



The BIG Top on Friday

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Britain's Top Spaceman visits The Arena

News in Brief

Arena (5-10s)

We had a competition in The Arena for the best space joke. The winning joke – What do you call a Mad Spaceman? “An Astronut”.

The man from the AA (Asteroid Assistance) finally turned up today. He soon had the space ship repaired. Bodgit claimed that, if the AA had taken any longer, he would change his membership to the RAC (Reliable Asteroid Company).

The BIG Top says: “When did Bodgit phone the AA anyway?”

Rainbow Tent (3-4s)

Today the children laughed as they made “pink pigs” with bouncy noses”. They looked a lot more loveable than the pigs in our story. That was about the young man who ran away from home and had to eat with the pigs – until he went home and found his father still loved him.

Marquee (under 3s)

The Marquee finished its Shop and Swap Stall today. It has been raising money through the Stall for Tearfund's Afghanistan appeal.

Biggest Free Gift of All

Every day this week, The BIG Top has come with a free gift. Don't miss The BIG Top on Sunday - available at the Celebration - which will come with an offer of the biggest free gift of all!



Assault 2000

The biggest inflatable assault course of all? Try it on Sunday at The BIG Top Celebration.

It took an expert to decide the winner at today's space theme fancy dress competition in The Arena. So good were the entries that the Leaders recruited the head of Britain's space agency to make the final decision.

Colin Hicks, Director General of the British National Space Centre lives locally. He stopped by The Arena to be the judge and award the prizes.

There were dozens of excellent entries - see our website over the weekend for lots of photos. The winner was an alien with 2 heads and 4 legs – Laura Thompson and Stephanie Collett.

Aliens (still) among us!

Even though their space ship has been repaired, Bodgit, Widget, and Gadget have decided to stay on Planet Earth a bit longer. Gadget said “We want to learn about the God who made this planet and loves everyone on it”.

The BIG Top says: “Welcome to Earth, Alien friends. You are welcome to stay as long as you like.”

Bert Learns His Lesson!

Bert has been looking for God! Today he finally realised that he can learn about God without seeing him. Bert heard the story of the father who forgave his son for doing naughty things because he loved his son. This taught Bert the lesson. Bert used to waste lots of time looking for God think he had to see Him to get to know Him.

But now Bert has found he can learn about God in the stories Jesus told. Bert now understands that God loves everyone. No wonder the Aliens want to learn more about Planet Earth's Owner if He made the world and loves everyone who lives on it.

The BIG Top says: “Well done, Bert. Come back on Sunday with your friends, and learn some more at The BIG Top Celebration!”



Free BNSC Badge

That's today's free gift.....and as a bonus there's a Live Wires booklet too (while stocks last!).

Don't Forget

Photo of the Day

See the chosen Photo of the Day on our website, and have a look at the Photo Album as well. Today is the final day for the Mad Scientist photo caption competition.

BIG Top Celebration

You are all invited (boys and girls, children and young people, Mums and Dads, brothers and sisters) to The BIG Top Celebration this Sunday. It will be on Sunday on St Mary's and St Peter's school field starting at 10.30am. It will begin with a fun session all together and then will continue until mid-afternoon. Songs. Games. BBQ. Assault 2000 etc.

Arena Memory Verse

Every day this week, we have had part of the memory verse on the back of The BIG Top newsletter. There is a prize for anyone who can recite it from memory to their Leader at the Sunday Celebration.

After The BIG Top

The BIG Top only runs for one week, but the three churches have special activities for children and young people all year round. Ask any Leader for more information or get The BIG Top Newsletter on Sunday for full details.