

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

In Collective Worship this week, Mrs Patchett was thinking with the children about the difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge gives us the information and often power to make decisions, but wisdom tells us whether or not those decisions are right and good.

In the Jurassic Park film Dr Jeff Malcolm, talking of the experiment to create dinosaurs, famously puts it like this –

‘Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could, that they didn’t stop to think if they should’

I know this to be true in my own life. I can be preoccupied by thinking about whether I can do something, does the Covid-19 guidance allow it, is it part of the National Curriculum, do our policies permit it, the list is almost endless, that I forget the more important question – is it the right thing to do? Of course I need to make sure my decisions comply with guidance and the law, but within that, my priority should be whether or not my decision is the right one, not simply can I do it, but should I do it. Will the decision I am making enable those within the school community to flourish? Will my action preserve dignity, celebrate the value of others and bring hope and joy to those around me?

Such questions are at the heart of wisdom. The decisions that wisdom makes are not always the easy ones of knowledge alone, because wisdom seeks a much wider good, it is humble and can even look foolish at times. And yet, time and again, wisdom is seen to be the better way, because wisdom looks out for others, it takes time over a decision and thinks through the impact. Wisdom says, just because I can, it doesn’t mean I should, it doesn’t make it the right thing to do.

And so, as we head into the long weekend, I am challenged to think carefully about the decisions I make, to ensure that wisdom and knowledge are being used together so that the decisions I make are not simply the obvious ones, but the ones that are right and will be good for the whole community.

Values Awards

Congratulations to our Values Awards winners from the prior to the Easter break as well as this week. Certificates have been given for perseverance, showing respect on the playground, taking responsibility, setting a great example and always embodying the values of the school. Well done everyone.



News from Around the School

The children in Year 1 were very excited this afternoon by a visit from a tortoise! The children are learning all about animals and so it was wonderful for them to have an animal in school. Thank you to Lucas and his mum for bringing in their special visitor.



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