

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship, we continued to think about our Value of Service.

We had lots of fun, playing a mad game with a builder's tape measure and Maltesers – do ask your children for a demonstration! The point of the game was to illustrate Service and to lead us into our discussion about what Service means for each of us and for us as a community.

Our Bible reading was taken from Matthew chapter 25.

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. The King will say, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."'

This passage led us on to thinking about why it is not enough to simply think good things, or even say helpful things, we need to act. The Bible puts it well in James chapter 2 –

"If one of you says, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed', but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Our actions should reflect what we are thinking; our thoughts should lead us into action. This was beautifully demonstrated by the cake sale after school on Wednesday. A child in Year 3 thought about the people suffering in Libya and Morocco, but he didn't simply leave the thought where it was, he turned it into action. He spoke to his class teacher and then to me and his thought led to others baking and still more of you buying and £180.76 being raised for the Red Cross Emergency Fund. That money will go towards food, clothing, shelter and emergency relief. Thank you to everyone that helped turn thought into action.

As I walk around the school, I am often humbled by the way in which members of our community serve one another. Your children go out of their way to serve their peers. As so often, your children are an example to us as adults; we all too often have very good reasons why we don't translate our thoughts into actions, whereas your children see a need and reach out to meet it.

For me this week, the challenge is those words from James, asking myself afresh whether my faith can be seen in my actions, or whether I need to better follow the example of your children.

Values Awards

A big well done to the children who this week were awarded a Values Certificate.

Certificates this week were given for showing courage, perseverance, caring for others, showing kindness and for settling well into a new school.

Well done to children across the school living out our Values.



Staff news

I am delighted to share with you that during August Mrs Nicola Powell gave birth to her second son, Ezra. As you will see from the photos, Ezra is a very happy and healthy young man and much loved by his older brother. Congratulations to Nicola, Ryan and Zac!



Dogs

We would like to remind everyone that dogs (however friendly and whatever size they are!) are not permitted on our school site.

Please do not tie dogs to our school gates as some children are frightened to pass them.

Sports

We are having a final attempt to hold our Lower School Sports event on Tuesday morning.

We know that having had to postpone the event twice, it may not be possible for parents and grandparents to come along. All children will be cheered along by staff and class mates and we will share photos with you in the newsletter next week.

Flu immunisations

Please don't forget to sign your child up for the flu vaccination that will be given in school on Wednesday 4th October.

Please fill in the form on <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. The school's unique code is OX141840.

Having the vaccine helps protect your children, but also helps reduce the spread of the virus amongst the wider population.

Book Sale

Next week we are welcoming the travelling book fair into school, please see the posters around the school site for details.

You will be able to browse and buy books in our library (access via the back of the school) on Thursday 28th September 8:10am to 8:40am and 3:25pm to 4pm; on Monday 2nd October 3:25pm to 4pm and Tuesday 3rd October 8:10am to 8:40am.

