



Splash! for Schools & Communities

Newsletter
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Helping Children to build their lives on solid foundations!

Sometimes familiar scriptures have a way of "hitting" us and the story of the wise and foolish builder made a big impact during our Easter Xpedition Adventure holiday club. Seeing the children over 4 days, we are struck that few have a foundation of knowing even the most familiar bible stories. Jesus' parable goes on to say "If you just use my words in bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards."

We tested how much of the bible children actually knew. One child knew the names of a lot of Bible books. Some knew quite a few names of people from the bible. We taught them that it is never too early to begin laying a foundation of what the bible teaches about how Jesus tells us to live our lives.



Step 1: Get a Bible. Step 2: Put it where you will see it. Step 3: Have a look from time to time. Step 4: Think - What does it tell you to do? Reading the Bible and putting it into practice? Definitely a revolution in the making!



"These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who build his house on solid rock. Rain powered down, the river flooded, a tornado hit - but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock. "

Matthew 7 v 24-25 (from The Message).

Recent Comments

From Thomas (Washington)
"I had a fun fun time"

From Thomas' mum
"Thank you all. Thomas has had a great time and has a big smile on his face when I've picked him up and has enjoyed telling me what he has been doing"

From Sophie (aged 6)
"My favourite bit was thinking about God"

From Sophie's dad
"My chid really enjoyed the club and was excited to go there each day"

KEY HOLIDAY CLUB DATES FOR 2012

Summer Holiday Club : 5th— 9th August (Storrington 1st School)

Journeying with Joshua to the land of God's goodness

We can report that the Splash team responded successfully to the challenge of making a proper Anglican church (Ashington) look like an X-pedition basecamp! Mountains, blue skies, tents, camping gear, wild animals and our best X-plorer outfits! Four mornings for the children mean four busy days for the team, not counting the other preparation for the programme in the weeks before the club. But the expressions of fun and joy on their faces - as well as the noise they make when they get REALLY excited - make this very worthwhile.

But more satisfying still is hearing children sing sincerely "I have decided to follow Jesus" and "Lord You are more precious than silver". Even the youngest surprise us with their insights and comments. We heard parents relay that their children told them all about the love letter which God has written that is called the Bible and that is so long that it will take your whole life to read. The good reports from parents have given us confidence that God is doing "much more than we can ask or dare to imagine" in their children's lives.



At the end of a busy week, how wonderful that a whole host of helpers turned up to provide lunch for the children and parents and then to return the church ready for a more traditional expression of church life! It's not everyone's idea to have "desert buggy races", junk modelling and aerobic praise on a Sunday morning!

However, churches are mission organisations, looking outward, not inward, and hosting a holiday club in church is a great expression of Mission Partnership. We count it a privilege to work as a Mission Partner in this way - working alongside churches helping them to host activities like holiday clubs which connect with the heart of the church to reach out to their local area.



And a final word from holiday club - we were all very moved and encouraged by this Explorer's Travel Pouch, designed by Zac, ready to be filled with bible verses which he would collect during the week. He wrote "with God's help we will seek to honour and obey him". Seems like Zac is already building his own foundation for life's great adventures!

with love from everyone at Splash!

Assemblies Websites ... And our Schools Design Challenge Competition!

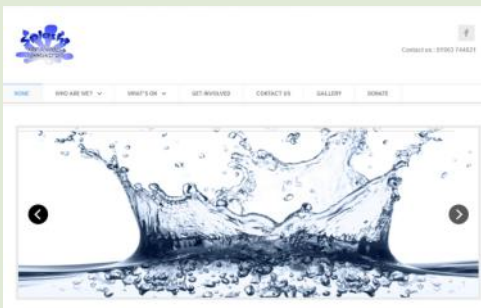
It is one of the highest forms of praise for us when on arrival at a school we can hear the children say, "Splash assembly, yeah!" with a tone of utter delight. It seems that our Splash assemblies still stand out from the normal school assembly fare!

For the majority of children, each Splash assembly is one of the few points of hearing stories and messages that begin to lay the wise man's foundation of rock. Each term we take the Christian message to over 3000 children, building a foundation of over 15 hours of bible teaching over the course of every child's schooling!

The dates for this terms' assemblies are shown overleaf - Please do continue to pray for us that the words of Jesus would become established in the hearts and lives of the children we see.



LAUNCH OF NEW LOOK SPLASH WEBSITE AND SCHOOLS LOGO DESIGN CHALLENGE!



This term sees the launch of our new look Splash website which has finally been brought up to date! Check us out at www.splashschools.org.uk.

There you can also find details of our exciting logo design challenge for schools. We've come to realise that our Splash logo needs a facelift!

The name "Splash" was originally chosen because we wanted to bring a "splash" of fun and excitement in every visit to every school! Schools are being challenged to come up with a new logo to reflect this aim and captures the essence of our work. The winning school will receive £250 in Amazon vouchers and the honour of having their design used by Splash! Closing date: 14th June!



How the Splash logo has changed over 10 years



We're trying to use our Facebook page to bring more regular news updates on Splash's work. If you are a Facebook user, then please "like" our page to get more regular updates in your News Feed. You can find us at:

www.facebook.com/Splashschools

Please continue to stand with us in prayer for finances and resources to continue our work. Our prayer is for the seeds we sow to take root in the lives of children, young people and families, and that local churches will reap a harvest from those seeds which have been sown. If you can, please consider giving regularly to support Splash! Small monthly gifts build up to large amounts! and helps us to plan better for the projects and activities which are most needed. You can also give online —either one-off or regular amounts.—at www.localgiving.com/splash or on our website www.splashschools.org.uk



ASSEMBLIES SUMMER TERM 2013

The current assembly looks at how important it is to read the bible—to get to know Jesus better and to help build good foundations in all of our lives!

This assembly has already begun its course through the schools in our area and around 3,000 children will hear a message about the bible and how it is as real and relevant today as it has been for generations of children before. Please pray that the children will become excited and ask their parents to read the bible to them—and that they will begin to read for themselves!



Monday 22nd April	Upper Beeding 9 am Washington 1045am
Tuesday 23rd April	Shipleigh 1015am
Wednesday 24th April	Duncton 1015am
Monday 29th April	Ashington 1030 am
Tuesday 30th April	Farlington 845 am Pennthorpe 950am 1025am 1050am
Wednesday 1st May	Petworth 9am Coldwaltham 1030am
Wednesday 15th May	Steyning 9am Graffham 1045am
Friday 17th May	Billingshurst 1030am 11am Rydon 240pm
Monday 20th May	Pulborough 850am Fittleworth 10am
Tuesday 21st May	Amberley 1030am Storrington 230pm
Wednesday 22nd May	Thakeham 10am Durrington Middle School 1210pm
<u>2nd Half Term</u>	
Tuesday 11th June	Pennthorpe 950am 1025am 1050am
Wednesday 12th June	Petworth 9am
Monday 17th June	Steyning 9am
Tuesday 18th June	Farlington 845am
Wednesday 19th June	Duncton 1015am Durrington Middle School 1210pm
Monday 24th June	Upper Beeding 9am
Tuesday 25th June	Shipleigh 1015am
Wednesday 26th June	Graffham 1030am
Friday 28th June	Billingshurst 1030am 11am Rydon 240pm
Monday 1st July	Pulborough 850am Fittleworth 10am
Tuesday 2nd July	Amberley 1030am Storrington 230pm
Monday 8th July	Ashington 1030am
Tuesday 9th July	Washington 1045 am
Monday 15th July	Thakeham 10am
Wednesday 17th July	Coldwaltham 1030am