

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week began with everyone turning up to school in odd socks!

The odd socks were a wonderful, visual reminder that we are all different; each one of us brings something unique to our school community.

The theme of 'Anti-bullying week' this year was 'One Kind Word'. In Collective Worship on Monday we thought about the power of words and the impact that just one kind word can have on those around us. I challenged the children and staff to this week start a sentence to those around them with "What I like about you is...."

In school, as in many workplaces, our conversations with one another can easily focus solely on the practicalities, the passing on of essential information. This week, as a community, we have been trying hard to make sure that at least some of our conversations focus on what each of us is and brings to our school. The impact of one kind word should not be underestimated.

We are ending the week with everyone dressed in spots!

Children in Need is a reminder to us all of those children who are less fortunate than our own, those whose lives have an increased level of challenge.

Your children have looked great wearing funny ears and bright clothing, but as with the odd socks, there is an important point to remember. Our one kind word, or one kind action, can be transformational for someone facing a difficult day. It is my prayer that the £371.99 that we have together raised today, will be that go towards making a positive impact on the lives of children facing dark and difficult days.

This weekend I would like to encourage you, as I have the staff team to say to at least one person who they come into contact with, 'What I like about you is.....' It is such an encouragement to hear someone saying something positive about us, it really can make more of a difference that we would ever guess.



## News from the School Council



Today was the inaugural meeting of the newly elected School Council. Mrs Patchett told us that they brought lots of ideas with them from their classes, which meant that it was a very busy first meeting!

Amongst the ideas that they would like to discuss further were hot dinners, playtimes (including equipment to play with), lunchtime clubs, school discos and fund-raising opportunities.

Mrs Patchett looks forward to meeting with the School Council again to take some of their ideas forward.

## Values Awards

Each week in Collective Worship we give out Values' Awards to children who have demonstrated our School Values either consistently, or in a remarkable way. Very often as Mr Grundy gives out the certificates he reminds children that although only one child from each class gets a certificate each week, he knows that lots of children are quietly getting on with living the school's values in their work, their relationships and in the decisions that they make.

As a whole community we are seeking to show our values in all that we do. We can only recognise a few children each week, but the impact of everyone showing the values day-by-day makes a huge difference to us all.

If your child has not had a certificate yet, please do let them know that we do see their hard work and the way they show our values. At the moment Mr Grundy is showing lots of prospective parents for the Reception classes next year around the school and he is repeatedly struck by the way that children from one end of the school to the other display the school's values.

Well done everyone!



## News from Around the School

It has been a very exciting week in Year 2 as they got to experience 'The Great Fire of London', though in a rather more controlled fashion than in 1666!

The Year 2 children have worked hard designing and creating their Tudor houses based around the Great Fire of London, which is their topic for this term. The children thought carefully about using their senses to help them with their writing about what they could hear, smell, see and feel. All the children were so excited and loved watching the fire spread.

The artwork that the children have produced really reflects the fire burning.



