

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It was a real joy to welcome the team from St Mary's Cogges back into school this week to introduce Perseverance, our Value for May.

We enjoyed sharing together things at which we have had to persevere; it reminded us that we all face challenges, there are things that we all have to stick at and persevere with. For me, it was another reminder of the benefits of being part of a community, we can support one another with the things that we are finding hard and encourage one another along the way.

As the end of term begins to appear on the horizon, we all need perseverance. This term, with statutory testing for children in Year 2 and Year 6 and a performance for the children in Year 4, can feel like it has been a long one. At this stage of term, when everyone is feeling tired, it is a real act of perseverance to continue to show our Values as we interact with one another and learn together.

This is the time of year when we begin to look ahead and it can feel as if the rest of the academic year is going to pass in a flurry of sport's events, performances and end of year celebrations! For us all however, there is much still to achieve and new learning to master.

As the team from Cogges reminded us on Monday, Perseverance spans years. We watched the video of Derek Redmond as he sustained an injury during the 1992 Olympics. Together we thought about his determination to continue the race despite his injury and the pain that he was in; it didn't matter that he finished so far behind the others, he persevered. We also thought about the journey to becoming an Olympic athlete, it does not happen over days and weeks, but rather over years and years.

For each of us, even those training to become future Olympic athletes, though Perseverance may be something that is needed for years, it is also a day by day decision. Our goal may not be achieved for weeks, months or years, but day-by-day we have to decide to remain committed to the task.

Walking around the school, it is a joy to see your children persevering at their learning – who knows where that perseverance will take them in the months and years ahead!

Parent survey feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed our annual parent/carer survey. As a staff team we really value your feedback and as senior leaders it helps us to refine our development priorities for the next academic year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words, your encouragement and your reflections on the support and education that your children receive in school.

99% of parents say that their child is well looked after in school.

97% of parents say that their child is happy in school.

97% of parents say that their child is safe in school.

93% of parents say that they are able to speak to a member of staff when they wish to do so.

95% of parents feel that any concerns they raise are adequately followed up.

91% of parents feel that the school's central team communicates well with them.

94% of parents believe staff support their child's wellbeing, including their emotional and mental health.

93% of parents say their child is well cared for during ABC.

100% of respondents would recommend The Blake School.

Year 6 tag rugby

On Tuesday of this week, ten of our Year 6 children were involved in a tag rugby tournament against eight other local schools.



Mrs Hurley, who accompanied the children, has told us that it was a pleasure to be with the children and to see their team camaraderie. In all the games the children supported and encouraged one another. Eight matches were played, at the end of which The Blake School team came a really well deserved fourth.

Our thanks to the parents who transported their children to and from the game and were such great supporters.

Well done everyone, you played really well.

Values Awards

After two Bank Holiday weeks, it was wonderful this week to once again celebrate children who have been consistently or exceptionally showing our Values.

This week, we congratulated children who have shown perseverance and effort, including those who have shown great determination to do their best.

We also celebrated the children in Year 6 who showed such perseverance last week when completing their SATs.

Well done to everyone, living by our Values makes our community a very special place to belong.



Fun on the field

On Thursday a group of Year 6 pupils became 'Sports Leaders' to help run a new Frisbee course. They were wonderful in supporting children from all the year groups. It was great to see children showing perseverance in completing the course. There were lots of smiles at lunchtime!



News from Around the School

The children in Year 6 had a fantastic day learning all about the Vikings! They learned about weapons, daily life, food and Viking funerals.



More News from Around the School

The children in Year 1 have this week created some amazing artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Andy is an artist who makes art from natural materials like rock, sticks and leaves. We think their art work is terrific!



This weekend, perhaps you might like to collect some sticks, leaves and other items from all around you and see if you can create some Andy Goldsworthy style pictures?

Loving, learning and flourishing in community