

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we began to think together in more detail about our new Value of Goodness. As part of our thinking we looked at a photograph of the whole school and agreed that we are all trying to work for good. It felt a powerful thing, for all of us to be thinking about how we can work together for Good, pursuing Goodness in our interactions with one another and in the choices that we make.

As we began to think about Goodness we thought about the creation story, God making the world and then declaring that it was good.

'God saw all that he had made, and it was very good'

Genesis 1 verse 31

We all recognised that although our world is still beautiful and we are still very blessed by the world around us, our world is broken. We know that bad things happen in our world and we do not all behave as we ought. The Good world that God created for us, is spoilt.

Last Sunday was Pentecost, the day when the Christian Church celebrates the Holy Spirit coming on the Disciples and empowering them to go out into the world and tell others about their faith. We learned together that the Holy Spirit is for everyone, to help and equip all of us.

And the Holy Spirit helps us as we seek to restore the Goodness that God created and to show Goodness to one another. Sending the Holy Spirit is part of God's master plan to help us in the journey back towards the Goodness that was his creation gift.

As I write, I am still humming a song we sang in Collective Worship this morning, which has the refrain 'God is good'. The song reflects on all the good things in our world and encourages us to enjoy them. As well as being great fun, I find the songs we sing often help me to remember the simple but profound truths that we are learning about. Do ask your children to sing you their favourite 'Fischy' song – they might even show you the moves that go with it!

Values Awards

Well done to the children who received a Values Award this week – it is clear that your children are continuing to work hard to live by our Values.



Visit from ODST

At least once a term, our ODST School Improvement Advisor comes to visit our School, to look at the work your children are doing, to speak to staff and to offer advice and encouragement.

This week, she spoke to children from across the school about their writing. She was so impressed with your children, who spoke about their work with such confidence and pride.

News from Around the School

There was great excitement in the lower school earlier this week, when children in Years 1, 2 and 3 participated in a Panathlon. The event that was provided to us through our links to the Tim Henman foundation provided an opportunity for children to participate in a range of sporting activities. Everyone loved the event and took part with great enthusiasm. All participants also received a medal!








Looking ahead – school uniform

Our school uniform supplier is approaching their busiest time of year. If you are thinking about ordering new uniform for September, you may want to think about getting your order in over the next few weeks. Uniform will be delivered to school free of charge. The only item of uniform you need to buy from our supplier is a jumper or cardigan with a logo, everything else you can purchase from a high street store.

Cricketing glory

Last Friday a team of Year 5 boys spent the day playing cricket in Charlbury. For some of the children it was their first experience of the game. However, they soon found their feet and won their group. In the final they were impressive runners up. They have gone through to the next round.



Group B		PLD	PTS	GD
1	 The Blake	4	12	155
2	 William Fletcher	4	9	104
3	 Madley Brook	4	6	-39
4	 Witney County Primary	4	3	-40
5	 Queen Emmas	4	0	-1...

We are the champions!

After school on Monday, children from Year 4 competed in a Quad kids event against other children from Witney partnership schools. All the children performed outstandingly and they came out on top! Fantastic work everyone!



Girls' cricket

On Friday, girls from Year 5 and 6 played cricket in Shipton-under-Wychwood. They came together really well as a team, supporting and encouraging one another. They won three of their five matches – congratulations to them all!



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