

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we continued to think about our Value for this month, Service.

To help us all think more about what Service might look like and how it often looks at odds with what we see around us, this week I washed feet.

Together we read the story from the Bible of when Jesus washed his disciples' feet. The disciples' feet would have been very dirty and probably very smelly too!

'Jesus got up from supper, laid aside his outer garments and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water in a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel that was around him.' John 13 verses 4 and 5

Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God, he was much more important than the disciples, but he took on a dirty and smelly job to demonstrate what service looks like. If he served others, how much more should we also serve others.

The truth is that service is often not a pretty thing, it can involve doing something nobody else likes the look of, it might well be a job that everybody is hoping someone else will do, or that we think we are too important to take on.

This week I gave the children the challenge of serving the adults who are serving them in the lunch hall every day. Children were encouraged to make sure that all their lunchbox wrappers went in the bin, or back in their lunchboxes (not on the floor, or left on the tables). Children were also encouraged to be careful when carrying their food, or eating to try and make sure the tables and the floor don't get covered in food. I have asked the lunchtime team to take photos of what they sweep up off the floor each day and in Collective Worship on Monday next week, we will be looking at how they got on!

This week it has been a joy to welcome into school a host of volunteers, serving our children by helping them to design and create Christmas cards that you will be able to order later in the year. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time this week to come into school, your service has not gone unnoticed. As the school year gets underway, we have also welcomed new regular volunteers into school to listen to children read, or support learning. Your service is equally valued by us and makes all the difference to our children. Thank you. If you are interested in being one of our regular volunteers, please do talk to your child's class teacher to find out ways in which you can help out.

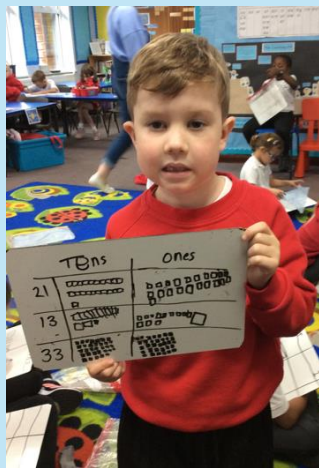
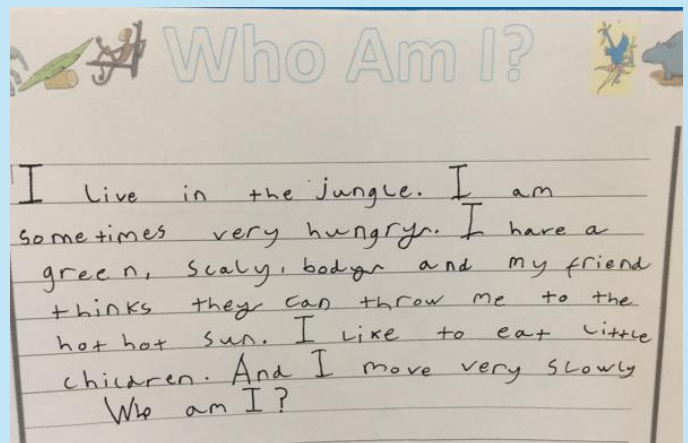
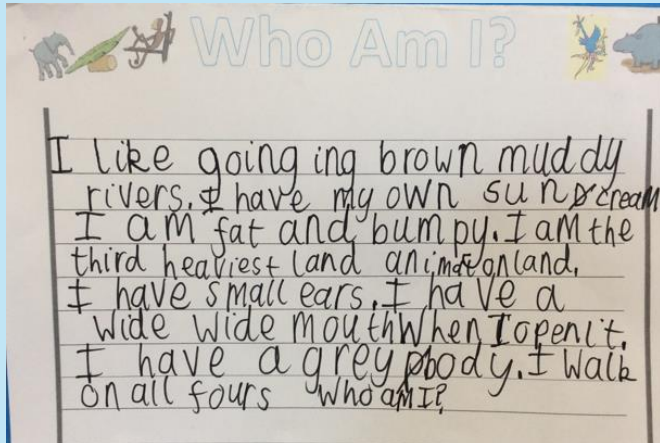
## Values Awards

Congratulations to all the children who this week were given a Values Award. It is hugely encouraging to listen to all the ways in which your children are showing our Values, growing personally and also supporting their classmates. Well done also to those who are quietly serving those around them – your service is making a difference.



## News from Around the School

It has been a very busy week in school as children have settled into their new classes. Our children in Year 5 had a wonderful day learning about Ancient Greece. Classes across the school have been busy engaging in their learning – we have put some photos on class pages on our website so that you can see more of what has been happening in school.





## Reminders

Please make sure your child has a coat in school – we take the children outside on all but the very wettest of days. Wellies or a change of shoes/socks are a good idea when rain is forecast.

We are also using our outdoor classroom and so children need a coat to stay warm when they are learning outside.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October is photograph day. Children will have their photographs taken as individuals, but also with any siblings who are in school.

Please don't forget to fill in the form regarding the flu vaccine. Vaccinating your child protects not only them, but also wider family members who may be elderly or vulnerable. The vaccine takes only seconds to administer in the form of a nasal spray.

## Thank you

If you are the parent/carer of one of our new starters, we are very grateful for your patience as we have battled the IT glitch to get all your details on to our system.

A huge thanks to Liz Hayes who has spent hours in front of her screen inputting data and who was delighted to announce at the end of Friday afternoon that everyone's details are now there!

Some times our emails do go to junk, so if you know someone who should be getting our emails and isn't, please do ask them to check their junk/spam.

## Support our Book Fair

We would love to see you at our Book Fair in the Year 5/6 middle area. Every book you purchase will go towards new books for our school. You can pay by cash or card.

Children will browse the books during the school day. You can buy books after school on Thursday and Friday next week and before school (8:20am) on Monday and Tuesday of the following week.

## Join our team

We have been delighted by the response to our advertisements for an office administrator and a cleaner.

The deadline for applying for either role is noon on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

If you would like to be considered for either role, please do apply via [My New Term](#).

## School lunches

When you have a bit of time over the weekend, please do talk to your children about what they have eaten in school this week. You would be surprised how many children on a roast day tell us they don't like potatoes, and even on fish finger day that they don't like fish fingers!

We encourage children to try new things, but if they have done so and don't like it, we will always try to find something else – it is very hard for children to be repeatedly faced with meals that they don't like/won't eat.

Whilst you cannot change meals that have been ordered for next week, you can go in and change meals that have been ordered for following weeks. It will make all the difference to your children's day!

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flourishing in community**