

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

What would you do if you won a million pounds?!

It is surely a dream we have all allowed ourselves at some point. If your numbers came up and you were whisked off to a smart hotel to be presented with a huge cheque – what would you do?

I'm guessing most of us dream of large houses, smart cars, lovely holidays alongside more noble thoughts of supporting wider family and friends and maybe charitable causes. Maybe we even imagine making some sensible long term investments so that we will always have money to fall back on?

Whatever you dream of spending your million on, I imagine that like me you would be very happy were the dream to become a reality! You can do a lot with a million pounds!

In our reading in Collective Worship on Monday however we heard a much more familiar refrain – 'Silver and gold have I none...' The words were spoken by Peter and John who were on their way to the temple to pray. As they neared the temple they were met by a man who had been sick since birth who was begging in order to live. That man thought that money was what he needed and would therefore have been more than disappointed to hear that there was no silver and gold forthcoming from Peter and John.

However, as we continued to read the story, we learned, along with the beggar, that there can be more important things than a handful of cash. Peter and John told the man to get up, to walk and to be well and in the Name of Jesus, he stood, walked and was well.

In these challenging financial times, few of us have silver and gold to spare, or even a tenner! Like Peter and John we look at the financial need around us and can only say 'silver and gold have I none'. But, as it wasn't for the beggar, our lack of silver and gold is not the end of the story. Each of us is equipped to give to those around us things that are much more important than a lottery win. Treating one another with love and compassion, bringing hope to the downhearted, giving courage to the broken and encouragement to the weary are all life changing.

As we have looked at Mercy this month, we have all been repeatedly struck by the difference that our attitude and the voices that we listen to can make. Mercy hides behind a kind word, even to those we find difficult, it is the reason we accept an apology even when we have been hurt, it is the courage to listen to God's voice saying that we are loved 'just because'.

So, although £1,000,000 would be wonderful, I take heart from the positive difference that we can all make to one another, even without it!



Values Awards

Well done to all the children who were given Values Awards this week. It is a privilege to congratulate them and reward them for their work to show our Values.

News from Around the School

After school today the children in Year 5 held a cake sale to raise money for both Cancer Relief and The Blue Cross. The children raised a grand total of £143.20, £71.60 for each of the charities. Well done to everyone who made cakes and organised the sale and a huge thank you to everyone who supported the children by buying cakes.



100 club winner

Congratulations to ticket holder number 54, David Rickwood, who has won the 100 club for March. We hope he enjoys pending his winnings on an Easter treat.

More News from Around the School

The children in Year 1 are continuing to learn about space. This week, in what one of the children described as 'the best day ever', the children made their own rockets. We think the finished rockets are fantastic!





The Easter Bunny is hopping its way to Blakes again!

To help raise money for the school, the Friends would like to invite you and your children to take part in our
Easter Egg Trail.

Simply find the eggs and solve the word puzzle or cryptic word clue on each egg.

Everyone who purchases a trail sheet will be automatically entered into our Easter Prize Draw.

The prizes up for grabs include chocolate eggs (which have been kindly donated by Aybel Spaces), wine and prosecco.

Trail sheets are £2 each.

Please send your money into school in a named envelope and reference 'Easter Hunt' by Tuesday 26th March to ensure that your child receives their trail sheets before the end of term.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Happy Hunting!

The Friends of the Blake School



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2pm-4pm

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