

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

In Collective Worship this week, your children shared some really insightful thoughts on our new Value of Trust.

Your children talked about the people they trust and why they have chosen to trust them. It was clear that your children have thought carefully about what makes someone trustworthy and how important that is to them.

As adults we recognise how important Trust is in our relationships, but without a doubt your children recognise its importance too.

We had a lot of fun demonstrating trust – do ask your children who caught whom! We also thought about when we may be scared, but it is important to trust.

Our Bible story this week was all about the feeding of the 5000, when Jesus took the small packed lunch of a child and with it fed 5000 people. In the story the disciples (Jesus' followers) had to trust that Jesus was able to take the little that they had and turn it into something that could make a difference to a huge crowd of people. The disciples' rather hesitant trust was rewarded when not only were the 5000 fed, but there were 12 baskets of left-overs too!

Each day I listen to a Bible reading App, which one day this week reinforced that same message, but on a personal level, with this closing prayer –

'God you are familiar with all of my faults, my foibles and my failures. Here I am Lord, in all my brokenness and humanity, I give myself to you, and I ask that, in your grace and mercy I might somehow be useful.'

There are days when each of us is all too aware of our own weaknesses and failings, learning to trust what we have to Jesus is an important lesson, I believe in his hands, as with the packed lunch, what we have to offer can be used to be useful to our friends, our family and our community.

I am looking forward to exploring more about Trust in the weeks to come. Next week however, as part of Collective Worship, we will be thinking about Children in Need and launching our week of Bearpee challenge. You can find out more – <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/secondary/pudsey-bearpee-challenge/> It promises to be a lot of fun, as well as helping us think about children whose daily lives are challenging. Next week we will be sharing details of how you can donate to Children In Need.

Values Awards

This week we enjoyed recognising children who have demonstrated one (or perhaps many) of our Values over the past week.

It is always a particular pleasure to award a certificate to a child who we know has been working hard on something. It is a reminder to all of us that living by the Values is hard work and none of us have got it right all the time – we are learning together.



We will remember them.

Our children in Year 4 welcomed members of our community into school to help them with some sewing and poppy making. It was a joy to work together and to enjoy time to talk together about remembering. We think both their art work and their sewing is really effective. Thank you to everyone who came in to support Year 4.



Well done to all our Cross Country runners and our footballers

Despite often less than ideal weather conditions, children taking part in cross-country and football this week competed with great courage and energy. A particular well done to Anais who came 3rd in her cross country event, but congratulations to everyone who took part, who encouraged their teammates and who had lots of fun along the way!



Thank-you to all the staff and adult helpers who have walked, driven, trained and cheered on our children at these events – we couldn't do it without you!

We look forward to hearing how our hockey players get on next week.



Shoe boxes – giving hope this Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who either filled a shoe box, or who donated items so that shoeboxes can be made up. Your generosity has been truly humbling. By the end of today, which was the deadline for collection, the school had filled 155 shoe boxes. Each box represents a life that will be touched this Christmas, a child who will experience love and understand that others care enough to reach out and give to them. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.



Christmas dates for your diary

We have now finalised Christmas dates –

Friday 1st – Pantomime in School, more details to follow.

Tuesday 12th - Early Years performance – 5:30pm.

Wednesday 13th – Year 1 and Year 2 performance (evening)

Thursday 14th – Year 1 and Year 2 performance (afternoon)

Friday 15th - Christmas lunch day, more details to follow.

Monday 18th – Years 4 and 6 carol service (afternoon)

Tuesday 19th – Years 3 and 5 carol service (afternoon)

More details will be released in the next week or two, but we hope this helps you to plan ahead.

Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all children should wear school uniform to school, including a red sweatshirt/cardigan with our school logo. If you are experiencing any difficulties with our uniform, please do contact the office as it is often possible for the school to support you with un-named lost property.

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