

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

As we returned to school after the half-term break, our Value moved to Goodness.

This week as I have returned to The Blake full-time, having concluded my Executive Head role at Leaffield, it has been a joy to once again have time to spend around the building and with your children. The extra time has given me opportunities to see and to celebrate the good that is so evident around The Blake School.

No school day is without its challenges, but I can honestly say that walking around the school I have seen Goodness in every classroom, across the playgrounds and in all the different aspects of school life.

This week I have encouraged staff to call out the good they see, to focus on that and to celebrate it. It is a helpful strategy for all of us to hold to – focussing on the good rather than on the challenges.

This week, at the start of this last busy term, your children have settled back into school days really well. There is lots to cram in, including lots of fun events; I hope to catch up with you at one of them as you celebrate all that your children have achieved over the past year.

## Diary dates

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Years 1, 2 and 3 will be taking part in a Panathlon (PE kit for all children in those year groups)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Rescheduled Wild Walk (PE kit for all children)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 performance to parents pm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 performance to parents evening

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – School fete after school – run by The Friends

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports' Day. Years 4, 5 and 6 in the morning; Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3 in the afternoon

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 1 wedding

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 leavers' service.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – End of term, break up at 1:30pm (No ABC provision in the afternoon)

## Sports events

At the end of last term a team of Year 6 children took part in a Quad Kids event at Wood Green School. The children had to compete in four events and were against children from five other partnership schools.



The children all competed really well and certainly showed perseverance and determination, they also had a lot of fun. A special well done to Luna who showed what a competitive long distance runner she is.



## News from Around the School

The children in Year 1 had a wonderful time making fruit salad – they also enjoyed eating their work!



## More News from Around the School

In Collective Worship on Friday we really enjoyed listening to children from Year 4 reading their limericks, the children had worked really hard to follow the pattern of a limerick and to make their work funny.

'There once was a girl called Ella  
Who liked to eat lots of paella  
One day she said  
I really dread  
Never eating Nutella!'

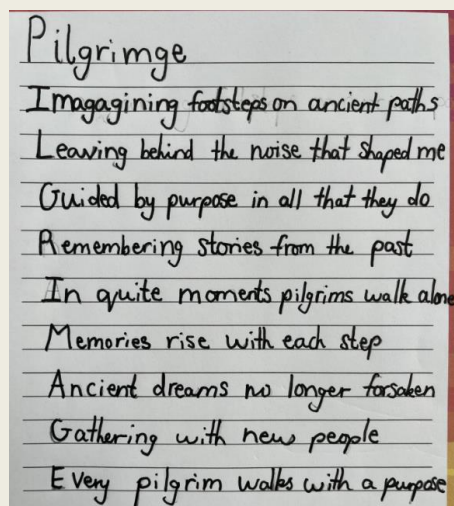
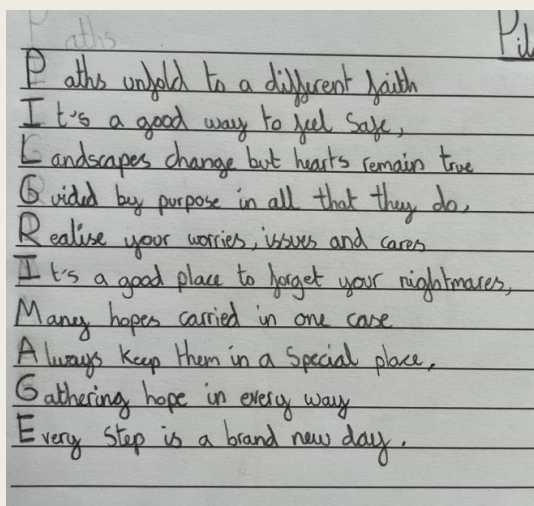
'There was a young man from Madley  
He really liked a girl called Padley  
He wanted to say "Hi"  
But thought he would cry  
So he never said hi to her, sadly!'

'There was once a girl called Flo  
Who danced in the rain and the snow  
The wind was too strong  
It blew her along  
And she lost her poor little toe!'

## More News from Around the School

In their RE lesson this week, the children in Year 5 have been thinking about Pilgrimage, together they wrote an acrostic poem and then they all had a go at writing their own. Their work clearly reflects their understanding of the importance of pilgrimage and what it means for people of faith.

P – Purposeful journey for faith  
I – In search of God  
L – Lasting memories for life  
G – Gathering together in belief  
R – Remembering the moments  
I – Inner hopes and dreams  
M – Meaningful, spiritual connections  
A – A special journey to a Holy Place  
G – Guided journey  
E – Every step gets closer to God



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