

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It has given me so much pleasure to share with your children in RE and Art week this past week.

At the start of this week, Mrs Rowlands and I led Collective Worship introducing the theme of the week, 'My Strong Tower'. We had a lot of fun, sharing some drama and learning a new song – do ask your children what they enjoyed about our time together.

The aim of RE and Art week this year was to help children understand their feelings and explore healthy ways of dealing with their feelings. Children were encouraged to think about people who they trust and with whom they can share their feelings, whilst also exploring the Christian idea of putting their trust in God and talking to him about feelings. Christians believe that God is like a strong tower, who can help us manage our feelings and be a place of safety when things are hard.

Throughout the week the children have looked at different Psalms. The Psalms are a collection of poems and songs recorded in the Bible, which explore a whole range of emotions. The Psalmist talks about how they are feeling and then reminds themselves that God is an ever-present help, a strong tower, the one who can bring peace and hope.

During the week, the children used the artwork of a Christian artist called Hannah Dunnett to inspire their own artwork. Her paintings contain words from the Bible, which for her are words of hope and life. It was wonderful to share completed artwork in our Friday Collective Worship led by Mrs Raven and Mrs Rowlands. Your children were rightly proud of the work they had produced, which we will be sharing with Hannah Dunnett, who is very interested to see what the children have produced.

All the children have spent time at St Mary's exploring the prayer spaces. I would like to express my thanks to the members of the St Mary's congregation who not only set up and took down the prayer spaces, but also led many of the stations.

Listening to your children talk about their time at St Mary's, it was clear that they enjoyed their time there. Your children have been very reflective, not only whilst in Collective Worship or at St Mary's, but also as part of their PSHE sessions in school. Well done to all the children for thinking so carefully about their feelings and recognising how they can better manage what they feel. Your children set us adults a good example...



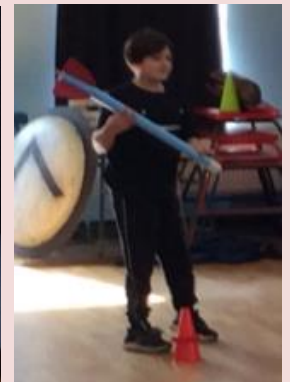
Values Awards

At the start of RE and Art week, it was a joy to celebrate the children who have particularly shown our Values over the past week. As children settle into school, it is a joy to see how children are treating one another and the Values that they are using in their actions and decision making.



More News from Around the School

This week our children in Year 5 spent a day immersing themselves in all things Ancient Greece. It was a wonderful day of fun and learning.



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