

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship, we read together a passage from Isaiah chapter 40, which is very apt for the end of term –

‘Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary.’

As we read the passage, we remembered again that Patience is all about waiting and sometimes that waiting is exhausting!

The Bible passage we read helped us all to think about how we are sustained in the waiting. For Christians, they believe they are refreshed as they wait on God, that he can strengthen and renew them. But each of us will have our own strategies that support us in the waiting, that will enable us to remain patient.

As we did a couple of weeks ago, we reflected on how slowly nature moves and how long we have to wait for the changing of the seasons, or to see flowers grow. The beans that our children in Year 1 have been growing (see later in the newsletter) have not, despite the fairy story, grown over night!

As your children’s teachers we know that although there are moments of sudden enlightenment, when a concept that has previously eluded your child suddenly falls into place, most learning is a matter of Patience. Children and adults alike can grow weary as learning is hard work. At this time of year however, we begin to see the reward of the Patience and waiting. One of the greatest joys of my role is to look at work that children bring down to my office. Not only do I enjoy looking at the specific piece of work of which they are proud, but I also look back with the children, to the work at the start of their books. The look back shows that although day-by-day it may feel as if they are not moving forward, they have in fact come a long way.

And so, whether you are young, or old(er!), if you are feeling tired and weary, I would encourage you to take heart and be Patient. My experience is that God can renew and restore you, but this half term I would encourage you to give time to the things that will enable you to soar on wings like the eagles do!

Values Award

Congratulations to all the children who received a Values Award this week, you have all worked very hard.



Lost Property

Do you recognise any of these un-named coats?
Please claim them immediately after the half-term break, or they will be given away to charity.



News from Around the School

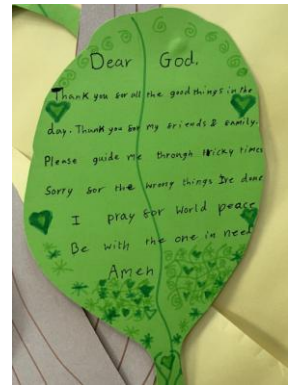
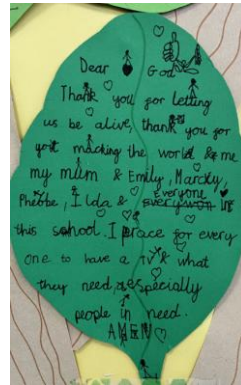
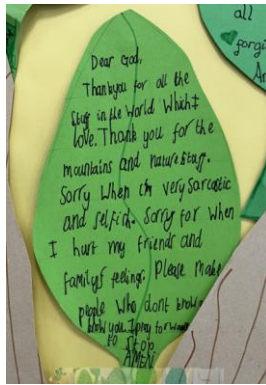
This past week it has been wonderful to welcome family and friends of our children in Year 5 to watch their Rainforest Extravaganza. As you can see from the photos, the children performed with great confidence and joy and delivered a very clear message. In the classroom, the children have been following up their performance by writing to our MP expressing their concerns about deforestation and the risks to our rainforests. The collection raised £84.81 for the Rainforest Trust.





More News from Around the School

As part of their work in RE, the children in Year 3 have been creating a prayer tree. We loved the honesty of their prayers and their self-awareness! The children had really grasped Phoebe's explanation that 'Prayer is just a conversation with God.'



News from Out and About



On Monday, Mrs Raven took 30 members of the choir to the Big Summer Sing at The Centre for Music in Oxford.

The children sang with great enthusiasm and enjoyed sharing one of their songs in Collective Worship on Friday.

Well done choir and thank you to Mrs Raven for taking you.

Even More News from Around the School

The children in Year 1 have been thinking about the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have been growing their own beanstalk and also produced some great writing, which they read very clearly during Collective Worship on Friday.



Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a boy called Jack and his mum. They needed to take the cow to the market and sell her said Jack's mother. On the way to market Jack met a little man. He offered wrinkly beans to Jack. When Jack got home his mum was furious. She threw the beans out of the window. The next morning Jack woke up the beanstalk had grown. Jack climbed up to the top. He met the giantess. Suddenly they hid, the giant came and the giantess put Jack in the pot. Fee fi fo fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman be he alive or be he dead. I'll grind his bones to make my bread. Jack stole the golden hen and climbed down the beanstalk. The giant was hot on his heels. Jack cut down the beanstalk. They got rich and lived happily ever after.

By Charlie

Stamp Stamp Stamp! The giant was coming! The giantess put Jack in a pot. Fee fi fo fum! The giant looked everywhere, but he couldn't find Jack. The giant called for his hen, then he went to sleep.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a boy called Jack and his mum. They were poor. His mum said we need to sell the cow. Their house was a little brown wooden cottage and they were both sad. They also had no food. They were starving. They had to sell Daisy.

On the way to the market Jack met a little man. The man said if you give me your cow I will give you these dried beans. Jack said I need money not beans. The man said but these beans are magic.

Jack skipped home. When he got home mum was furious. She said what have you done? She threw the beans out of the window. She said go up to bed.

When it was sunrise the next day it was gloomy. He opened his window to see it was a giant beanstalk. When he saw it he just clambered up. They a giantess picked him up and said you can stay but you must go when my husband comes back.

When he was eating happily he heard footsteps. She stuffed him in the pot. The giantess in the kitchen. Fee Fi Fo Fum! I smell the blood of an English man. Be he alive or be he dead. I'll grind his bones to make my bread. Where is he where where? He was hiding in the pot still.

Jack looked at the hen. Jack decided to steal the golden hen. The giant woke up. Jack fled for the door. He was hot on his heels. Jack slides on the beanstalk. Jack shouted get the axes. They chopped the beanstalk down. They had a brand new house with a pond. They were rich and they lived happily ever after.

By Winnie

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th May 2026

L.P. I can write sentences to tell the beginning of Jack and the Beanstalk

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once upon a time there lived a boy called Jack. He was poor. His mum was very sad. We will starve if we don't sell the cow. On the way to the market Jack met a little man. He said I will give you magic beans if you give me your cow. I don't need beans I need money. When Jack got home his mum was in a big trouble. His mum was very cross. She said Jack we don't need beans we need money. She said the man the man Jack felt so happy.

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