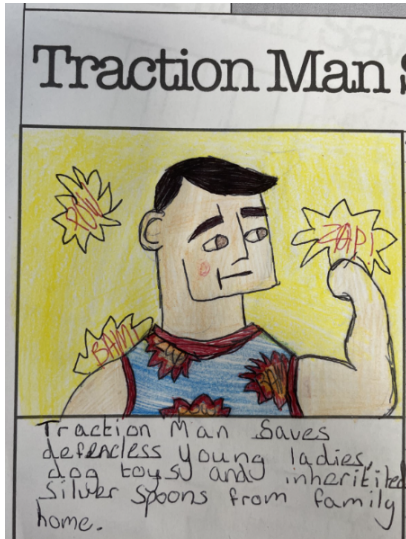


Newsletter



In Collective Worship this week, we started to think about our new Value of Mercy.

Together we reflected on the story of a woman who was caught breaking the law. The law said that she should be stoned for her crime. (My thanks to the Year 6 children who very enthusiastically role played the scene!)

Jesus did not respond to the accusers, instead he took time to pause and think, before looking around and saying 'Let he who is without sin, cast the first stone.'

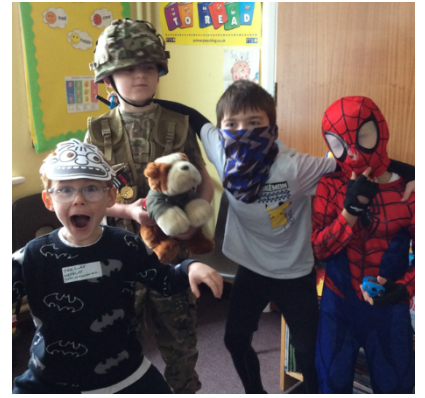
The words had a powerful impact on those holding their stones and hurling accusations; in silence they all gradually walked away.

It was easy for your children to think of times where they have been angry at someone for breaking the rules, for spoiling a game, for hurting them. As adults too, we could readily bring to mind occasions where we were quick to accuse and pass judgement on the behaviour of another.

Jesus' words however caused us all to stop and think; which of us can truly say that we have not made the same mistakes, have not messed up and hurt someone else?

The truth is that we all need Mercy.

Jesus' life on earth was a constant illustration of what it is to show love to others, even the lawbreakers and the unlovable, which I think means that there is love offered to all of us – even when we have got it wrong...



Well done to our indoor athletes!

Having made it successfully through the heats, our children this week had the chance to compete in the West Oxfordshire Schools Indoor Athletics Finals. The children were true sportsmen and threw themselves into each of the activities with enthusiasm. Their efforts were rewarded with a fifth place – well done to them all!



Witney Music Centre Open Morning

Witney Music Centre is holding their annual **Open Morning** on **March 23rd, 2024, from 9.00am-10.30am, at Wood Green School, Witney.** We run an orchestra, two string groups, a wind group and a guitar ensemble. This is an ideal opportunity for any prospective orchestral instrumentalists, ideally who can read music and have been playing for at least a year, up to about grade 5/6 standard, to come along and join in our music centre for a morning, and any budding guitarists who have been playing for at least a year to come and see what goes on, take part, try some ensemble playing and enjoy making music with other students.

Any parents are also invited to come along and play too, so dig out that old violin, trombone or clarinet from the loft and come and play with your children, or even help out as staff!

If you or your children would like to come and take part, please email Andy Bettle, the centre director, on andrew.bettle@oxfordshire.gov.uk so we can make sure we have some music ready.

Find out more about lessons and learning to play an instrument at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-

A colorful poster for a Family Easter Bingo fundraising event. The background is light blue with white clouds. At the top, there are two logos for 'COGGES PRE-SCHOOL' featuring a green frog. The text 'Hop on over for our' is in a green, cursive font. Below that, 'Family' is in blue, 'EASTER' is in large, colorful, block letters with Easter eggs and bunnies, and 'Bingo' is in blue. The date and time 'Join us on March 23rd at 14:30' are in blue. Below that, 'for some egg-citing fundraising!' is in green. The location 'Cogges Church Centre, Church Lane, OX28 3LA' is in red. At the bottom left, '£5 per player' is in red. The bottom of the poster features illustrations of a brown rabbit, a blue rabbit, and several colorful Easter eggs on a green grassy field.

The Friends AGM

The Friends are holding their AGM via Zoom on Tuesday 26th March at 8pm. We are very grateful for all the fundraising work of The Friends and would encourage you to get involved if you can.

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Values Awards

As always, it was a real joy to shake hands with our Values Certificate winners this week. Everyone knows that the children who are rewarded are not the only children who have been working hard at showing our Values, but they are the children whose behaviour during the past week has been particularly noteworthy.



Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair on Thursday.

You have more opportunities to choose books before and after school on Monday of next week and before school on Tuesday. The books will be available outside Year 6.

If they would like to, children are able to use their World Book Day voucher towards the cost of a book.

Ideally payment is by card, but it is possible to pay with cash.

Parents' evenings

If you have not done so already, please book an appointment to talk with your child's class teacher. The majority of parents' evenings are on Thursday 21st March and Tuesday 26th March, but there are some variances, so please double check the dates when you book.

Appointments can be booked via e-schools. Please note that your username will be first name.second name all in lower case and not your email address. If you have any problems logging in, please email the office. Bookings will close at the end of next week.

Best wishes to our choir

The choir, led by Mrs Raven, is singing at the Chipping Norton Music Festival tomorrow morning. In Collective Worship this morning, the children and staff all enjoyed a sneak preview of the songs they will be performing. The Chipping Norton Music Festival is in for a real treat!



News from Around the School

We really enjoyed seeing all the children's (and adults') costumes on World Book Day. The day was a very exciting one, with children meeting authors and then trying out their own literary skills. Thursday was also the day when the final layer of the mystery parcel was opened...do ask your children!



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