

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship, we pulled together all of our thoughts on our Value for January, of Trust. As always, it is humbling to see how much your children have remembered and taken on board throughout the month.

As a keen climber myself, I enjoyed sharing with the children about the trust that is needed when you are climbing – children who have been climbing as part of our residential in Year 4 and Year 6 were also able to share their memories. A climber has to trust the equipment that they have, their ropes have to be strong and not worn, or affected by damp or over use.

As we journey through life it is important to think about the things that we put our trust in and whether those things are strong and safe – like a climber with a faulty rope, we put ourselves in danger if we start to trust in the wrong things.

We took a moment to remember Martin Luther King, who we thought about last week. We remembered that although he spearheaded a campaign, he had a team of people around him, people who he could trust. Those people supported and encouraged him, as well no doubt as challenging him and urging him forward.

We then reflected on a short verse from Proverbs chapter 27, verse 17 –

‘As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.’

It was good to think with the children about what that verse might mean and how it can help us think further about Trust, but also how we live as community.

It is great to be part of a community such as The Blake School, together we can encourage and support one another. But being part of a community offers more than just encouragement, it refines us and challenges us to be the very best that we can be. This process can feel painful at times and so it is all the more important that we surround ourselves with people that we can trust and who we know have our best interests at heart.

This week, eagle-eyed children spotted snowdrops growing on our school grounds. In the very first Collective Worship of this term, Miss Main encouraged the children to think about snowdrops and so it is great to see them in flower before the end of the month! The snowdrops we can now all enjoy remind us that beautiful things grow even in the darkest times and even when the winter seems to go on for ever, the spring will come...

## Values Awards

Each week, Values Awards are given out for a wide variety of reasons. It is always a joy to read out what teachers have written about the children to whom they have given an award that week. As a community it is wonderful to celebrate together and to recognise the different gifts and strengths that we all bring. Well done to all the children showing our Values this week.



## News from Around the School

As part of their thinking about 'People who help us', our children in Reception this week enjoyed a visit from PC Carney Smith. The children had lots of questions about how the Police help people. The children were able to look at the police truck and to listen to a very loud siren! Back in the classroom, the children had the chance to put on different police hats and helmets and look just like a Police Officer themselves.



This week, the children in Reception have also welcomed their new teacher, Mrs Fuller. Mrs Fuller is well known to the school, but has been absent for the past year on maternity leave.

It is wonderful to have Mrs Fuller back in school. As she left today Mrs Fuller said '*I have loved getting to know the children and finding out all about them, I have really enjoyed being back in school. I cannot wait to see what the rest of the year will bring.*' We hope parents are also enjoying getting to know Mrs Fuller, who will be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*