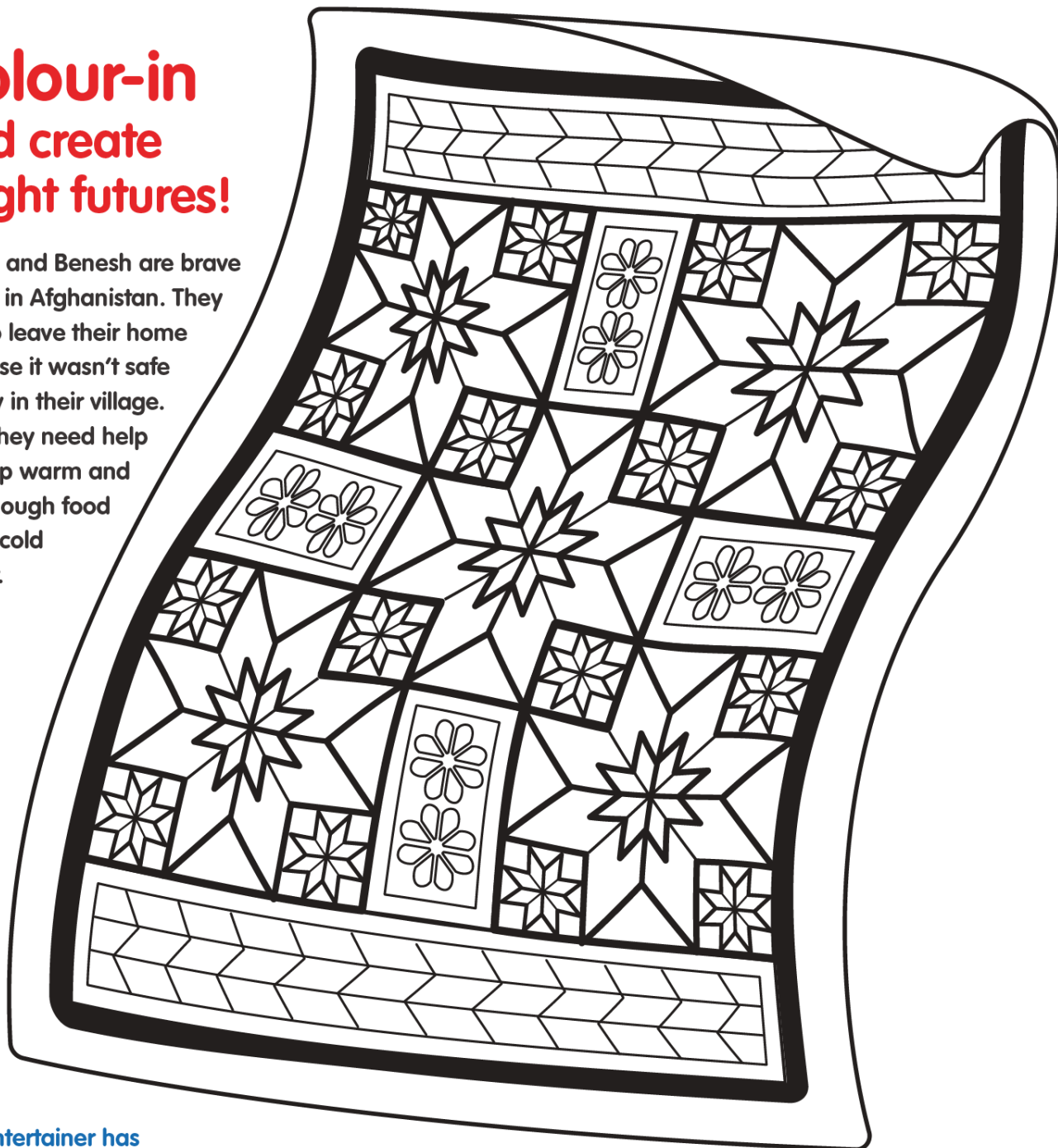
BREAKFAST CLUB- DELILAH WOODHEAD

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB- LAILA FLYNN

BE THE CHANGE: ALEX WALTON

Colour-in and create bright futures!

Azyan and Benesh are brave sisters in Afghanistan. They had to leave their home because it wasn't safe to stay in their village. Now they need help to keep warm and eat enough food in the cold winter.



The Entertainer has donated **£25,000** to support displaced families in Afghanistan this winter, but we're asking you to help even further.

Colour in the picture and share hope with little ones in Afghanistan this winter.

Submit your picture in store at The Entertainer or on social media by tagging your picture with **#TheEntertainerAppeal**

Find out more: christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-afghanistan-crisis-appeal

Make a donation: caid.org.uk/entertainer

Download this sheet: TheToyShop.com/boredom-busting-hub

By taking part, The Entertainer will donate **£1** to Christian Aid on your behalf*.

You'll help bring emergency food, shelter and blankets to children facing crisis in Afghanistan.



*up to £25,000.
Appeal ends: **23/01/2022.**

COVID

If your child has symptoms, please do not send them to school. Please book a test and keep us informed. Please send test results as soon as possible to: head@garstang-st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk.

Please note: lateral flow tests are in use for asymptomatic testing. For children/ adults with symptoms, you are asked to get a PCR test: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

REMINDER OF COVID SYMPTOMS

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

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