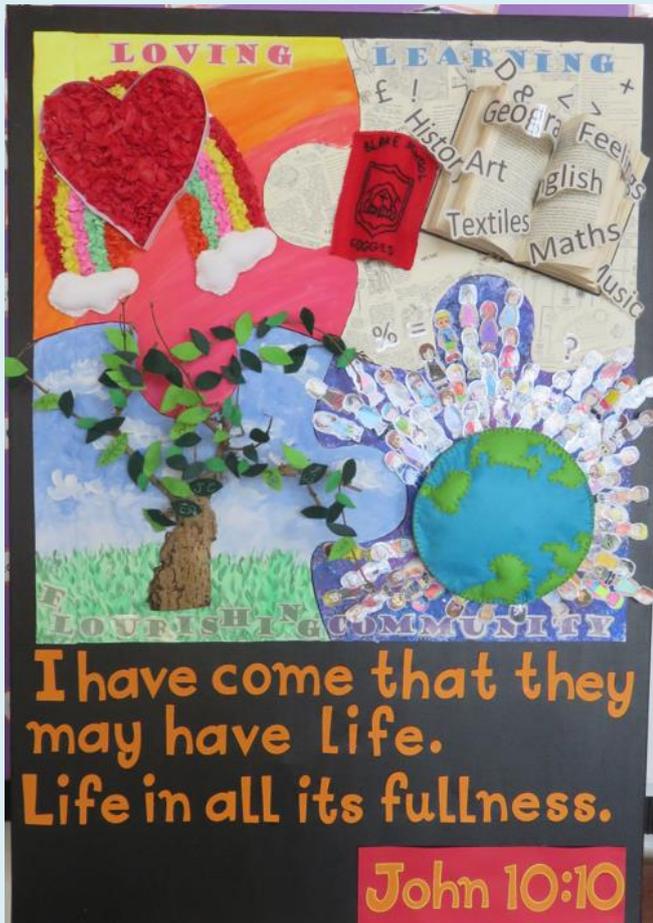


Newsletter

Year 5



Year 6



'For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom' 1 Corinthians 1 v 25

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about the Easter narrative and what the Easter story means for Christians. This morning we were wondering together why 'Good Friday' is called 'good' when such a bad thing happened.

Jesus' death on the cross appeared to be the ultimate bad news, it was not what his disciples wanted or expected. However, the Easter story did not end on Good Friday, just three days later came Easter Sunday and the world changed. Suddenly the thing that had been such bad news, became good news.

As we celebrate Easter, including eating the odd chocolate egg or two, we remember that the cross looked foolish and sad, but actually it led to the best news ever. Jesus' death means that we have a way to be friends with God and that surely is the most wonderful news.

Often, living out our Values can feel like foolishness. Forgiving someone who has hurt us, being kind to those who are not always kind back, being patient when someone has annoyed us, loving the unlovely... But, the Christian message is about living a radically different life, it is about recognising that God's ways and living out his Values leads to a better life.

I am delighted to be able to share with you the work of Years 1, 4, 5 and 6 who have finished their artwork illustrating our strapline. Their incredible artwork, now on display in middle areas, is a reminder that if we all live out our Values, everyone in our community will flourish.

As I hope you will have seen through the Newsletters week by week, your children have worked so hard over the past term, they have earned a real rest. I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and enjoy family time together.

Sporting events

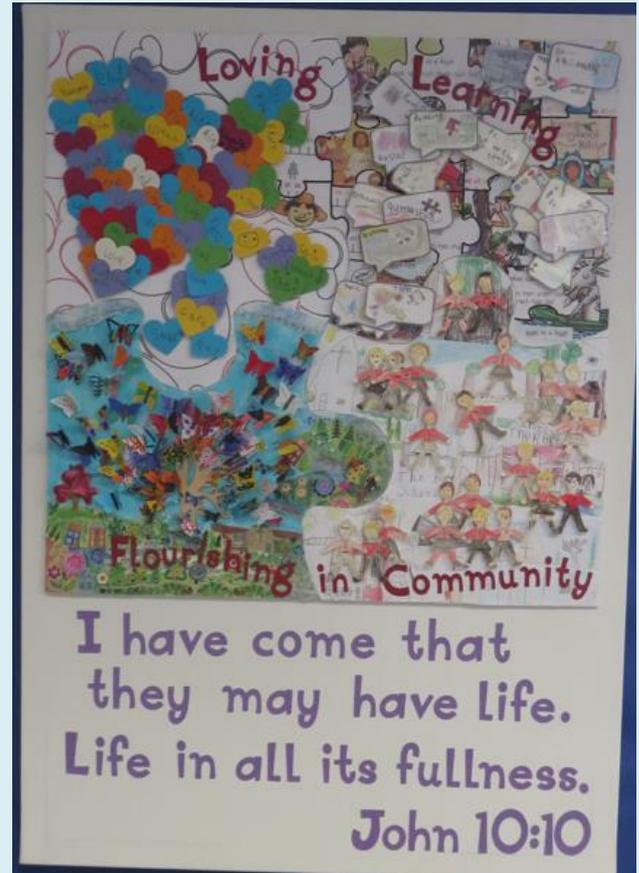
Last Friday, we hosted the play-offs of the first ever Witney Boccia League. Our semi-final against The Batt School was closely fought with The Batt finally edging ahead with the last ball of the last set! We played Queen Emma's in our play-off match for 3rd and 4th. Queen Emma's had beaten us in the group stages but we emerged comfortable winners to secure 3rd place overall. It has been a pleasure to watch our Boccia players grow over the last term. They began as complete novices and have thrown themselves into the game, building their confidence and skills along the way.

