

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship, as we continued to learn about Peace, we thought about worries and how they can follow us around and slow us down.

It is sadly the case that even our youngest children know what it is to worry; spend more than a few moments chatting to anyone and you will soon learn the things that they are worried about. We all know what it is to worry, there is perhaps even a certain inevitability about it; there is after all lots to worry about!

In the book I read to the children in Collective Worship on Monday, the child's worries are all in a huge bag that is always with them, whatever else they are trying to do or think about. At the end of the story, an elderly neighbour helps them to empty the bag, to look at their worries and to deal with them. Some worries vanish in the light of day, others just weren't so big when they were actually looked at. Many worries belonged to other people / they were for them to deal with and others could be managed with help.

Like the child in the story, we often gather all sorts of worries together, they follow us around and stop us enjoying life as we would like to. I think we need to follow the advice that I gave to the children, to find someone that they trust and stop and look properly at the things that worry us.

Jesus told his disciples not to worry, not because there was nothing to worry about, but because of their value and how much he cared for them. He also reminded them that worry does not in fact change anything! As a Christian it is my experience that peace can be found not only in the sharing of the worries, but in recognising that God cares for me. Whatever worries you are facing at the moment, I would encourage you to say them out loud, look at them with a friend, or seek professional help. And as you do that, remember also the words of Jesus –

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry... Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable are you than birds!"*

## Sporting events

This week a team of children from Year 6 represented the school at a swimming gala, achieving both team and individual successes.

Later in the week a team of boys from Year 5 competed in the cricket finals. In a day full of wonderful individual performances the team played brilliantly and won lots of their games.

Thank you to the parents who attended both of these events, it would not have been possible to go without your help and support.

Well done to all the children who have represented the school in sport this week, your behaviour on and off the pitch/pool was exemplary and you supported and encouraged one another throughout. The winning is great, but sportsmanship and love of the game really matters too.

## News from Around the School

The children in Year 4 have been experimenting with different artistic styles, looking at different artists (Mondrian, Matisse and Monet), and the tools they used. This week has been the turn of Monet, and so they have been using water colours to experiment with different ways of mixing colours. Next week the children will be choosing an artistic style to use to create images of Mount Fuji – we look forward to sharing their finished artwork with you.



## Nits!

It's the word that no-one wants to hear...

Sadly we have cases of nits reported in Reception and Year 2. If your child has long hair, we encourage you to tie it back when they are in school. Please do check your child's hair regularly for nits and if you find them, please do treat them.

Thank-you.

## Years 2 and 3

Earlier in the year we shared some of the artwork celebrating our strapline. I am delighted to now be able to share with you the work from Years 2 and 3. In the autumn we are looking forward to sharing these canvasses with St Mary's Coggas as part of their celebrations. We think these canvasses are a great way of sharing what is important to us as a school community.



## Values Awards



Well done to all the children who received awards this week. Amongst many other things we this week celebrated perseverance, patience and determination.

## Animal Rocks

Oxford Playhouse is this weekend touring its tent to The Leys, with a wonderful show for children and families, perfect for primary school aged children.

All tickets are free and there is no need to book. You just turn up, ideally with a picnic blanket and take a seat.

Shows will take place on Saturday at 11am, 1pm and 3pm and on Sunday at 11am and 2pm.

The show is great fun and has a very positive message – It doesn't matter how different we are, we can all come together and make music!

*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*