

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

In Collective Worship this morning, as part of our ongoing exploration of Justice, Mrs Rowlands was looking at Fairtrade with the children. The children were particularly delighted by a short guest appearance from Mrs Rowlands' one-year old daughter Amelia, who was helping find Fairtrade products in her house.

Fairtrade began in the early 1960s with Oxfam UK selling some fairly-traded handicrafts, but began to gain wider recognition during the 1970s when the first coffees became part of the Fair Trade Organisation. Nowadays, the number of products that are officially recognised as being part of Fair Trade is extensive. There is now an option to buy many everyday items such as sugar, chocolate (which Mrs Rowlands was particularly interested in), cotton, bananas, wine, tea, beauty products and snacks that have been fairly traded.

You might like to [watch the video](#) that Mrs Rowlands showed part of to the children this morning, which explores how Fairtrade operates. Watching the video was a reminder to us all of the challenges that others face and how little many across our world have to live on. Mrs Rowlands closed Collective Worship by encouraging your children to think about what items it might be possible to buy in order to support Fairtrade, one small change to one item of shopping, can bring justice to a whole community.

In my end of week email to staff today I was reflecting on how education supports justice. An education that enables each and every child to flourish and achieve their potential and that ensures that no door that would otherwise be open to them is closed, is at the heart of justice for us as educators. It is a privilege for us to work with your children and to support them as they learn and grow so that they can go on to access future learning and the full range of opportunities that life affords them.

I would like to thank you and your children this week for your support and encouragement as we have moved staff and rearranged plans in order to keep every class open. I know you would join me in wishing all staff who are unwell a full and speedy recovery.

## Changes to Covid-19 guidance

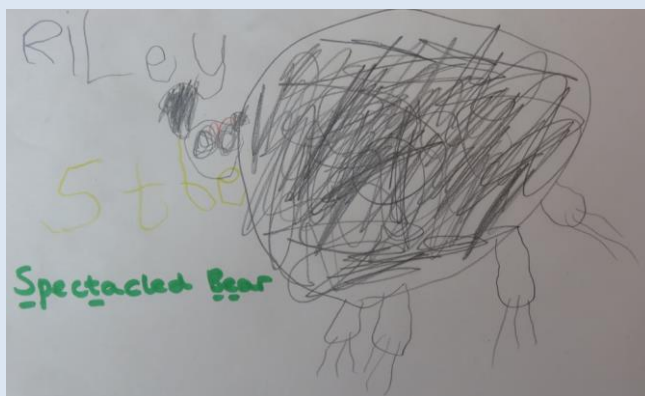
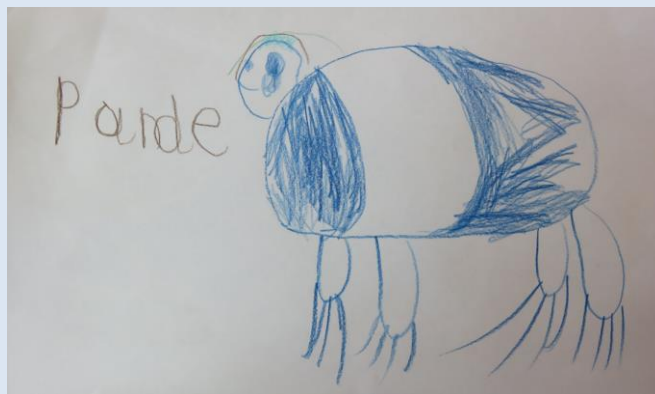
This week there have been some further changes to the Covid-19 guidance. From next Thursday, face masks will no longer be required in communal spaces in school. However, given our currently high case rates, we will continue to wear them when moving around the school, at least for next week.

Whilst the news is full of encouraging stories about the final removal of isolation, it looks like this will not happen until March at the earliest. For now therefore, all current requirements for isolation remain in place. Do let us know if your child tests positive for Covid-19 and do please look out for symptoms that we know children are experiencing who go on to test positive – a sore throat, tummy ache and a headache.

Lots of children have missed much of this week off school, we are looking forward to welcoming them back next week. Please be assured that teachers will be adjusting learning so that all children are able to make progress, whether or not they have been in school.

## News from Around the School

Our youngest children do not often appear in our Newsletter. These children are so busy learning and exploring in our Early Years Unit that we don't see them in the main school very often. It was therefore a real joy this week when Mrs Moss brought some children to Mr Grundy to show him their work. We have taken the opportunity to find out what else the children in Reception have been learning about.



From their writing, artwork and size ordering, can you guess what our youngest children have been learning about this week?!

*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*