

Newsletter

News from Mrs Patchett

This week in Collective Worship, we were beginning to pull together all the thinking that we have done about Compassion over the past month. In particular, we were thinking about the importance of 'doing something about it' – it was great fun to hear the children repeat those words throughout our time together.

We began by thinking about the story that is reported in the Gospel of Mark. In the story, a blind man calls out to Jesus for help, but the people around him tell him to be quiet. Jesus however notices the man and asks him what he wants him to do for him. As a result of their time together the blind man receives his sight, his life is changed for ever.

As a school community we spent some time thinking about the people who are close to us and the kind of needs that they may have and then thinking about our wider community and the needs that we are aware of. Within school, children readily identified occasions when their friends might be finding their learning difficult, or need a friend at playtime, as well as more personal challenges. In our wider community the children thought about families who might need to use foodbanks or be looking after people who were old or unwell.

It was then that we started to repeat the phrase 'do something about it' and we thought together about the things that we can do to make things different. Your children had some amazing and totally practical and achievable ideas about the things that they can do as children, but also together with other people. Children could identify the things they already do in school, as well as new things that they could do to change circumstances and act with compassion. As part of their wider community the children thought about where they can be helpful and also supporting initiatives such as the reverse advent calendar, which we shared in a recent newsletter.

As we finish thinking about Compassion, we were all left in no doubt that to be Compassionate is to see a need and then to do something about it – both parts are needed. Compassion requires us to do something, it is only then that it makes a difference.

This week in school there has been lots of Compassion in action as a number of staff have been off school unwell. Staff have acted with Compassion to cover one another's duties and support other classes in order to ensure that your children continue to receive the support that they need. Compassion really has made a difference in school this week. I wish all the staff and children who have been poorly this week a speedy recovery – we look forward to seeing everyone back in school next week.

Values Awards

A huge congratulations to all the children who this week were given a Values Award.

As usual, the children who were given awards had each done something over the past week that particularly demonstrated the Values that we hope characterise our school community. Their actions are evidence that they are 'doing something about it'!



News from Around the School

Our children in Year 3 have spent the term learning about all things Roald Dahl. It has been wonderful to see their writing and hear about all that they have found out about over the past weeks. Today, the children went on a trip to the Roald Dahl Museum. As they left school, the children were full of excitement and anticipation; as they returned, they were keen to share all that they had seen and done – it was a great day out.





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