

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

As you will see from this Newsletter, it has been a very busy week in school, I hope the photos give you a glimpse into what has been going on. Your children have been enjoying all that school has to offer them, including the full breadth of the curriculum, performing to parents and playtime fun with our new equipment. I would like to start by saying well done to all your children. The term has been filled with business and learning; your children have embraced the challenges personally and collectively as well as celebrating their successes.

This week we welcomed a SIAMS inspector to the school. Usually SIAMS inspections take place every five years, but owing to the pandemic it has been almost eight years since The Blake School's last inspection. It was a real joy to welcome the inspector to the school and to share with her the many different ways in which our Vision impacts on our day-to-day school life. Many of your children spoke to the inspector, reflecting on Collective Worship, sharing their work and talking about what it is like to be a pupil at the school. During a very busy day, staff, parents, governors and representatives from ODST also spoke to the inspector. A short inspection report will be provided, which I am confident will accurately reflect the school; the report will be shared with you as soon as we receive it.

Our SIAMS inspector joined us for Collective Worship this week. During Collective Worship we reflected on all that we have learned about our Value of Forgiveness, remembering the importance of forgiving each other as well as how God forgives us. Our reflections were interrupted by a shout that there were some dirty feet in the hall! It was not long before I was washing both Charlie and Mr Hope's feet – getting them free from all the mud.

Washing feet was part of helping us all think about how we should behave, given that God has forgiven us for our mistakes and our wrong choices. Jesus washed his disciples feet to show them what it meant to be a servant.

In school I often see your children giving their best and serving one another. Amongst the staff team too, it is my privilege to see servanthood in action. Serving one another is not always easy, but knowing that we have been forgiven and learning to forgive one another, certainly helps us.

This week we have been continuing with our 40 Acts of Kindness challenges, a number of which invite us to serve one another. Across school I have seen children and adults working hard to complete the challenges each day.

As we close for the Easter break, Christians will be entering Holy Week. In the coming days, Christians will be reflecting on the events that took place in the days between Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey to shouts of praise and his death on a cross. For Christians this is not the end of the story however, just three days later Jesus would rise from the dead and it is this fact that gives Christians great hope. Do join the congregation of St Mary's Cogges for any of their Easter services to find out more about the Easter story and why it central to the Christian faith. You can find details of all their services [on their website](#).

Wishing you all a peaceful and hope-ful Easter season.

## News from Around the School

It was a great joy to watch the Year 3 children's performance of 'Adventures in Neverland' this week. The children were absolutely amazing! Everyone spoke and sang with confidence, they had learned their many lines really well and acted with great assurance. Well done to each and every one of them.



## More News from Around the School

In a week where Spring has very much tried to be in the air, even if it has not always made it, our Year 1 children have been on a spring walk, checking for signs of Spring around our school site. Today they used water colours to paint some wonderful pictures of daffodils, which have brightened up a rainy afternoon!



## Fun in the rain at Forest School

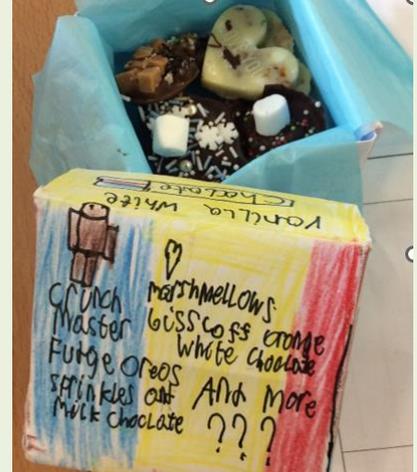
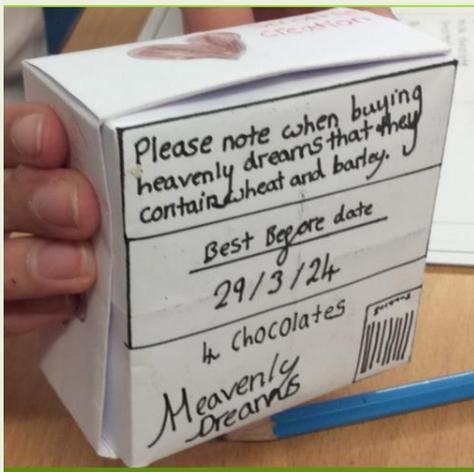
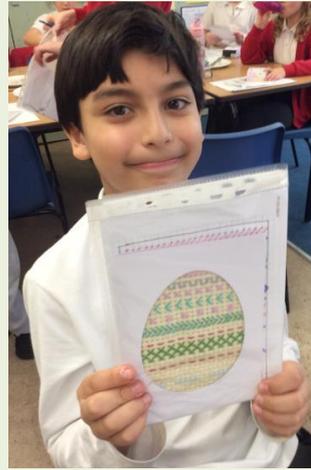
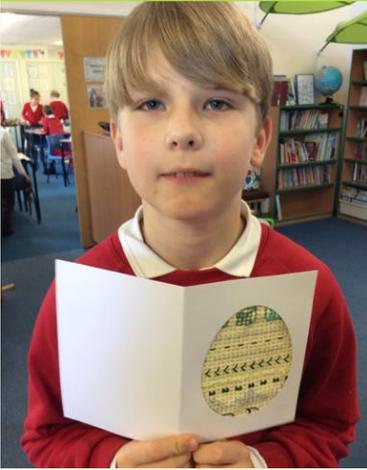
It was a very wet Forest School this week, but that didn't stop the children having a wonderful time!



Congratulations to the 100 club winner for this month – Clare Huggard. The ticket number 72 was drawn by the admin team this week. We hope Clare enjoys spending her winnings on an Easter treat.

## Even More News from Around the School

The children in Year 5 have been very busy over recent weeks designing and making Easter cards and chocolates, their results are very impressive.



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