

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we concluded our exploration of the Value of Wisdom. We reflected on what we had all learned so far, thinking about the important difference between knowledge and Wisdom and recalling examples of Wisdom and our other Values that inform wise choices.

For our Bible reading we looked at a Bible story where Jesus meets a woman at a well, he asks the woman for a drink. The woman is surprised that Jesus would dare to ask her for a drink, she was a Samaritan woman and Jesus a Jewish man – Jews and Samaritans did not mix with each other at that time. Their conversation took a surprising turn when Jesus told the woman that he was a source of living water and that whoever drinks the water he gives will never be thirsty again.

Together we thought about what Jesus could possibly have meant by what he was saying to the woman and how this would help us in our thinking about Wisdom.

Your children thought really carefully and were able to express their thoughts to their friends and to us as adults. Together we concluded that Jesus was telling the woman that if she believed in him, if she chose to live his way, then she would always have the resources that she needed for her life. Wisdom is to be found in living the way that Jesus has told us to live, following his Values.

All that discussion led us back to the Proverbs about Wisdom that we had explored at the beginning of April, reminding us that it is better to get Wisdom than to get gold.

At least reflecting for myself, I know that I always need more Wisdom! There are always fresh challenges to face, difficult decisions to make and I am aware of the fallibility of my thinking. It has been a good reminder this week, every time I have gone into the staffroom, to see this quote from the book of James, chapter 1 verse 5.

‘If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.’

I believe that where I am lacking, I can ask God and he will fill in the gaps – all I have to do is ask. But as I do so I am reminded that our next Value is Patience and sometimes I have to wait for Wisdom, it is not instant, or easy. Wisdom can take time, it requires us to pause, to allow for reflection and thinking about others rather than simply how to get our own way.

I hope you all enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend and that where you are in need of it, you will find Wisdom.



Values Awards

Well done to the children whose determination to show our Values has this week been celebrated.

There are so many small, but really significant, choices made by your children each day that it is only possible to celebrate a few each week.

Year 4's Big Question – Why is the Qur'an a special book for Muslims?

The children in Year 4 have been exploring this big question as part of their learning RE. They were all very excited when Khadija brought in her prayer mat and explained to the children how she prays. Khadija talking about her faith, really helped the children to learn more about Islam and why the Qur'an is such a special book for them. Thank-you Khadija.



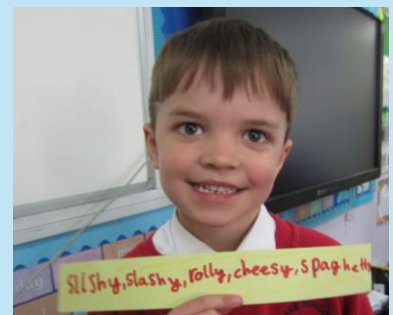
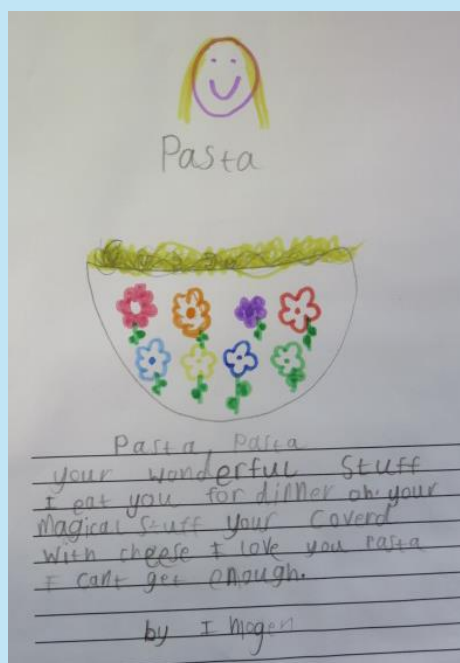
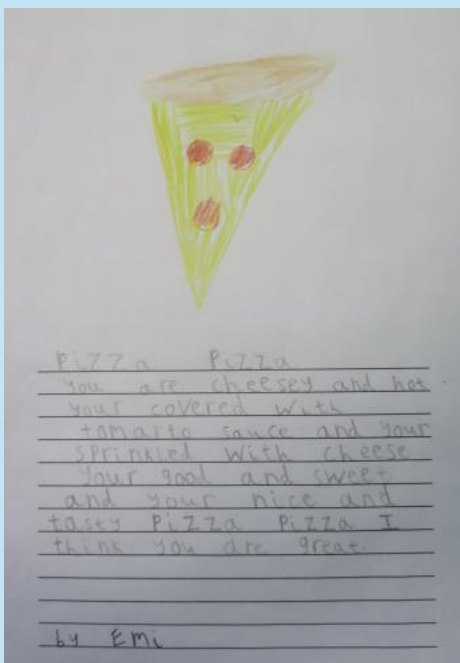
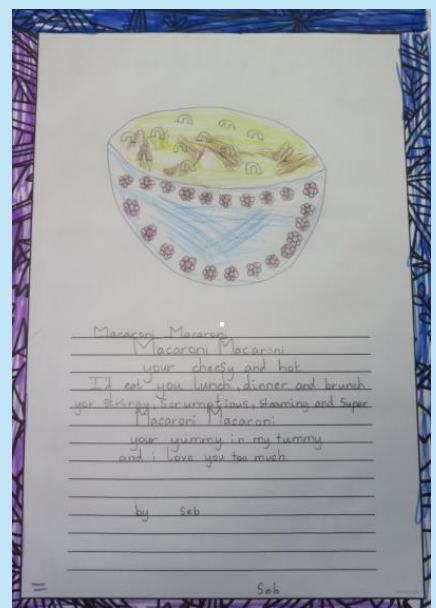
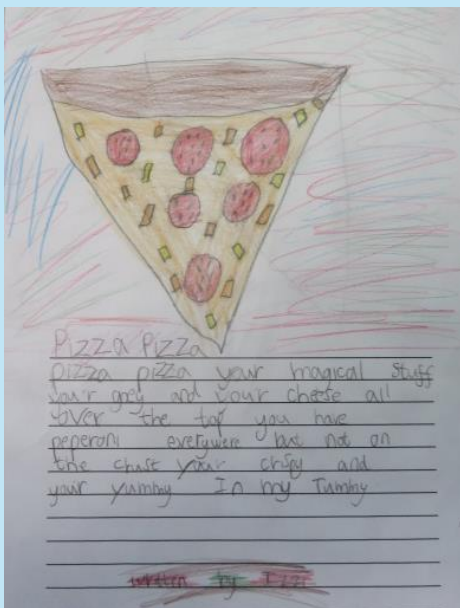
News from Around the School

