

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

Giving the children Values Awards week by week is one of the great pleasures of my job. It is a moment to pause, to shake children's hands and say well done and thank-you. Walking around the school I see children day by day showing our School's Values and endeavouring to live by them, even when it is hard. As I congratulate the small group of children each week, I am aware of the other 350 children looking back at me, many of whom I know have also made conscious decisions to show our Values. Well done to the children who received awards this week, but also to all the other children who make our community such a special place.



This week we began to explore our new Value of Patience. As we so often do, we began by setting two children a challenge. They were given a sweet, but if they could wait until the end of Collective Worship to eat it, they could have a second sweet! Children really can be very patient if a second sweet is on offer!

Together we thought about times that we have had to be patient, thinking about the times when it can be fun to wait for something exciting and the times it can be hard waiting for something important. Both adults and children shared together why being patient is hard.

We looked at the Bible to see what we could learn about Patience. We spent some time thinking about this verse from Galatians chapter 6 verse 9

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap the harvest if we do not give up.'

Which takes me back to where I started, thinking about the children who this week received Values Awards, and the 350 others who this week did not. We are called to not grow weary, to not be impatient, not to look for instant gratification, but to wait. The Bible teaches us that if we stay patient, if we keep living by our Values, if we do not give up, there will be a harvest. We will see the positive impact of the choices that we make, we will slowly but surely change our communities for the better.

What a challenge that is to us all! In a world where we can have parcels delivered in a matter of hours and communicate with anyone at the touch of a button, to be patient, to keep doing the right things, and to wait, because we trust that the harvest will come.

News from Around the School

This week our children in Years 2 and 3 went on a walk around Witney. The children were looking at geographical features and finding out more about the history of the town. All the children had a wonderful time and our adult helpers admitted to learning new things too! Thank you to everyone that made the trips happen.



Great writing

This week we were blown away by this piece of writing by Ethan in Year 6. This is just the start of his piece of tension writing about the Alchemist's Letter.



A long, long time ago there dwelled a very quick-witted and powerful alchemist. He ventured across many different lands, always seeking more wealth. He once had a family but in the hunger for greater prosperity and power, he left them, making the machine his only priority.

Verideon walked towards the overgrown shrubbery that concealed the tired house. He took the heavy key from beneath

his jacket and unlocked the old oak door. He walked into a sea of nature that has taken its place in the sun. The sun scored the back of his head as it streamed through the crack in the ceiling. The dark green creeper shot up and down the walls of the cottage and appeared to devour the once well-kept home. However, the sweet sound of the birds' songs and the water rushing down a nearby river brought back warm, wonderful memories of his childhood.

Veridoen approached the door that was covered in cobwebs and turned the key. The door creaked open and he took a deep breath as he took his first step into what was once very familiar surroundings. He stared into the dusty and dreary half-empty room. There in the corner stood large contraption – isolated and alone...

We all had a great time at the disco! Thank you to The Friends for setting it up and running it for us.



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