

## Farewell Dr Potty and Denise!

### News Headlines

#### Meet the Leaders



Richard

Richard Littledale is the Minister of Teddington Baptist Church. He has been playing Dr Potty in the daily drama – the final episode was today.

The children loved the antics of Dr Potty who lived up to his name. Other members of the cast were: Grace Crowther (Denise), Luke Littledale (Postman Pete), Jane Hawkins (Mari-Anne), and Jack Crowther (the Mummy).

#### The Names of the Tribes

The children have been working in groups which we have called Tribes – the Tribe of Dan, Benjamin, Judah, Isaac, Jacob etc. Each tribe has had its own coloured name logo which you will see in various places around the building.

#### Craftwork

Samples of craftwork done during The BIG Top will be on display today. Don't forget to admire the children's multi-coloured coats which they made for themselves on Monday and which many of them have been wearing all week. In the different sections, the children have made multi-coloured coats, chains, crowns, jewellery, pictures and pyramids – all linked with Joseph and with his time in Egypt.

#### Ancient Joke of the Week

All week we have been hunting for ancient jokes! The children have been writing them down and then putting them in the mouth of the Sphinx. The best have been read out each day to all the Tribes when they have gathered in front of the giant pyramids and the Sphinx.

The Ancient Joke of the Week is:  
 Q: *What do you call a camel with three humps?*  
 A: *"Humphrey"! (hump-three)*

**Today in The BIG Top drama Dr Potty and Denise looked back over their search for the missing onion shaped piece from the ancient relic. All week they had been trying to find the missing piece so they could find the secret of the secret message. What an amazing message they had found – just what Joseph said to his brothers:**

***"You tried to harm me but God made it turn out for the best'."***

**The BIG Top says:** *"God always works for our best interests even if we can't understand how that can be true when things seem to be going very badly for us!"*

#### Memory Verse

***"Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and sold him as a slave to be taken to Egypt. But God was with him and rescued him from all his troubles."*** (Acts 7:9-10)

#### The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from all 10 years of The BIG Top. This newsletter will be there by the end of the day.

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

#### Thanks to our Sponsors

The children's and youth activities of the sponsoring churches (Teddington Baptist Church, Teddington Methodist Church and St Peter's & St Paul's) are over page. Acts 88 also helps us create and run The BIG Top.

We are grateful to Teddington's Costa Coffee and the Fun Factory for their generous support of The BIG Top. Costa Coffee gave drinks as prizes for the children in a puzzle card competition on Thursday. Fun Factory helped with some of the decorations and props.

### Don't Forget

#### Celebration Day

Today we have our Celebration Day from 10.30am until about 3.00pm with songs, games etc and a BBQ. Those without children in The BIG Top can buy Family tickets for the BBQ from Reception for £5. Individual tickets are £3.

#### Pyramid Rock

The theme of this year's The BIG Top has been "Pyramid Rock – the Bible story of Joseph". We have followed the way Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers and thrown into jail for something he had not done. But God had his plan for Joseph's life. God helped Joseph explain Pharaoh's dreams, so he became Prime Minister of Egypt and helped everyone survive the famine. Joseph forgave his brothers because he knew that God had "made it turn out for the best".

#### Thank You!



Colin

Colin Hicks, this year's organiser for The BIG Top, thanks everyone who has helped with this year's event.

There were over 100 helpers involved in one way or another in The BIG Top (3-11s) and The Rock Café (the evening sessions for those 11 and over). Over 160 children and young people attended one event or the other.

#### The BIG Top 2010

The dates planned for The BIG Top 2010 are Monday 23 August to Sunday 29 August 2010. Put them in your diary now. Richmond Borough expects schools to start next year's autumn term on Wednesday 1 Sept 2010.

#### Modern Joke of the Week

Q: *"What is the difference between a camel and Church Road?"*  
 A: *"You can count the humps on a camel!"*