

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship I welcomed everyone back to school after the Easter break and introduced our new Value for this month, of Wisdom.

We looked at the dictionary definition of Wisdom, but I loved the explanation given by one of our children, who said that Wisdom is 'doing the right thing at the right time'.

We enjoyed playing a game together, do ask your children what was in the box and why we played the game!

We realised that in order to have Wisdom, we have to think carefully and often lift our attention from what is immediately obvious.

The Bible is seen as a source of Wisdom and Christians also believe that Wisdom comes from God, we therefore read two short Bible verses reminding us to look to God for Wisdom and to remember what we know from the Bible.

One of my favourite thoughts about Wisdom is the difference between Wisdom and Knowledge. Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit, but Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad! And that thought took me right back to the child's comment that Wisdom is doing the right thing at the right time. Wisdom is not just what you know, or having information to hand, it is the application of that knowledge and using it alongside our other Values.

As parents there is a great need for Wisdom and it is our privilege as a staff team to accompany you as you navigate times of both challenge and joy. This week it has been lovely to welcome many of you into school for Parents' evenings and we look forward to welcoming more of you next week. Wisdom is often something we come to together, so please do reach out to members of the team if you think we can be of any help.

We closed our time together by singing 'My Lighthouse', a song we all enjoy.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Rev Matt Beer to lead our Collective Worship and to learning from him.

Values Awards

Prior to the Easter break, Values Awards were given to children who have been showing our Values in exceptional ways. We are particularly proud of the children who week by week show our Values quietly and consistently.



Attendance

You are now able to look at your child's attendance on MCAS (My Child at School).

Children arriving after 9:20 receive a 'U', which is an unauthorised mark, this is because the registers close at 9:20am. Children arriving between 8:50am and 9:20am will receive an 'L', which is a late mark.

The first half an hour of the school day is really key, as teachers use this time to practice and reinforce key building blocks of learning. Please make every effort to ensure that your children are in school on time.

We are keen to support families who are experiencing challenges in getting their children to school, do please email the school office if you think we can be of any help

News from Around the School

The children in Year 3 have had a very interesting time looking at fossils this week, they have learned a lot about different types of fossils and how they are formed.



Communication

We will soon change from using e-schools to using My Child at School (MCAS) for all our emails from school.

It appears that a significant number of dads have not yet signed up for MCAS! Whether you are a mum or a dad, please do make sure you have signed up so that you don't miss out on any communication from the school.

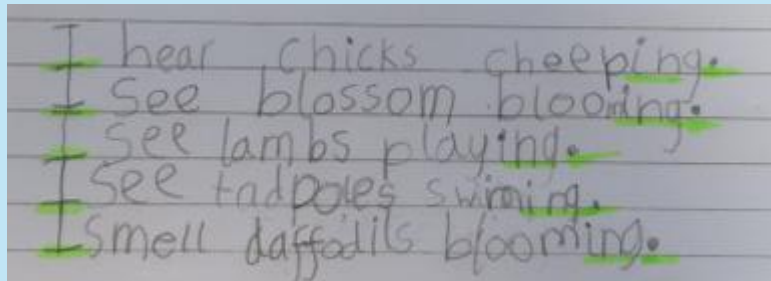
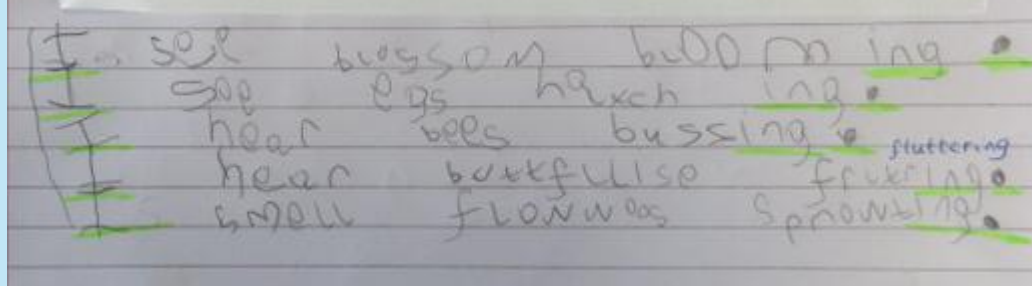
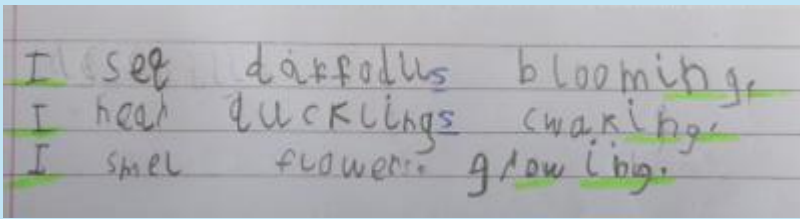
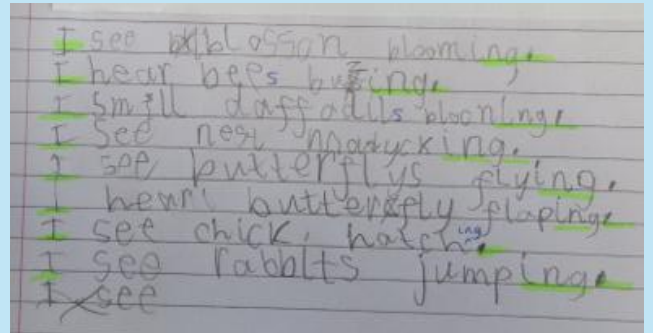
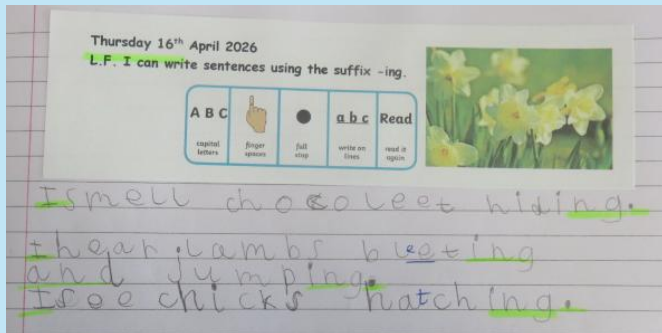
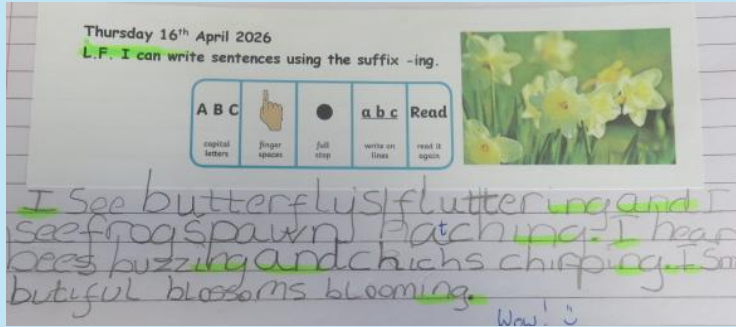
Healthy Eating

A quick reminder that snacks that children bring into school must be healthy – no crisps, chocolate or sweet treats.

We would also be delighted if snacks didn't come in packages as these get blown around the playground. Please make sure snack pots are labelled and contain healthy savoury snacks or fruit. No nuts please.

More News from Around the School

Our children in Year 1 have been really enjoying the wonderful Spring sunshine. Following their Spring walk, the children have produced some amazing writing. It has made us all long for longer and warmer Spring days!



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