The Friends events

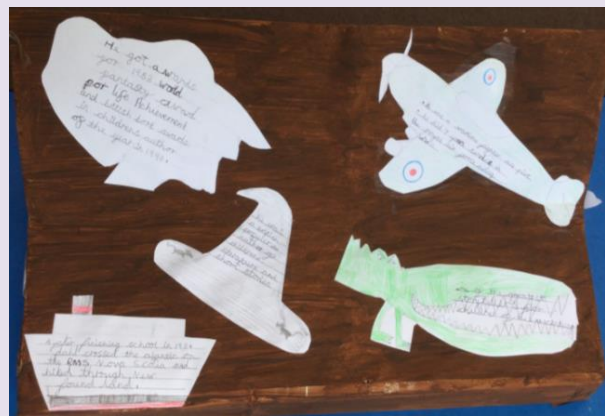
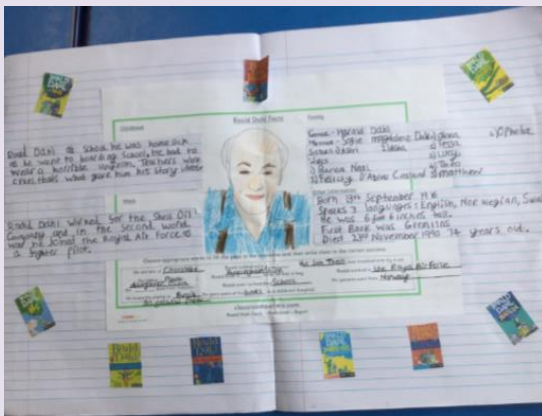
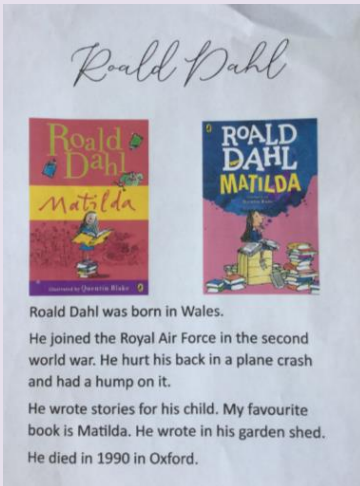
If you have not yet signed up for the '100 club' and would like to, please do so this weekend. You can find a line on ParentPay for £10. £10 buys you a number, which is entered into the prize draw every month, you can buy as many numbers as you like. The more people who buy tickets, the bigger the prize fund for parents and the money raised for the school.

The Friends are holding a quiz in school on Friday 6th October from 7:30-10:30pm. Tickets are £7 per person, please do enter as a team of 4, 5 or 6. The event is suitable for adults only.

If you want to find out more details contact The Friends on friends@blake.oxon.sch.uk

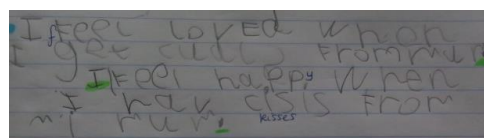
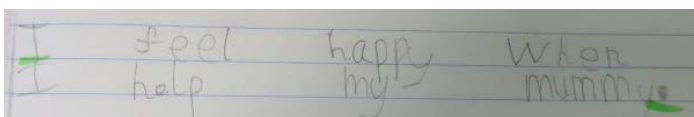
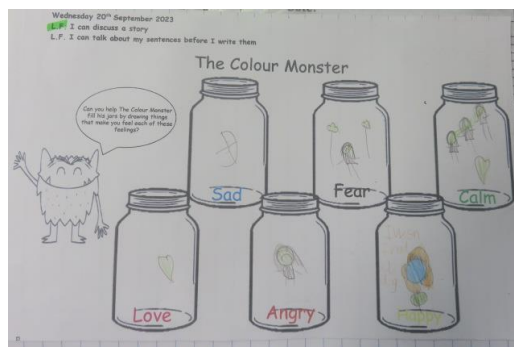
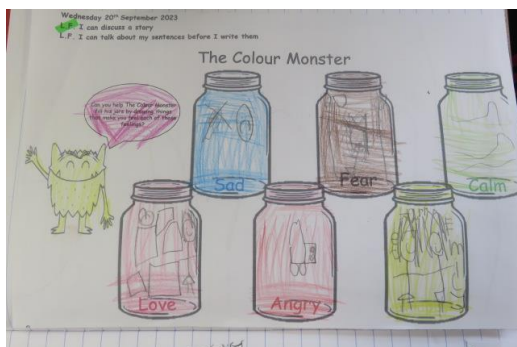
News from Around the School

For their homework, the children in Year 3 have been finding out all about Roald Dahl. We think their research is amazing!



More News from Around the School

The children in Year 1 have been thinking about their feelings using the book 'The Colour Monster' as a starting point. During RE and Art week the children will be thinking more about feelings and the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be decorating jam jars. If any members of our community have any clean jam jars that they are able to donate, please do bring them into school next week.



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