

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we began to think about our Value for this month, Respect. The children were readily able to talk about people to whom to show respect, identifying people who are elderly and those who are in authority. It was not very long however before the children began to reflect on the importance of showing respect to people who are different to them, or who hold different views.

As part of developing our thinking, we read together a passage from Mark 12:

*'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength...
Love your neighbour as yourself'*

For Christians, respect begins with loving God. Love of God puts all other relationships into perspective and generates respect for all that he has made, ourselves included. Respect is fundamentally a way of showing love and so for Christians to love their neighbour as themselves is to show them respect.

Not many days go by without being able to identify someone who holds a different view to us. If you have paid even a moments notice to the news this week there are plenty of examples of differing viewpoints! In school, as everywhere else in life, there are people with whom we will disagree. Respect does not mean that we must agree, nor does it mean that we cannot engage in healthy debate, but it does mean that we find a way to live together well, as community, despite our differing views.

Respect means that I will not disregard or speak badly of you, just because I do not share your opinion.

In these last days of term, when everyone is tired (and also very hot!), we can all find it harder to show respect. It is however as important in these days as at any other time. In these last days of term, there will be lots of important, and often very public, opportunities to show respect to one another, including on the sports field on Monday and Wednesday. I am looking forward to welcoming our community back on to site to share in these events – please do come and watch if you are able to do so.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine. Next week is a busy week with trips and performances as well as our sports events, do make sure you have all the dates in your diary.

Class mixing and moving

Your children have today been told the name of the teacher who they will be with next year. As is our usual practice, children in the Year 1 and Year 4 classes have been mixed.

We know that moving to a new year group can be particularly challenging for some children and can give rise to some additional anxiety. Where we are aware of particular challenges, we are already planning some additional support. If there are any concerns that you think we should be aware of, please do talk to your child's class teacher/contact the school office.

All children will be visiting their new classes on Thursday of next week. This will be an opportunity to get to know their new teacher, as well as to familiarise themselves with their new classroom space.

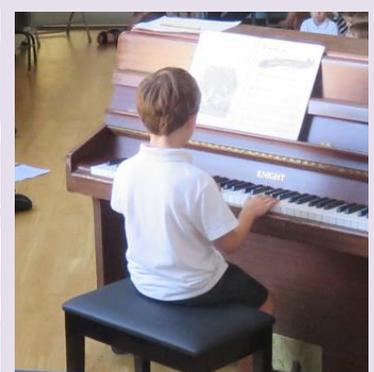
Values Awards

This week, as we will not be having Collective Worship on Monday of next week, Values Awards were given out on Monday and Friday. Well done to all the children who have been demonstrating our Values.



News from Around the School

In Collective Worship on Friday the children enjoyed listening to children who have been learning musical instruments throughout the year. The children gave some really impressive performances. If your child would like to learn an instrument next year, there are still places available.



The children in Year 5 have been learning all about the rainforest. We love their pictures of toucans, which are really brightening up their classroom wall.



Our Year 1 children have produced some really impressive artwork using natural materials.



Children in Year 3 have been weaving, they have shown a great deal of patience.



Dates for your diary

Monday 11th – Children in Year 3 are walking around Witney and will need a picnic / Years 4, 5 and 6 are having their sports event, come and watch from 9.30am.

Tuesday 12th – Early Years are on a school trip

Wednesday 13th – Early Years and Years 1, 2 and 3 are having their sports event, come and watch from 9.30am. Children in Early Years will also be having races in the afternoon! At 6pm - Year 6 perform to their parents.

Thursday 14th at 2pm – Year 6 perform to their parents.

Tuesday 19th at 6pm – Early Years have their end of term presentation.

Wednesday 20th July – Early Years party lunch / 6pm – Year 6 leavers party in the school hall.

Thursday 21st July at 1.30pm – end of term.

Loving, learning and flourishing in community