The children in Year 3 have been using the PE lessons to look at different shapes, and how to join them together into a short sequence. We loved the variety of shapes that they have made and their ability to hold those shapes.



More News from Around the School

The children in Year 2 have been learning all about food, thinking about what makes a balanced diet and how we can use food to help us stay healthy. As part of their learning the children have written some fantastic poetry about food, and they have enjoyed some taste testing too!



Upcoming events, dates for your diary

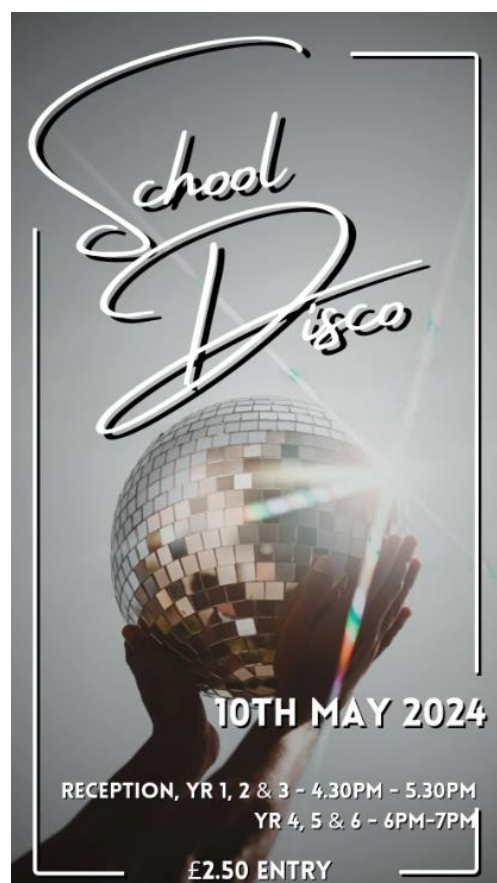
We are very excited that next Friday we will be holding our school disco. Children always enjoy this event, so please do send them along with some change to buy their ticket on the door and some smaller coins if they want to buy a drink or some snacks to keep them going.

In a few weeks' time we will be holding another sponsored 'Wild Walk', this year the event will be even bigger and better than last year, with an inflatable obstacle as well as other more familiar challenges. Sponsorship forms will be coming home next week. Please do think about who you can ask for sponsorship and look out for details of the exciting project that will be paid for by the fundraising.

Our annual summer fete will take place at the end of the school day on Friday 7th June – please put the date in your diary – further information about how you can support that event will be circulated in due course.



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Uniform and Lost Property

We are delighted that our uniform supplier, Tots to Teams, has changed their supplier, meaning that they are now able to offer our branded uniform items at a reduced price. We are grateful to those who have quality tested the new uniform for us, so that we are assured that the reduction in price does not mean a reduction in quality. Sweatshirts and cardigans are now £1.15 cheaper per item, hoodies £1.50 per item.

To stop our lost property becoming overwhelming, we are trialling a new approach. Any un-named items, not claimed by the end of a week, will be given to The Friends to sell at their next event. All named items will be returned to the children as soon as they are found. To make sure your child gets their uniform back, please name all items of clothing. Thank-you.