

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

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

Together we read a short passage from Galatians chapter 5 verse 13 –

‘You are called to be free. But do not let freedom be an excuse for making bad choices. Instead, let love help you serve one another.’

Talking together, we realised that it is all too easy to use the freedoms we have for personal gain, to get the things that we want and to have things our own way. However, the Bible teaches that there is a better way to use our freedom.

Reading the Bible passage together we realised that using our freedom to love and serve one another is a better way. That way is a way that helps everyone in our community to flourish.

However, we also recognised that using our freedom to love and serve is not the easy way – it is much easier to please ourselves!

It has been a great joy to see your children serving in school this week. A number of your children have been elected to the school and eco-councils, or to be librarians. Throughout the year, these children will serve their peers and work on their behalf. Other children have taken the opportunity to help keep the hall tidy, and have been sweeping around their table after lunch so that the kitchen staff do not have to do it. I know that other children have served some of our youngest children, making sure they are taken safely from the hall to their classrooms and others have come away from games they were enjoying to sit with children who were hurt or upset.

All these acts of service, whether big or small, are changing our community for the better. Do keep talking to your children about ways in which they can serve around your homes – in Collective Worship it is great to hear them sharing what they have been up to.

## Flu immunisation

78% of parents have completed the form to say whether or not their child can have the immunisation.

If you are one of the 22% of parents that has not yet completed the online form, [please can you do so as soon as possible](#).

Giving permission for your child to have the nasal spray protects not just them, but the wider community. The spray is quickly administered by the nursing team and children are soon back in their classrooms.

If however, you do not want your child to have the immunisation, please also complete the form.

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## Values Awards

As always, it was a joy this week to shake hands with the children who have been chosen by their teachers to receive a Values Award.

This week children were recognised for showing perseverance in their learning, for being courageous when faced with something challenging and for caring for others.

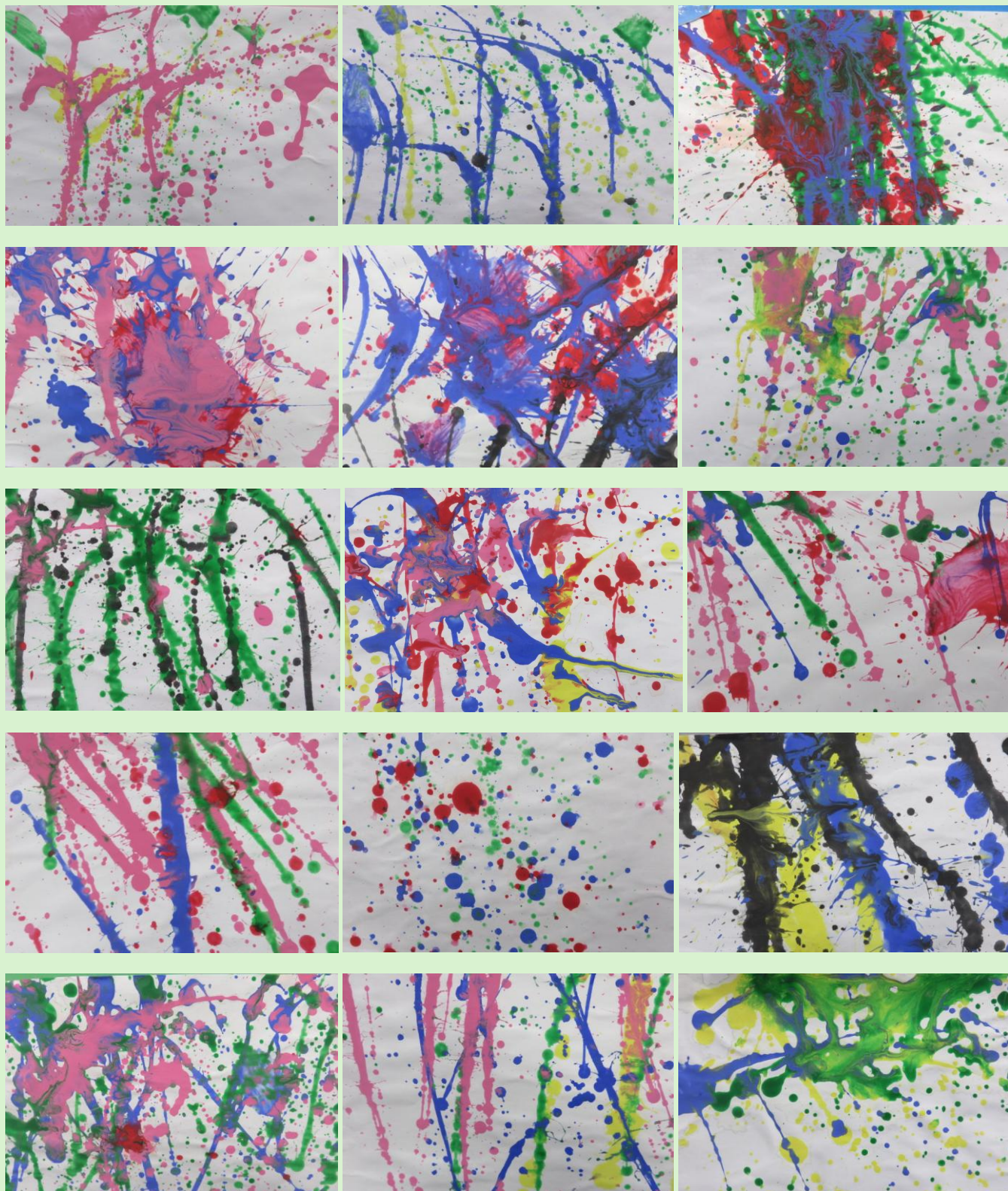
Well done to all of them – you are making our community a safe and happy place.





## News from Around the School

This week, our children in Year 1 have been learning all about Jackson Pollock. They enjoyed looking at his paintings, but they thought they were a bit dull. They had great fun producing their own paintings in the style of Jackson Pollock, but using the colours from 'The Colour Monster' to express how they were feeling. We love the way the children have chosen their colours so honestly to reflect how they were feeling – their art work has really brightened up their middle area.



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