

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

In Collective Worship this week we continued to think about Unity and Co-operation. Our big question this week was – What can get in the way of working together? As always, your children came up with some very insightful comments, do ask them what they think the barriers are to co-operating and working together.

Our Bible reading this week was taken from the Gospel of Mark. The passage comes at the end of a story of two brothers arguing over who will be the greatest and asking Jesus if they can have the best positions in his Kingdom. Jesus says to everyone around him –

‘Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first, must be the servant of all.’

Together, we recognised that we are often the thing that gets in the way of us working together. We often want to have our own way, to be the greatest, or the first. Learning to live together in community, co-operating with one another, is all about learning to serve other people.

We closed our time of Collective Worship by reading together a story that we often return to, ‘The Library Lion’. The story reminds us all that living in community requires some give and take and that sometimes we need to put the needs of other people before our own.

Co-operating together is hard work and for the children, as for the adults, sometimes it goes wrong. In school we often sit down with children to have times of ‘reflect and repair’, thinking about what went wrong, how to put it right and what could be done differently next time. It is a model that we can use as adults too, thinking about how our actions can be changed from being self-centred and even destructive, to being ones that build up and strengthen community. Your children may be able to talk to you about occasions where they have used reflect and repair in school to help make sure that our school remains ‘a safe and happy place.’

Values Award

Well done to all the children who received a Values Award this week. As we settle into the New Year, we know that lots of children are working very hard to show our Values.



Thank-you

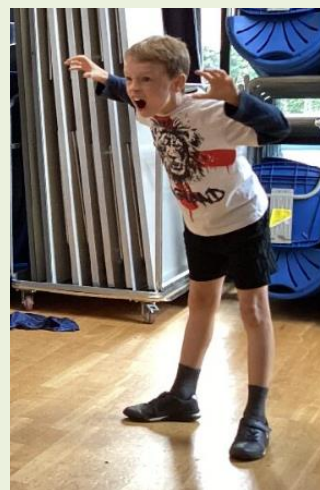
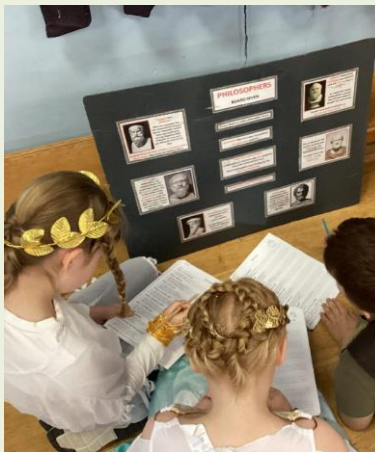
The staff team would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone for your understanding in relation to closing the school to Years 2 and 3 on Monday.

Closing the school is a last resort, but once there was sewage entering the building, there were no other options available to us.

We are sorry for the disruption that the partial closure caused to you as parents and carers.

News from Around the School

This week, our children in Year 5 enjoyed an Ancient Greek Day. The children enjoyed a whole range of activities to bring their learning to life, and they looked great too!



More News from Around the School

Children this week had a great time looking at the books being sold as part of the travelling book fair. The book fair will be open again on Tuesday, both before and after school. As a result of what you spend, the school earns points towards books that will refresh our library and our classroom book areas. We look forward to seeing you at the book fair on Tuesday.



Flu immunisation

If you have not done so already, please take time this weekend to complete the online booking form for the flu immunisation that will be given in school on Wednesday of next week.

Please [complete the form](#), whether or not you want your child to have the immunisation in school next week.

The nasal spray is quick and simple to administer and immunising your children helps protect the whole school community.

Online safety

One of our key School Development Priorities this year concerns children's mental health and well-being; it will also encompass how to keep children safe online.

As the evenings get darker and children spend more time indoors and on devices, please do take some time to check your settings. The [NSPCC](#) and [Internet Matters](#) have some helpful resources for parents and children.

Parking

We have been made aware that parents/grandparents are once again parking in the adjoining residential roads, including parking on the pavements.

We will once again be asking our PCSOs to support us in ensuring the only the large car park is used for dropping off and picking up. Thank you for parking safely, so that children walking to and from school do not have to walk in the roads in order to get here.

Loving, learning and flourishing in community