

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It has been a busy week in school, Forest School, Ancient Egyptians and Book Week, alongside all the usual learning and activities – I really hope you enjoy looking at all the photos later in the Newsletter.

In Collective Worship this week we thought again about the season of Lent. Together we thought about the idea of Lent as a journey, beginning our time sharing what we need to take with us when we go on a journey. Your children had some great ideas about what they need and enjoyed sharing these with one another. In particular, I asked the children to think about what clothes they need for a journey as that then led into our thinking about the 'Armour of God'. Christians talk about the armour of God as being items of clothing that equip them for the day-to-day challenges that they face – a belt of truth and a breastplate of righteousness...

Together we thought about how we should clothe ourselves for our own journeys, reflecting on the Values that we learn about each month and how these can help us face the highs and the lows of each day.

In school this week we have been continuing with our 40 Acts of Kindness. In the staffroom, the dishwasher has never been emptied and re-filled so promptly, staff have been overheard complementing one another and all around the building people have been noisily thankful and appreciative! In my end of week message to staff, I encouraged them to give time this weekend to the people and things that are precious to them. As we journey through life, the time we invest in those things that bring us joy is never wasted and however rough the road, the journey will always be improved if we have alongside us people and things that are special to us.

As adults our lives have many complexities and challenges and sometimes our journey may feel particularly hard work. I would encourage you think about the way in which you clothe yourself for your journey and the things that you use to help you better face the potholes and mountains along the way. I hope that you might conclude, as your children did, that the clothes you wear really can make a big difference.

*'Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his great power... Wear the full armour of God... then you will be able to stand strong.'* Ephesians 6

## Values Awards

This week the children were awarded certificates for a very wide range of things. Theo has shown humility, Ella has been ready to learn, Mabel has shown compassion, Darcey has been diligent, Lucca has shown kindness and Emily has challenged herself.

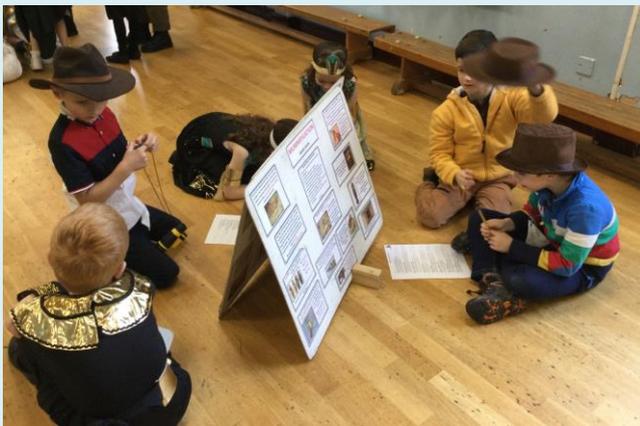
Although only one child from each class can receive an award each week, all around the school children are doing their very best to show our Values – well done to them all.



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## News from Around the School

Our children in Year 3 all came to school dressed as Egyptians this week. The children spent a wonderful day cracking codes, measuring in fingers, acting out the end of a myth, as well as enjoying games and learning lots of history. It was a truly memorable day. At the end of the day Hannah told Mrs Usher-Wilson 'I don't want to go home because I don't want today to end...'



## News from Book Week

Children across the school have taken part in a wide range of activities this week to celebrate books and reading.

John O'Leary who makes pop-up books spoke to children today, as did Martina Lees (Times Journalist) and Trina Collette, a Canadian author. Children worked with an illustrator and drew some great whales, as well as having the opportunity to design a bookmark to encourage reading.



Children had a great time swapping books. Don't forget to spend your World Book Day token on another new book.



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This week we are sharing photos of Year 2's time in the forest.

