

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week's Collective Worship saw us bring together all of the thinking that we have done over the past month about our Value of Kindness.

As always, your children were able to recall all that we have discussed and I know that many of them have been actively trying to be kinder to their friends, teachers and classmates.

During Collective Worship we read (and enjoyed acting out) the story of Zacchaeus. You can find the full story in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 19, verses 1 – 10.

Zacchaeus was a tax collector, nobody liked him. Tax collectors were known to cheat the people, lining their own pockets as they collected money for the Romans.

Jesus called out to Zacchaeus, and went with him to eat at his house. This was radical kindness, it was a clear message to everyone that it doesn't matter who you are, or what you have done, Jesus still loves you.

We were all challenged, thinking of how we might be called to show acts of radical kindness to people who no-one else likes, or who we might think have made bad choices in life. We all realised that kindness can be very costly.

Together we read a few verses from the Bible (Romans 12 vs 17-21) –

'Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. If your enemy is hungry, feed him, if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. Do not repay evil with evil.'

Jesus showed kindness to Zacchaeus, he ate with him, visited his house, he showed him that there was a different way to live. And Jesus' kindness brought about an enormous change in Zacchaeus' life. Zacchaeus promised to give back what he had stolen and repay four times as much to everyone he had cheated.

The story of Zacchaeus reminded us all that kindness can make an enormous difference. A small act of kindness can change not just someone's day, but maybe, like Zacchaeus, their whole life.

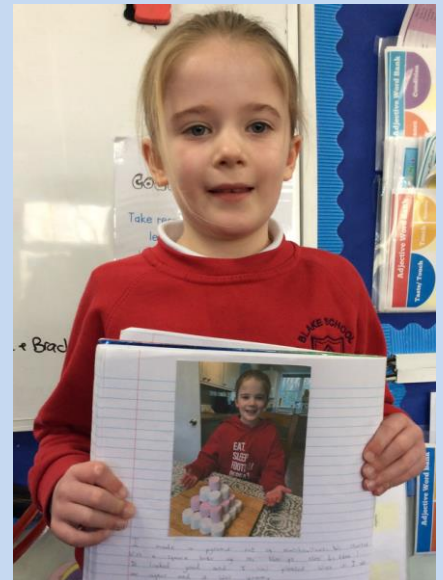
I wonder what acts of kindness will be shown within our school community in the coming days, and what impact that might have on individuals and on our whole community – I look forward to hearing from the children where they have seen kindness make a difference.

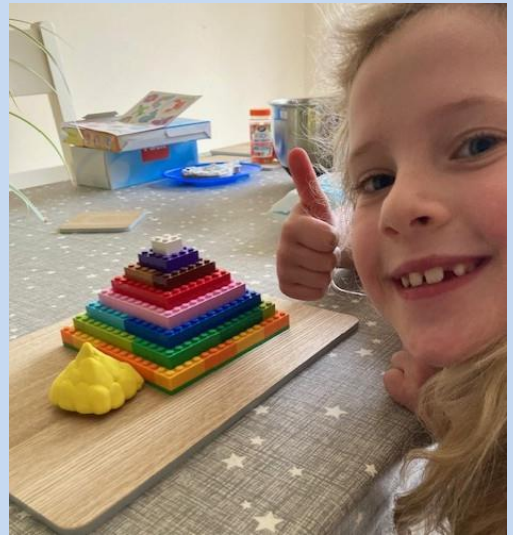
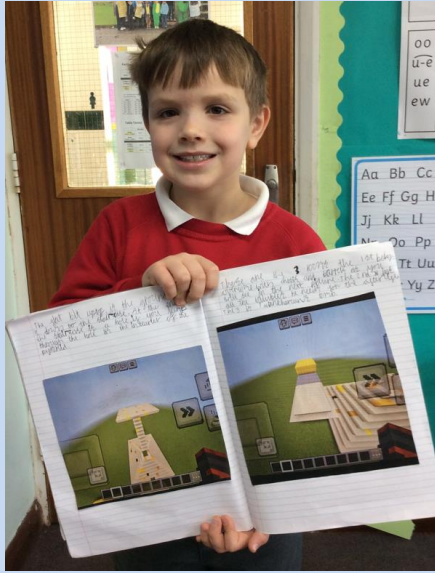
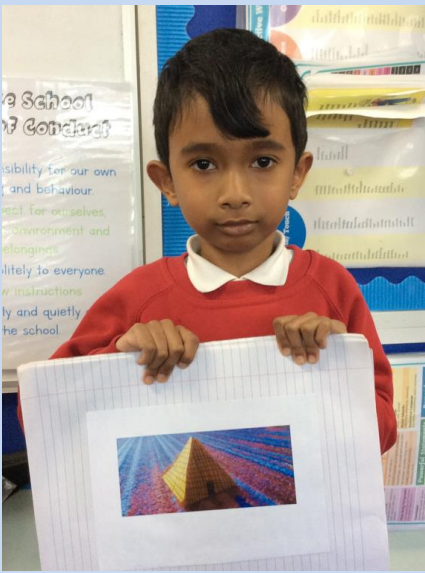
News from Around the School

The children in Year 3 have been learning about pyramids.

Their homework was to create a pyramid – however they would like to.

We love the variety and creativity of their work – well done to them all. And well done to all the children who bravely shared their work in front of the whole school during Collective Worship on Friday.



