

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

Over the past term, our Values have been Hope and Kindness. They are great Values with which to start a New Year, as they provide perspective and set the tone for all that will come in the weeks ahead.

In Collective Worship this week, it was wonderful to reflect with the children on what kindness may look like in our everyday life. I shared with the children the following quote from C.S. Lewis:

“The great thing, if one can, is to stop regarding all the unpleasant things as interruptions of one’s own, or ‘real’ life. The truth is of course that what one calls interruptions are precisely one’s real life – the life God is sending one day by day.”

To help us think about interruptions, we thought about an interruption Jesus’ day, recorded in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus was on his way to a very sick child, when a lady in the crowd who was desperate to be made well, touched Jesus’ cloak. It was easy for us to think that Jesus might have been annoyed by the interruption, because he was in a hurry and he was doing something really important to help someone else. The Bible makes it clear though that Jesus was not annoyed, he stopped and showed great kindness to the lady, giving her time and making her well.

We were all challenged to look at the interruptions in our day differently and to wonder if those interruptions are in fact the more important things.

This week, the children in Year 1 had a Pirate Day. During the afternoon I was a special guest, Pirate Pete (photos later in the newsletter). As a particularly hearty pirate, on my fists I had written ‘Hold Fast’.

As I wrote to staff today, the good things, the special times, being Hopeful, being Kind, do not happen by magic, they happen as an act of will. We have to ‘hold fast’. In the most challenging times, holding fast together will help us, because we are stronger together.

This week, the news has been full of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. It will be for each of us to decide what it looks like for us to act with kindness in response to the enormous level of humanitarian need. Faced with the huge destruction and seeing the loss of life, our reflections on Hope come to mind. The challenges of our time are significant, learning to face them with both Hope and Kindness is tough, but as a community we are helping one another to do just that.

I am sure that your half-term will be full of interruptions, I pray that you will find in those interruptions that you are actually living your real life and that you will be enabled to treat all those interruptions with kindness.

I look forward to seeing all your children back in school after the half-term break.

News from Around the School

This week the children in Year 5 put on two performances for their family and friends. Their performance 'Through the Wardrobe' was based on the story written by C.S. Lewis 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'

The children performed confidently and with obvious pleasure – the show was a credit to them all and reflected the hard work of everyone involved. Well done everyone.





More News from Around the School

The children in Year 1 spent a whole day being pirates. There were pirate stories and games as well as treasure hunting. During the afternoon, a very special pirate paid a visit...



News from the Early Years

The children have been looking at the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. They used a range of resources to build bridges. The children were fantastic at being able to plan, design, create and evaluate their construction.



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