

## Tied To The Prisoner's Post

### News Headlines

#### Meet the Leaders



The main Leaders for each section of The BIG Top are Elizabeth Hicks (Rainbow Tent; 3s), Pam Chapman (The Marquee; 4s), Candice Maudlin (The Ring; 5-7s), and Claire Fletcher (The Arena; 8-10s). There are many other voluntary leaders and helpers from local churches working in The BIG Top.

#### Pirate Crew Names



The crews in The Marquee have Pirate Captains named after the kinds of treasures pirates used to collect – for example four of the captains are Captains Diamond, Emerald, Ruby and Sapphire.

#### Craftwork

Today the older children made Treasure Chests. They already have treasures in their chests and will make a new treasure each day.

The craft in The Rainbow Tent was to decorate Noah's ark biscuits. The children learnt about how God told Noah to build the ark.

#### The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from the past 8 years of The BIG Top – and this newsletter will be there too by the end of the day.

[www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk](http://www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk)

#### Pirated Jokes

We are pirating old jokes! So write them down, bring them in, and put them in the Treasure Chest with all the other pirated jokes. The best will be read out each day to all the pirate crews.

**Today in The BIG Top drama the pirate crew buried their treasure and gave up their weapons – but were then tied to the prisoner's post by the pirate catcher. Will they escape? And will they keep their promises to help people from now on?**



**The BIG Top says:** How did the prisoner post his post when he was posted at the prisoner's post?

#### Memory Verse

Paul said **"Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Jesus Christ my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all as rubbish. All I want is Christ."** (Philippians 3:8)

#### The BIG Top: A Weapon-Free Zone



The BIG Top pirates are trying to be good – so The BIG Top is a weapon-free zone. Pirates must put weapons into the weapon store on arrival – and should collect them as they leave.

#### Thanks to our Sponsors

We are really grateful to The Fun Factory, Johnson's Shoes, Homebase, Sainsbury's, Tesco's and Avenue Coatings (Slough) who have helped us prepare for The BIG Top 2008. For example, Johnson's Shoes gave the shoeboxes used to make today's Treasure Chests and Homebase gave us the brown paint used to paint them.

### Don't Forget

#### Rock Café and The Event

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings this week we have the Rock Café for young people age 11-16 at Teddington Baptist Church. It starts at 7.30pm each night and finishes at 9.00pm. Advance bookings only! The charge is £2-50 each night or a bargain £4-00 if both nights are booked in advance. On Friday evening for 11-16s we have The Event (7pm-9pm) with live music!

#### Come to our Celebration Day

There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am until about 3.00pm with songs, games etc and a BBQ. Those without children in The BIG Top will be able to buy Family tickets for the BBQ from Reception: £5.

#### The Annual BIG Top Talent Show

On Saturday we have a Talent Show from 10.30am to 12.15pm. The whole family is invited to join us for the Talent Show which will showcase the older children (those in The Marquee, The Ring and The Arena).

#### Landlubbers



The theme of this year's The BIG Top is Landlubbers. It is about pirates searching for hidden treasure. The material was developed by Scripture Union and was adapted for The BIG Top.

Today all the children should have been given presents including a bandana, a pirate eye-patch, a pirate jump-up, and a BIG Top water bottle. But they may have left them at The BIG Top for use throughout the week.