

Newsletter

Once again the Newsletter this week is full of news from across the school and including external sports and music events. I really hope you enjoy looking at what your children have been up to this week. This week has been RE and Arts Week, organised by Mrs Rowlands and Mrs Raven, this week it is therefore...

News from Mrs Rowlands and Mrs Raven

Mrs Rowlands

We have come to the end of a wonderfully creative week focused on RE & Arts. The theme for the week has been 'Jesus the Storyteller'. Each year group was given their own parable (a story Jesus told) to explore in class. The children engaged well with this theme and used a variety of art forms to explore their parable and understand its meaning.

My highlights were: hearing a whole hall full of children singing, watching Year 1 children pretend to be camels as they squeezed through a little gate, listening to a child's modern version of the Good Samaritan and having a whole flock of Reception children enter my classroom.

During Collective Worship on Monday we spent some time thinking about the stories Jesus told and what they teach us about God's Kingdom. For a moment or two we even had our own Queen Miriam sitting on the throne and issuing orders!

In Collective Worship we often say the Lord's Prayer and on Monday we thought especially about the lines –

*'Your Kingdom come, Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven'*

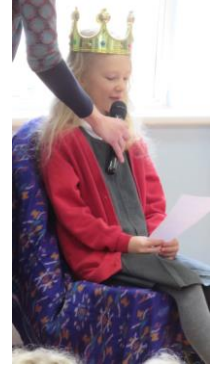
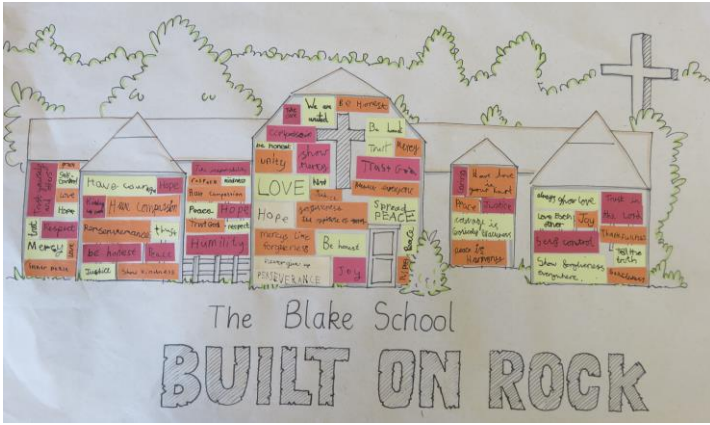
We were all aware that trying to live the Values of God's Kingdom, which we know will help bring a bit of heaven on earth, is hard work! Looking at the stories Jesus told has helped us remember that we have God's help. It was encouraging to all of us to remember that big plants grow from tiny seeds and that you only need a tiny bit of yeast to make a whole loaf rise. Our decisions and actions may only be small but they can make a huge difference to other people. It is an encouragement to us all that by our words and actions we really can help to bring heaven on earth.

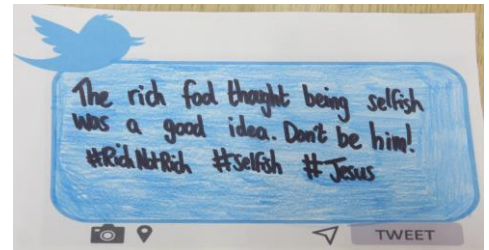
Mrs Raven

It was wonderful to share with the children in Collective Worship on Friday all the learning that has been going on this week. Hearing from children in every year group about the fun they have had was fantastic. Well done to children who shared their learning and taught us all about what Jesus teaches us in the stories that he told.

Children in school will be able to see their work being put up on display in the next couple of weeks and I am looking forward to seeing all the class films when they have been put together and edited – we will be sharing the film with parents on our website before the Easter break.

A big thank you to all the staff for making this week special and well done to the children for all their hard work as they discussed and responded to the stories.





Well done to the choir

A couple of weeks ago we shared with you news of the choir's performance at the Chipping Norton Music Festival. Last weekend the choir was invited back to open the end of Festival concert. The children sang with great enthusiasm and represented the school so well. At the end of their performance the choir were thrilled to learn that they had won the Robin Martin-Oliver Award for the best Junior Choir performance at the Festival. Congratulations to everyone involved.



A special thank you to Mrs Raven who leads our choir. Here are some excerpts from emails we have received from people who watched the choir's performance –

'We were absolutely astounded at how amazing the school choir was... they were all so confident and they sounded superb.'

'I was so impressed by the choir's performance: they are true ambassadors for your school. The tone they produced, the harmonies and part singing were all amazing, and their sheer enjoyment really shone through. Congratulations to all involved.'

Cross country

Sixteen children from Years 4 and 6 took part in the Witney Schools Cross Country on 17th March at Henry Box School.

From the off, the pace in all four events (U9 and U11 Boys and Girls) was electric as strong fields of 60+ fought to get to the front of the race before the course narrowed at the first turn. As the field began to string out, our runners found their groove and - cheered on enthusiastically by those who were not running - put in some great personal best performances. Well done to Kiya Adderley who finished 5th in her event.



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