

# Newsletter

## News from the Senior Team

This week we started to think about our new Value of Mercy. In Collective Worship we read together the story of the unmerciful servant.

In the story, one man is forgiven a huge financial debt but immediately demands money from someone who owes him a tiny amount. Despite having been shown a huge amount of mercy, the man refuses to show just a small amount of mercy to another.

The story was a catalyst for our discussion, thinking about what it means to show mercy. The children were, as always, quick to identify how the story related to their own lives, where they can show mercy and where they have been shown mercy.

We also thought about the other Values that are shown in the story, which helped us to see how all our Values link together so closely.

Later in the week, as we watched the story of Joseph, we were all reminded again of how powerful Mercy can be, and how it is so intertwined with Love and Forgiveness. Joseph shows great Mercy to his brothers, who had been so cruel to him.

But Joseph's Mercy was not simple and nor did it come cheaply, and we were reminded that it may be like that for us too. Showing Mercy can be very costly, to be un-merciful is so much easier and perhaps comes much more naturally and easily to us. However, showing Mercy also comes with great power for change.

In the story that we read in Collective Worship, the people who were shown Mercy experienced great freedom, in their case it was from a financial debt, but the children understood that being shown Mercy, rather than being treated as we deserve, can also be transformative for each of us.

Joseph's capacity to show Mercy brought a family back together, ultimately it saved them from starvation and probably death. And Christians believe that Joseph's act of mercy was the next step in God's great plan to reconcile the world to himself. Our acts of mercy may not be as big, or as life changing as Joseph's, but they will undoubtedly change the experiences of our family, friends and colleagues in ways that we can scarcely imagine.

## Values Awards

This week, we enjoyed celebrating children who have come back to school after the half-term break not only ready to learn, but showing our Values. Well done to them all.



## News from Around the School

The parents and wider family of children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a real treat this week when the story of Joseph was performed to them. The work that the children had put in to rehearsing was clear to see as they confidently spoke their lines, acted and danced. It was a wonderful show!



## World Book Day

The children spent a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday. There were some amazing costumes in school and children enjoyed looking at books in school.



If you haven't yet had a chance to drop into our Book Fair, your last chance is before school on Monday morning. Every book purchased helps us with books for our school. You can pay by cash or card. The sale is taking place in the Year 6 middle area.

## News from Out and About – Boccia

A small group of Year 6 children spent a morning at Henry Box School playing in a Boccia tournament. It was a lot of fun! The children came second in their group; they represented the school brilliantly. The children showed wonderful sportsmanship and perseverance, they showed kindness to other teams and some real skill and focus. Miss Main really enjoyed taking them.



**Beezee FAMILIES**

### Show your heart some love this February

It's National Heart Health Month and we're here to help you and your family take gentle, everyday steps to look after your hearts together. Little changes to what you eat and how you move as a family can make a big difference. Here's some simple, fun tips to help everyone get involved.

**Activity 1: Move a little together, every day**  
Whether it's a mini dance off in the kitchen or a short family walk, small bursts of movement will keep everyone's hearts happy.

**Activity 2: Fill your plates with colourful foods**  
Boost meals with colourful fruit, veggies and wholegrains to grab kids attention.

**Activity 3: Get kids involved in the kitchen**  
Let them wash veggies, pick toppings or help stir. It makes healthy eating fun and helps them learn habits that stick.

Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Your heart works hard for you, so let's show it some love as a team!

**Want more healthy lifestyle support?**  
Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.\*

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\*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

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