

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we lit the second of our Advent Candles. The second candle represents 'Peace'. Together we read two short Bible passages, including some words of Jesus, recorded in John chapter 14 verse 27 -

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts your heart be troubled and do not be afraid.'

We began by laughing at Mrs Piper's sign, which says 'This year group is only silent at night!' and moved on to thinking about how we can help ourselves to be peaceful. Together we slowed our breathing down and thought about things that we are thankful for, the things God has given us and the things that bring light into our world.

In the midst of the business of this school season, we all enjoyed the moments of quiet!

We thought also about how God can give us Peace, even when our lives are busy and even when there seem to be a lot of hard things to work out.

I challenged your children to think about five things that their parents do for them and to be thankful for them. I wonder if your children can share with you the five things they thought of, or perhaps they even managed to remember to say thank you to you!

This week it has been a real joy to see the children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 perform the Nativity Story. There is always something magical about children dressed up as angels, shepherds and mice and it is wonderful to see their confidence shine as they speak their well-rehearsed lines with such clarity. For Christians however, the Nativity is much more than a lovely story that children love to perform and at which parents shed a tear. The Nativity Story, so simple that even our youngest children can re-tell it, is central to the Christian faith. It is the story of God coming down to earth to become like one of us. If you would like to find out more, do join one of our local churches this Christmas.

Values Awards

As always it was a joy to hand out Values Awards to children from across the school. Well done to all of them for working hard to live by our Values and to make our community a safe and happy place.



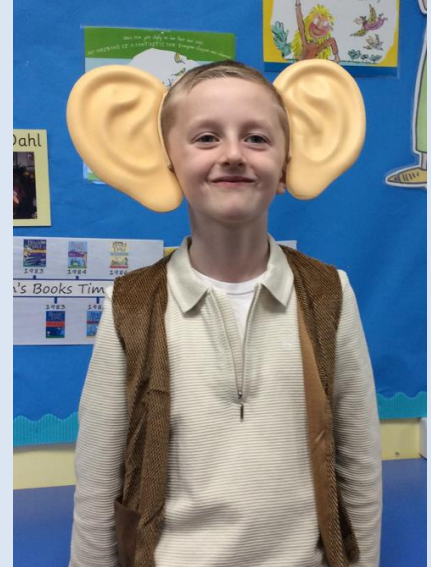
Thank-you to everyone who attended our Christmas event after school today!



News from Around the School – A busy week for Year 3

Our children in Year 3 have had a very busy week! Children attended the Christmas Experience at the Methodist Church, they made and decorated Christmas cakes and they celebrated all things Roald Dahl, including dressing up as their favourite characters!







Carol Services

After enjoying the Nativity Performances in school this week, next week the children in the upper school will share carol services with their families.

The carol service for children in Years 3 and 5 will take place at 2pm on Wednesday in St Mary's, Cogges.

The carol service for children in Years 4 and 6 will take place at 2pm on Thursday in St Mary's, Cogges.

Parents are welcome to join their children in church, the doors will open from 1:30pm. The services will end before the end of the school day.

There will be a collection for Toilet Twinning, so please do bring loose change if you would like to donate.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote in our parent governor election. The governors are delighted to announce that Mrs Jane Slater was elected as the next Parent Governor and will hold the post for the next four years.

Governors are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, for ensuring that financial processes are robust and money is well spent and holding senior leaders to account.

If you know anyone in the wider community who may be willing to support the school by serving as a community governor, please do get in touch.

You can contact the school governors via email – governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk, or via the school office.

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