

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we brought all of our thinking around Trust together, remembering all that we have learned and how we can apply this to our lives.

It was a great joy to listen to three children from Year 6 talking about how they have developed Trust in themselves and in what they can achieve. Edward talked about how frightened he had been at Quinta when asked to climb the rock face, but how putting his trust in the instructors and the equipment he had found the courage he needed to abseil down the huge rockface. Megan talked about how hard she has always found writing, but how she has learned to trust all that she has been taught and how much pleasure she now gains from her writing. (So do we Megan!) Olivia talked about how Maths has always made her feel like a rabbit in the headlights, but how she has learned to trust the techniques she has been shown and now feels less afraid.

For our Bible reading we looked at the verses from Proverbs chapter 3 that say:

‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.’

Together we talked about how Christians believe that they can have help in the decisions that they make, that they can ask God for help and that he will show them how to behave and how to make good decisions.

We remembered together that living by our Values helps us all to live well as a community and how if we trust in our Values, we can find ways to flourish together, even though we are very different and we don't all like the same things.

This week you will have received sponsorship forms and information about our Santa Fun Run that is taking place on 12th December. We are raising money for Helen and Douglas House, where Mrs Lynch's son was cared for during his last days. The event should be a lot of fun, with children from all year groups having time to run laps of the playground wearing a Santa Hat provided by the charity. Thank you to everyone who has already donated to this cause that is very close to our hearts. You can return completed sponsorship forms to school or donate via our [Just Giving page](#) at any time. Thank-you.

Values Awards

As always it was a real pleasure to celebrate how hard children have worked to show the Values over the past week. As the excitement of Christmas mounts, it can be harder for everyone to remember our Values. Well done to all the children who have in some way shown our Values over the past week.



The Friends

Today we have drawn the next two winners of the '100 club'. The winner for November was ticket number 69 belonging to Emma Hamilton, and the winner for December was ticket number 40 belonging to Anna Newton. Congratulations to them both, we hope they will enjoy spending their winnings on a Christmas treat.

Please do support The Friends next week at our Christmas fete, which is taking place straight after school on Wednesday 6th December.

Some year groups have been asked to provide things for the fete (other year groups will be asked to contribute to events later in the year). If anyone has any pre-loved Christmas jumpers that they would like to donate, please do hand them in to the office so that these can be sold on Wednesday.

News from Around the School

As the calendar has rolled over to December, the children across the school are thinking more about the Christian Nativity Story.

The stage is up and all around the school you can hear children singing as they practice for their carol services and performances. After school it is a joy to hear the choir perfecting their Christmas songs ready for their performances in the coming weeks.

Our children in Year 1 have been painting pictures of the stable scene – we love their attention to detail and the way they have thought about the people and animals to include in their pictures.



News from Around the School – Oh no it isn't!

We were delighted to welcome Saltmine Theatre Company into school on Friday. The team of three enthusiastic and very skilled actors (Daniel, Hannah and Theo) put on the show 'Neverland' for the children in Years 1 to 6.

There was lots of cheering and shouts of 'behind you', as well as moments of absolute silence as the children were spellbound by the story. It was a magical time for everyone who watched.

Saltmine Theatre Company describe what they do as 'Faith Motivated Arts'; they believe in the power of story. They deliver high quality creative performances and interactive workshops that they hope will impact lives and transform society. You can find out more about the work of Saltmine Theatre Company on their website – <https://saltminetrust.org.uk/>



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