

# Loving, learning and flourishing in community

## Message from Mr Edwards-Grundy

I had a lot of fun this week filming Collective Worship with some of the Year 6 children. The challenge was for one of them to blow the whistle using nothing but their lips and the air in their lungs. At first, when the whistle was at head height, it was an easy task for Ella, but when the whistle was tied to the top of the netball post it was suddenly much harder! With the help and co-operation of her friends however Ella successfully blew the whistle.

The ongoing challenge in relation to the Coronavirus pandemic continues to be one that we can only face together, it requires the co-operation of us all. Across the partnership some schools are already asking parents to wear masks at drop off and pick up times. Whilst this currently remains a matter of personal choice it does help remind all of us of the need to remain socially distant, whether on or off the school site. To support us in staying open to all children, please make sure that you do not congregate in groups of more than six and move away from the school exits as quickly as possible.

Thank-you to all of you who have already completed the very short online form regarding parent's evenings. If you have not yet done so, please do [complete the form](#) over the weekend so that teachers can begin to make appointments for those families who would like to see them prior to the half-term break.

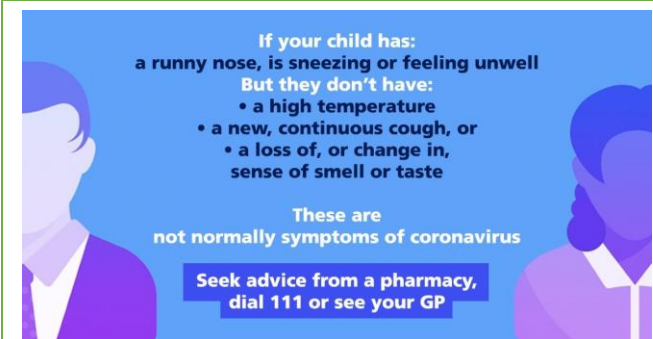
## News from around the school

This week Year 5 had a Greek day. The staff team wanted to express their thanks to everyone who contributed to the great costumes that the children wore during the day, they really helped children enter into the spirit of the day. We enjoyed seeing the staff in their costumes too!



Mrs Doland said that the day was full of fun, excitement and learning and that the activities during the day gave the children a great opportunity to demonstrate their fantastic acting skills. Year 5 seems to have some budding actors and actresses in their midst!





## Staying active!

OSTMA are still delivering Martial Arts in a Covid safe environment, getting children fighting fit and confident for the challenges that will face them in life. Children are welcome to try the fun and friendly atmosphere completely free for a month. For more information and bookings, please contact Claire on 07540 316 188 or [cmmartialarts@live.co.uk](mailto:cmmartialarts@live.co.uk)

Despite there being a very autumnal feel to the weather this week, children are enjoying playing and doing PE outside. Year 6 were making the most of the sunshine for their PE lesson this afternoon.



## Inspiring confidence course

We are sorry to tell you that this online course is already fully booked. We will be running the event again in the future, please contact [Judith Ledden](#) if you would like to go on the waiting list.

## Thoughts from the Chair of Governors

At the top of this newsletter it says “loving, learning and flourishing in community”. A little over a year ago those six words (four, really) were distilled down from hundreds of comments made by the children, yourselves, the staff, governors and others, including the church. During the last six months we, as a governing body, believe the school has absolutely stood by those words.

We saw many children return to school in June in protective bubbles and, whilst obviously some changes have been made, the school is open, children are learning and, we all hope, flourishing. That wouldn't have been possible without the love and support that you, the parents and carers, give to your children and for your commitment to The Blake School.

Thank you: together we can make this a safe community for all the children during this time that is unlike anything any of us have ever lived through.

As we look to the future, the governors will continue to act as a critical friend to the school as well as monitoring policies and procedures and being responsible for staff wellbeing at this challenging time.

Phil Fowler

## Blake gets moving total

Thank you to all the families who took part in the summer challenge this year 'Blake gets moving'. The children completed a total of 2750km, which is an amazing achievement!

It was great to see all the photos of everyone getting outside and enjoying themselves.

