

# Newsletter

## News from Mrs Patchett

This week in Collective Worship we listened to a reading from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 25.

Jesus said, 'I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Together we discussed how we should treat everyone as our neighbour, and also that how we would like to be treated should inform how we treat others.

We continued to think about our value of Compassion and how we as a school have shown Compassion to others – noticing the suffering of others and doing something about it!

We have supported the Witney Food Bank with food and with money, donated to Besom who support local families in need, we have sent shoe boxes to children in other countries, we have raised money to twin three toilets and we continue to support Stepping Stones School in Nigeria.

We watched a very informative video produced by Water Aid about the positive impact of twinning toilets and shared how Stepping Stones School was built and is supported by donations from The Blake School.

The children were encouraged to think about ways that they can show compassion, both to people in their local community, but also to those further away. For Christians, showing Compassion to their neighbour is like showing Compassion to Jesus himself.

## Congratulations

Fourteen of our Year 6 children took part in an indoor athletics tournament with nine other Partnership schools.

The children all participated with enthusiasm and sportsmanship, as well as encouraging one another in the different disciplines.

Well done to all the children who took part.



Next week is the start of the Partnership boys' football tournament – good luck to our children taking part.

## News from Around the School

The children in Year 2 are learning about all things Antarctica. This week they have been making collages of penguins.



## Values Awards

Congratulations to the children across the school who this week were given a Values Award. Keep it up children!





### Non-uniform day

On the last day of this term, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025, children do not need to wear their school uniform into school. For a small donation to The Friends, children can wear whatever they like to school on that day.

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