

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week we began to explore our new Value for the month of Love.

It was wonderful to hear your children talking about love and all the different types of love that they experience, from their friends and their families.

As it is the start of the Christian season of Lent, we began by thinking about journeys – after the holiday I wondered how many types of transport the children could think of. I had guessed perhaps eight or ten, but the children had loads more ideas! You could see how many different types of transport your children can remember – can you think of any others?

I also talked to the children about the signs of spring that are now appearing. Over the half-term I had really enjoyed seeing snowdrops and crocuses, I also love seeing the daffodils that line Cogges Hill Road and that make me smile every day as I arrive at school.



Our Bible reading this week was a very well-known verse from the Gospel of John –

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son’

The season of Lent is an opportunity for us all to reflect on that verse. In Collective Worship we thought together about how God’s love is different to the love that others show us, the Bible’s word for it in Greek is ‘Agape’.

As the weeks of Lent pass, we will be looking at how this agape love was shown in the life of Jesus, thinking especially about the Easter story.

This week though, when it hasn’t been raining, we have enjoyed the spring flowers and we have been thinking about how the love that God shows us inspires us to love each other and to think of others more than we think of ourselves.

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Well done

Well done to the twelve Year 6 children who this week represented The Blake School at the Witney School’s Partnership Indoor Athletics event that took place at Henry Box School.

The children took part in a number of different events, giving them a chance to display a wide range of athletic skills.

The children worked really hard and celebrated each other’s successes. At the end of the competition our children had come second overall – congratulations to them all!

Eighteen children will now go on to the next round.



Great to see Miss Main trying out her athletic skills too!



News from Around the School

The children in Year 3 have been making Egyptian Pyramids – we think they have produced some amazing models! The models are part of their Egyptian topic. The children are looking forward to their Egyptian Day, when they will enjoy dressing up and learning more about Ancient Egypt.



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The children in Year 1 were very excited this morning to finally track down Pirate Pete!

Last term the children received a message in a bottle from Pirate Pete asking the children to find out all about pirates. Pirate Pete had sent the children a treasure chest and a map but then he had disappeared...

Having put up Wanted Posters all around the school, Pirate Pete was finally free of his mercenary work to come and visit the children!



A great time was had by all, the children found out all about Pirate Pete. Before he left, the children played him some great pirate music.

Our new school lunch menu and healthy snacks

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the new school menu and on the whole the children have been delighted with their choices. Please do however make sure that your child was not one of the children who wished they had chosen something different... You can make changes on ParentPay even after you have booked the meals, as long as you make them before midnight on the Thursday prior to the week the meal is being taken.

We would also like to remind you that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child in with nuts (or nut products) in their lunch boxes, or their snacks as this could pose a very real risk to the health of some children.

Snacks should be healthy – no crisps, sweet biscuits or chocolate please. Fruit (fresh or dried), vegetables, crackers, breadsticks or cheese are all great options. If your child is always particularly hungry, you can always send them in with an additional sandwich.

Measles

We have been asked to alert parents to the increase in the cases of measles in the UK. Many children who catch measles will only have a fever and a rash but for some children the infection can cause serious medical problems including pneumonia, meningitis and fits.

Fortunately there is a safe and effective vaccine, which is included in the routine course of childhood vaccinations that are offered before children start school. Getting both doses of the MMR vaccine provides 99% protection against measles.

If for any reason your child missed either dose of the MMR vaccine, it is not too late for them to have it. Catch-up vaccinations are available at your GP practice. Unvaccinated children who are identified as close contacts of confirmed measles cases may have to isolate for up to 3 weeks to avoid passing the infection to other members of the school community.

Loving, learning and flourishing in community