



The BIG Top on Monday

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Xpedition Unit at Base Camp

News Headlines

Meet the Leaders



Elizabeth Wendy Richard Claire
The main Leaders for each section of The BIG Top are Elizabeth Hicks (Rainbow Tent; 3s), Wendy Broderick (The Marquee; 4s), Richard Littledale (The Ring; 5-6s), and Claire Fletcher (The Arena; 7-11s). There are many other helpers from local churches working in The BIG Top throughout the week.

Group Names - Xpedition Units

This year the older children are in groups called Xpedition Units. They are named after mountains (like Everest and Snowdon), volcanoes (like Etna and Fuji) and famous ships used by explorers (like Discovery and Endeavour). This is because the theme of The BIG Top this year is Xpedition Force – with the characters in the drama climbing a high mountain.

Volcanic Joke of the Day

Q: What did the doctor say to the Pacific Island Volcano?
A: Hawaii today?

Craftwork

Today the older children made Hallelujah palm leaves to wave and greet Jesus while their colourful hand clappers made a lot of noise as they thought about how to listen. The younger children in The Rainbow Tent are learning about Noah and the ark and they iced ark shaped biscuits.

The Sponsoring Churches

The BIG Top is run by Teddington Baptist Church with help from St Mary with St Alban's Anglican Church, St Peter & St Paul's Anglican Church and Teddington Methodist Church. Over the page you will find details of their activities for children and young people which run for the rest of the year.

They have taken on the challenge! In The BIG Top daily drama, Sarah Dale, Emmanuel Hill, Janice Meadow and Colin Slope accompanied by lots of the children have arrived at Base Camp. They are preparing for their dangerous ascent of Ecksmount. They have been told to look for a treasure on top of the mountain! Will they find it? Will they get back safe and sound? Will today's mysterious message "Listen to the sound" help them find the treasure?

The BIG Top says: What a brave Xpedition Unit – let's hope they don't get lost on the mountain.

Memory Verse

*"The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them."
(Luke 19:10; New Century Version)*

The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from the previous 11 years of The BIG Top – this newsletter will be there too by the end of the day.

www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk

The BIG Top Puppet Band

The puppet band is teaching the older children a theme song which begins with a chorus:

*Climb on, climb up high
Looking for a love
that will never die
Reach up, reach for the sky
Climb on, climb up high.*

*Jesus climbs the road to Jerusalem
Will the people see
what he means for them?
As they sing hallelujah
when they welcome him
And his time in the holy city begins.*

*The BIG Top says: A great song!
Why not get the children to teach you
the tune and sing it with them!*

Don't Forget

Come to our Celebration Day

There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am until about 2.30pm with songs, games etc and a BBQ. Those without children in The BIG Top can buy a Family ticket for the BBQ from Reception for £5 or £3 for an Individual ticket.

Rock Café



On Friday evening this week we have the Rock Café for young people

aged 11-16. It is being held at Teddington Baptist Church, 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Entry £1-50.

Entry into Jerusalem

Today the older children learnt about the time Jesus rode into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people loved Jesus and were so pleased to see him that they cheered and clapped as he passed them by. The people all loved him for his teaching and because he told the truth about the way people were living. But some of the important people did not like Jesus saying that they were doing things God did not like.

The BIG Top says: Jesus was a real hero. No wonder the people cheered as he entered Jerusalem.

Famous Explorers



Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing were the first people to climb Mount Everest – the highest mountain in the world. They reached the top on 29 May 1953. Hillary said "It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves".