## Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we turned our thoughts towards our new Value of the Month, Perseverance.

Our Bible reading was very short, a single verse from chapter 6 of the book of Ephesians -

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

As we began to think about Perseverance, this seemed the perfect place to start. Of all the things to persevere at, doing good should surely be at the top of the list. It was a challenge for all of us to not give up doing good to one another and for one another.

The key to Perseverance lies in not giving up. The quote on our staff room board this week, from Thomas Edison, has read –

'Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to just try one more time.'

Together we talked about this image -



In truth, even if those of us who persevere suddenly come across a hoard of diamonds, we do not achieve some great milestone – though sometimes we do perhaps have a glorious moment of epiphany. Much more common is the perseverance that leads to small triumphs, the realisation that our children have moved from needing to sound out every word to being able to read a sentence or that swimming has moved from being hard work to being great fun.

Persevering is about all the tiny steps forward that we decide to make day by day and along the way celebrating all the small triumphs. It is about not giving up, whatever the challenges we face. Our children who were awarded Values Certificates this week, have all shown Perseverance, they continue

to show our Values day by day and week by week. Congratulations to all of them. They are an example to all of us to not give up on doing good.

This week, our children in Year 6 and Year 2 have been sitting their SATs papers. Each of them has also shown Perseverance. It has been wonderful to watch them demonstrating all that they have learned and to see their selfconfidence grow as they realise how far they have come. Well done to all the children for their hard work this week.



## News from Around the School

Our children in Reception had a wonderful time being part of 'Drawing Club'. They listened to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and then created their own giants. They also thought about special codes to enable their giants to do something magical.



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