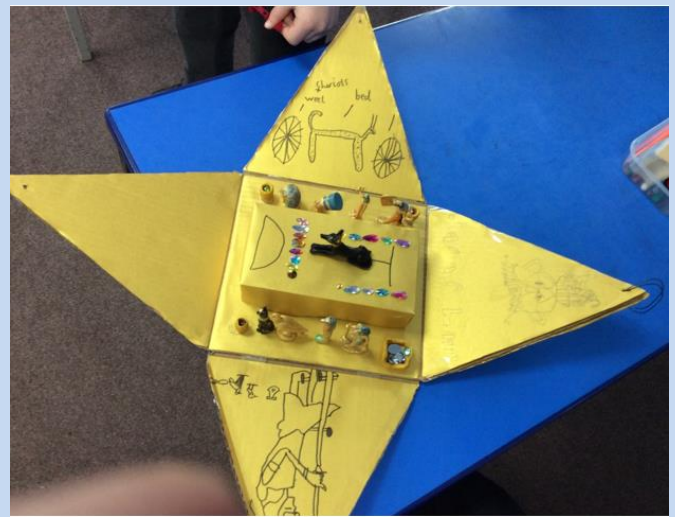


World Book Day

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025.

We would love for children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If your child would rather not dress up, they could just bring their favourite book into school.

During the school day, children will be enjoying all sorts of special activities in school.



We need your help

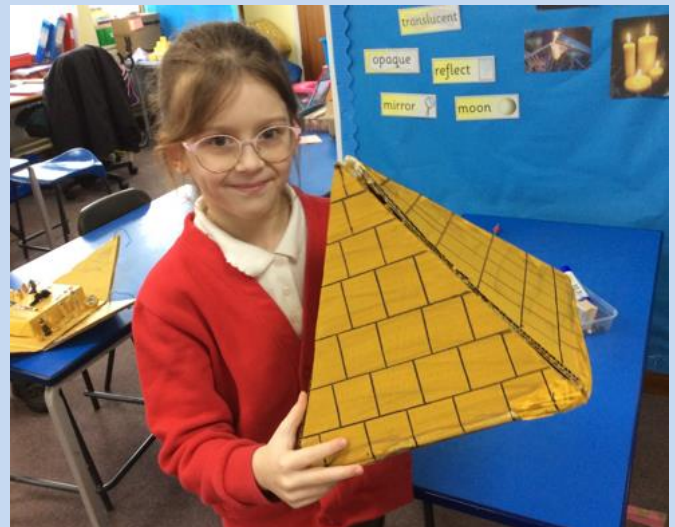
Given the media coverage, it will not be a surprise to you to know that school budgets are stretched.

We know that everyone is impacted by the pressures on their own budgets.

Please can you check if you have any items outstanding on ParentPay? It would really help us if any items are paid off, either in a lump sum, or in instalments.

If you have amounts outstanding that you know you will not be able to clear, and you have not already spoken to us, please speak to a member of the admin team in confidence.

Thank you.



Diary Dates

Parents' evenings are taking place at the end of this term, appointments will be released soon. Please check that you have your e-schools log in.

Term 4 ends on Friday 4th April. Term 5 starts on Tuesday 22nd April. Term dates for 2025/26 are on the school website, please make sure that you book holidays outside of term time.

The summer fete will take place on 5th July – please save the date.



On Wednesday of this week, our Year 3 children will be enjoying an Ancient Egyptian day – we look forward to seeing the photos.



New school menu

There was lots of excitement in school this week as children tried new meals from our spring menu.

Some children however were not so pleased with the choices they had made.

Please do talk to your children about the meals they have had – even if you have already booked ahead, you can make a change.

Travelling Book Fair

We are delighted to be welcoming the travelling book fair back to school.

Please come and buy books from the Year 6 middle area after school on Thursday 6th March or Friday 7th March or before school (from 8:20am) on Monday 10th March or Tuesday 11th March.

The school will receive commission on every book that you buy, which will allow us to buy more books for the school.

Footsteps

We recommend sharing the [Footsteps](#) material with your children to help them learn important road safety information and become more confident pedestrians.

Mrs Fuller's baby

We are thrilled to share that Mrs Fuller has had her baby, a beautiful baby girl, Eimher.

Both Mrs Fuller and Eimher are doing well; we hope to welcome them into school before too long.

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9 am drop off				
ROBOT LAB	Engineering	ELECTRIC CREATIONS	3D CREATIONS	VIRTUAL REALITY LASER TAG
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	MINECRAFT MAZE
Take Home Inventions				
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4 pm pick up				

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DATES AND TIMES:

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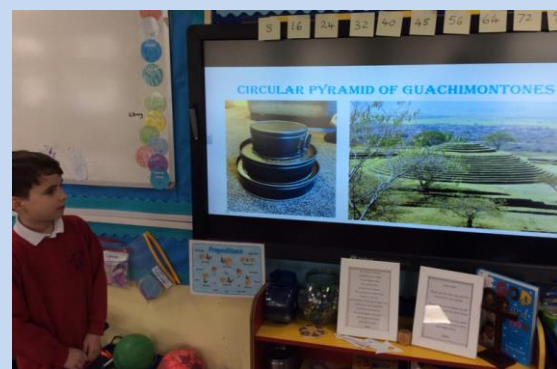
MAY FAMILY DANCE PARTY
 SATURDAY 10TH MAY | 10:30AM & 1PM
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COGGES

Cogges Farm is now open for their new season, from 9:30am to 4pm every day with craft activities for children between 11am and 3pm at the weekends and during school holidays.

Truth Told Theatre are returning to Cogges and will be performing Macbeth on 28th and 29th March – you can buy your tickets [here](#).

Cogges kitchen café is open every day between 9am and 3pm.

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