

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week we have finished reflecting on Peace, our Value for June. In Collective Worship on Monday we thought together about the things that we can do to give us peace. The children had lots of ideas. We talked about the wonder of nature and how spending time outside can give us peace, and we thought about how hobbies, challenging ourselves, and being with friends can all give us a deep sense of peace.

As we thought about what the Bible has to say about peace we read a passage from Philippians 4 –

‘Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.’

We know that there are lots of things that can rob us of peace. Our home circumstances, concerns about spiralling costs, world news and ill-health to name just a few. Children too can easily become anxious. As term comes towards a close and conversations around teachers for next year, or moving on to a new setting, occupy playtime chatter, it is easy to understand why children do not always feel peaceful.

As a staff team we are committed to putting in place as much support as we can to help children manage their anxieties, to dealing openly and honestly with their hard questions and to supporting them through their challenges. If your child is ever experiencing particular anxiety, please do catch their class teacher and share this with them.

On Monday, I encouraged both your children and the staff team, to think about ways in which they can help themselves to be peaceful. Perhaps you can take some family time this weekend to do some things together that will help you all feel peaceful?

As the end of the academic year draws closer, children have lots of events coming up in their classes that we hope will celebrate all that they have achieved this year. Please do come and support our sports events if you are able, it will be wonderful to have our community back on site on those two dates. We are also looking forward to seeing our Year 6 children perform to the school and later to their parents.

Have a wonderful weekend. I pray that you will enjoy finding ways that together with your children will help you to experience peace.

## Staffing for September 2022

I am delighted to let you know that following interviews last Friday, we have appointed Mrs Lucy Fletcher to work alongside Mr Hope in Year 4 next year.

Mrs Fletcher is a long-time friend of the school, she has worked here as both a Teaching Assistant and a student teacher. Mrs Fletcher’s two boys also attended The Blake School.

We are really looking forward to working with Mrs Fletcher in her new role as a class teacher. We are hoping that Mrs Fletcher will be able to come into school and meet her class for next year on our class swap morning.

## News from Around the School

This week, our children in Year 1 spent a very special morning at St Mary's Cogges, celebrating marriage. The rest of the day was spent with familiar post wedding celebrations, dancing and good food. Everyone had a wonderful time!



## Congratulations Georgia

Earlier in the year your children were all given the opportunity to submit a design for the Queen's Jubilee. The School Council chose a winner for our school and that design went forward to be judged alongside the winners from all the other Witney schools. Although Georgia did not win the competition, her design has been turned into a canvas, which we can hang in school. This week, the Lady Mayor came to present Georgia with her canvas – it looks great. Well done Georgia.



## Values Awards

Well done to all the children who were this week awarded a Values Award certificate. This week children were given awards for being patient and helpful, for showing respect and compassion, for being honest and showing courage and for bring a real sense of fun to the classroom. Well done to all the children.



## Pots, pans, spoons and spatulas

Our children in Early Years are looking to create an outside musical area using pots, pans, wooden spoons, spatulas and any other kitchen equipment that will make a joyful noise!

If you have any no longer wanted or used kitchen items, that you think would be fun for our children to play, please can you let us know, or drop them in to the front office?

Many thanks

## Cogges Farm Museum car park

If you use the farm museum car park at drop off and pick up times, you may well find a note on your car over the coming week. The note will advise you that outside of farm museum opening hours the car park gate will be locked. This WILL NOT affect you parking there at drop off and pick up, even for Around Blake Care. The gates will be locked by 6pm unless there is a special event taking place.

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