

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week was our last week reflecting on Justice during Collective Worship, so we took the opportunity to look back, as well as to sum up all that we have learned.

I began by reminding the children about how I had deliberately broken Mrs Henderson's mug, but how she had forgiven me. I then told them that Mrs Hayes had accidentally broken my mug and I was absolutely fuming about it. I asked the children what I should do...

Unsurprisingly, given all that we have learned, your children were quick to tell me that I needed to forgive Mrs Hayes – and they were of course right. We cannot expect forgiveness of others if we are not prepared to forgive people when they have hurt us.

We then spent some time thinking about the Japanese art form of Kintsugi, where broken pots are mended with gold so that the resulting item is even more beautiful than before it was broken. Together we thought about how our true friendships are the ones that are strong enough to withstand our mistakes. Justice should be reflected in our relationships, where learning to forgive one another leads to something more beautiful than we can imagine.

We closed our time together by reflecting on three Bible verses, summing up thinking. The first passage, from Psalm 103 reminded us that 'As far as the east is from the west, that's how far God has removed our [mistakes] from us'. The second passage, from Romans chapter 8 encouraged us that 'Nothing can separate us from the love of God.' And the third passage, from Lamentations 3 assured us of God's promise that his 'mercies are new every morning'.

Thinking about Justice has really challenged us, because Justice does not always look how we think it should! Concluding our reflections with the Bible verses was helpful for us, because it reminded us that though we will not always get Justice 'right', God will always act justly, and that he does so with great love for us.

Values Awards

As always, children were given Values Awards in Collective Worship on Monday this week for a whole raft of different reasons. Congratulations to them all.



In Collective Worship on Friday, the Year 6 children who have been demonstrating our Values by helping ensure the hall is tidy at the end of lunch were also celebrated.

PE Kits

We would like to thank you for continuing to work with us to ensure that your children are wearing PE kit on their class PE days.

Children are already benefitting from additional fresh air and exercise as a result of not needing to use time changing for PE.

Children should wear a red school sweatshirt/hoodie/cardigan (with a school logo) on PE days, not any other sweatshirt/hoodie.

Children do not need an additional pair of trainers for their PE days, they can wear the trainers that they already have in school for outdoor play. School shoes can be worn indoors and trainers for outside and for PE.

News from Around the School

The children in our Early Years' classes are currently enjoying a world tour! Each week the children are visiting different countries, finding out about them and tasting different foods. This week the children were thinking about the Polar regions, which included a visit from a rather familiar looking Polar explorer...



More News from Around the School

In Year 4, we have been really enjoying learning about the Rotten Romans! This week, we made our own Roman shields and have been trying out some of the battle formations that the soldiers would have used, such as the 'Tortoise Shell'.



Please drive carefully

We are aware that we often write about staying safe around our school site. We are committed to doing everything we can to keep everyone safe.

This week there was another near miss, witnessed by a member of our school staff, when a car had stopped to let a child cross and another car overtook them at speed. PLEASE drive slowly in front of the site and look out for children crossing the road. Thank-you!

Girls' football



A huge well done to our team of five girls who this week played against a team from Queen Emma's. They won a great match 3-1!

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Please order school meals

After the February half-term, we will be introducing our new menu. Please take time to look at the new menu choices and to select choices on ParentPay. Orders for after the half-term break must be made by midnight on Thursday 15th February.

Loving, learning and flourishing in community