On Wednesday, we played in the Witney Tag Rugby Tournament. We took a mixed team of regular club rugby players and raw novices and they played out of their skins. We drew our first match against a strong Ducklington side and followed this in the group matches with gutsy wins against The Batt and West Witney and a narrow defeat to Aston and Cote. This put us second in our group behind Ducklington. We edged our semi-final against Our Lady of Lourdes with a sudden death try after the match ended even at full time. In the final, we met Ducklington again. The team played their best rugby but lost by one try. A great team effort!

Finally, on Thursday we rounded off our football season with a friendly against Aston and Cote. There has been a lot of interest in football at The Blake and this was an opportunity for those who did not get a chance to represent the school in the Football League to do so. The match was end-to-end and there were goals galore. We fell behind early on, but found our rhythm and were looking at a well-earned draw when Aston scored a well worked goal in the dying seconds. The final score was 6-7. Thank you to Mr Morris for refereeing!

Well done to everyone who has represented The Blake School this past term – you have played with energy and enthusiasm and been both generous in defeat and encouraging in victory.

Year 1



Year 4



News from Around the School

This week there is lots to share from around the school. During the week our Year 3 children performed Adventures in Neverland to their friends, parents and grandparents. The children grew in confidence with every performance and demonstrated how hard they have been rehearsing.



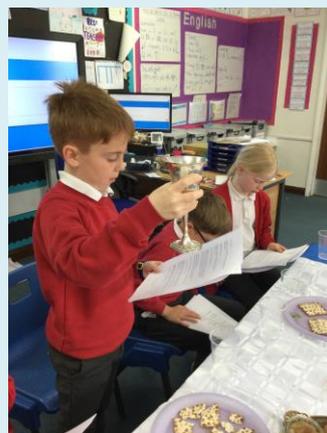
What lovely daffodils

This week our Year 1 children went on a beautiful spring walk. When they came back to school they painted daffodils. Their paintings show how carefully they looked at the daffodils – great work children!



Celebrating the Passover

In their RE this week Mrs Raven led the Year 4 children through the Passover meal, celebrated by Jews. The Passover is one of the central celebrations of the Jewish faith, reminding Jews of when God led them out of slavery in Egypt.



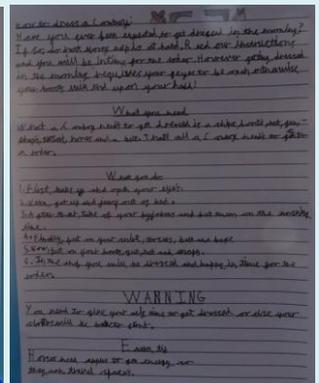
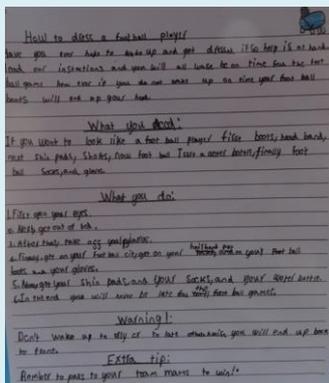
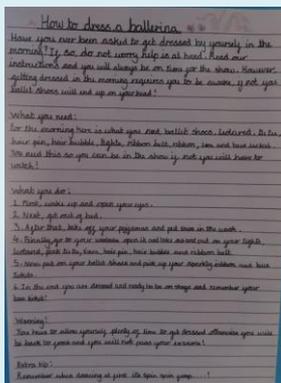
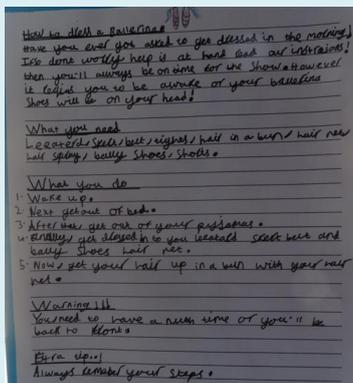
Amazing Artwork from Year 5

We love these collages that the children in Year 5 have produced as part of their work on Varjak Paw. They make a really striking display in the Year 5 middle area.



Wonderful writing from Year 4

Mrs Lynch and Mrs Rump told us how hard their children have been working on their writing. They have produced some well thought out and beautifully produced pieces of writing – well done Year 4.



Congratulations Mrs Lynch

This week we were able to share with children and parents the fantastic news that Mrs Lynch is expecting her second child.

Mrs Lynch's baby is due in September and so we are expecting that she will remain teaching through to the end of the summer term.

Job opportunity

We are looking for a Finance Officer to join our team from September 2022.

If you know anyone who might be interested in the role, please signpost them to [our website](#).

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