

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week saw us concluding our thoughts on our Value of Courage, having only been thinking about it for a very short while owing to the Easter break!

We thought about the courage to say yes and the equally important, but sometimes overlooked, courage to say no.

It is easy to think of characters who have been courageous, who have taken on seemingly impossible tasks, who have overcome enormous obstacles and who have needed every ounce of courage they can muster. It is how we often talk of courage.

We encourage children to be brave and try something new, we talk about having the courage to tackle learning or to do something different. And this courage is certainly important. It is the courage that drove Moses, the Bible character that we thought about this week. He was given the unenviable task of leading a nation out from slavery to possess the land that God had promised to them. His job meant taking on Pharaoh and then leading an often ungrateful and obstinate nation. If ever a person needed courage, it was Moses!

However, the courage to say no is also important. Sometimes saying no can be the hardest thing. Children could all think of occasions when someone had encouraged them to do or say something that they knew they shouldn't. Saying no to our friends is hard, we want to be part of the crowd, we want to be liked and looked up to – saying no takes a lot of courage.

As always, what is true for the children is true for us as adults too. There are times in all our lives when it is not the courage to keep going that we need, but the courage to say enough is enough. It can be the hardest thing, to recognise that courage is not simply screwing up all our resolve, putting on a brave face and sucking it up. Real courage is taking a long hard look at where we stand, recognising what is going on, and realising that however hard the path looks, stepping away from where we are is the right thing to do.

This Bank Holiday weekend, I pray that you will all have time to enjoy the sunshine and relax. And maybe you will also have time to think about what courageous thing may be next for you, whether that is courage to say yes, or to say no.



Congratulations

A huge well done to our Year 6 footballers who this week played in the Witney partnership football final. The first half was closely fought and as the match restarted at 1-1 it could have gone either way. In the second half however, the blistering heat really took its toll and ultimately West Witney School were crowned victors. The boys were quick to congratulate their opponents showing themselves to be true sportsmen even in the midst of their disappointment. Well done to all the boys who played in the early rounds as well as those who played in the final.



News from Around the School

This week the school was full of the smell of pizza! Our children in Year 4 were making (and eating) pizzas. As the children enjoyed their hard work, they thought about fractions and how their pizzas were being divided up.



More News from Around the School

Our children in Year 3 this week went out on a walk to help with their mapping skills. It was a beautiful day for a walk, and their Geography skills were also improved.



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