

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we used a verse from Philippians 2 to help us think some more about our Value of Service –

‘Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus.’

Reflecting on Jesus’ attitude, we thought about what it means to serve one another. We agreed that there are lots of ways we can, and should, serve one another. Some are quick and easy, but others are altogether harder. We also enjoyed thinking about Mr Topsy Turvy and how muddled his world was, whereas in contrast the way God asks us to live can sound Topsy-Turvy, but none the less works!

On the staff room board this week has been this quote from Helen Keller – ‘I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.’

In the face of the level of need it can be easier to bury our heads in the sand, to believe that the little bit we can do is not enough to make a difference. And yet the example of Jesus and of each other shows that serving one another faithfully really does make a difference.

Earlier this term we made and bought cakes, to help raise money for those in need; this week we have celebrated harvest together. As the email we have received from Besom confirms, your gifts, however big or small, will make a real difference to people experiencing difficult and challenging circumstances. Thank you for your generosity and for serving one another by giving to those in need.

The team at Besom sent us a lovely email of thanks sharing that ‘This year’s harvest has come at the right time. With less support for energy bills this winter, we are preparing for a busy few months. We are receiving more requests from professional workers, so food supplies soon go down. It is a privilege to share the love of Jesus with those in need.’



Just one of two long tables that this morning were groaning with your donations of food and hygiene products. Every gift will be used to help people who are in real need.



Values Awards

Well done to all the children who received Values Awards this week. As always, it was a joy to celebrate together the many ways that your children are continually showing our Values, both to one another and in their personal choices. A particular well done to the children who over the past week have demonstrated service to others in our community.

News from Around the School

This week the children in Year 1 combined their reflections on 'The Colour Monster' with their learning about Jackson Pollock. On a sunny afternoon, children chose colours that reflected their mood and then created wonderful paintings using the splattering style of Jackson Pollock. A great time was had by all.



More News from Around the School

Last term a small group of our children worked together on a piece of Tapestry as part of a larger Tapestry being pulled together by Cogges Manor Farm.

Today was the unveiling of the whole Tapestry and children who had been involved in the creation of the section for The Blake were invited to attend.

After the event, we received an email from the Girl Guides, who had also been at the event 'The children were all very well behaved and showed interest in all the panels, not just their own, they were a credit to the school.'

Our thanks to Mrs Fuller and Miss Ker who worked on the project with the children. The Tapestry will be on display at Cogges Farm during October – it is well worth going to have a look.



Parents' evenings

Parents' evenings for children in Years 1 to 6 are taking place in the last couple of weeks of this term. The appointments went live this afternoon, meaning that you are now able to log in to e-schools and book your appointment with your child's class teacher.

Please check the date and time of your appointment carefully, as there are some differences in when appointments are being held.

If you have any problems logging into e-schools, please contact the office.

	Parents' evening 1	Parents' evening 2
Miss Hallowell – Year 1	Thursday 12 th October	Tuesday 17 th October
Miss Hinkins – Year 1	Thursday 12 th October	Tuesday 17 th October
Mrs Castree – Year 2	Thursday 12 th October	Tuesday 17 th October
Mrs Piper – Year 2	Thursday 12 th October	Tuesday 17 th October
Mrs Hayes – Year 3	Thursday 12 th October	Tuesday 17 th October
Mrs Lynch/Mrs Parry – Year 3	Wednesday 11 th October	Tuesday 17 th October
Miss Ker – Year 4	Wednesday 11 th October	Wednesday 18 th October
Miss Fletcher – Year 4	Thursday 12 th October	Monday 16 th October
Mr Hope – Year 5	Thursday 12 th October	Tuesday 17 th October
Mrs Krull – Year 5	Thursday 12 th October	Tuesday 17 th October
Mrs Henderson – Year 6	Monday 16 th October	Tuesday 17 th October
Mr Walker – Year 6	Tuesday 17 th October	Thursday 19 th October

The Friends

Today saw the first draw of the 100 club for this year. The lucky winner, with ticket number 28 is Clare Hales. Clare wins £33 to spend on a treat for herself and the school also receives £33. If you have been meaning to sign up to the 100 club and have not yet found time to do so, it is not too late – have a look on ParentPay, or contact the school office.

Flu Vaccination

If you have not yet signed your child up for the flu vaccination, please take a moment this weekend to do so. Vaccinating our children protects everyone.
<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu> Use the code – OX141840. Vaccines are in school on Wednesday.

RE and Art week

Next week, the whole school will be joining together in RE and Art week.

The week promises to be a lot of fun, as well as providing children with opportunities to think and reflect on their own and together.

During the week, all children will be visiting St Mary's Cogges to access the prayer spaces that will be set up there.

In our newsletter next week, we hope to be able to show you photos of the artwork that is produced during the week.

ODST

Every school that is part of ODST is assigned a School Improvement Adviser (SIA). Today, we welcomed our SIA (Lisa Horton) into school for her first visit of the year.

It was a great joy to walk around the school with Lisa, allowing your children to demonstrate their learning and share their classrooms.

The SIA also provides challenge to the school in terms of strategic development priorities.

As she left, Lisa spoke very warmly of your children and their attitude to their learning and to one another. It was clear that your children had shared enthusiastically with her all that they are enjoying about their new year group.

Loving, learning and
flourishing in community