

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

'Love one another as I have loved you'

This is a famous quote from Jesus, who was trying to teach his disciples how they should treat one another and live together.

As we joined together in Collective Worship this week, we paused to think about what that short command might mean for us, how we live our lives and how we treat one another.

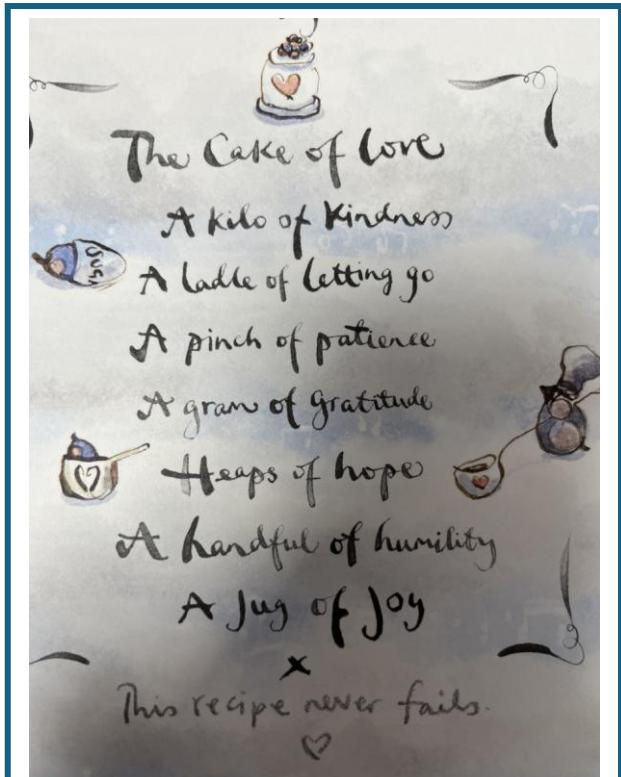
We particularly reflected on how Jesus demonstrated his love to his disciples, thinking about the time when he washed the disciples' dirty feet! Jesus was King and Lord over the disciples and yet he served them in a really practical (and smelly) way.

As Jesus demonstrated his love by serving, then we were left wondering what that might mean for us and what service we might be called to.

We also thought about the difference between love that is self-giving and love that is self-getting. We concluded that the love that Jesus showed was definitely self-giving love. And we agreed that self-giving love is a hard thing, because it is costly and might mean that we need to serve others in ways that are dirty and even smelly!

I challenged your children to think of ways that they can demonstrate the same kind of love that Jesus showed when they are on the playground, in their classrooms and at home with their parents and siblings. I hope that this half-term you might see small ways that your children are practising loving as Jesus has loved them.

For us as adults, the challenge is no less real. As Valentine's Day is celebrated, there will be a lot of talk about romance and flowers, but the real test of love is not what we do on one day of the year, but how we demonstrate that love, day in and day out, even when it doesn't look very glamourous.



This recipe for a cake of love is taken from Charlie Mackesy's book, 'Always Remember'. It is a good reminder to us all of the ways that we can show love in our homes and communities. Over the half-term break, might be a good time to practice this recipe with your children!

Values Awards



Well done to all the children who this week received a Values Award. Some children also received an award last week, but didn't get their photo taken; well done to those children too. To all the children who have spent the past term working hard at our Values – thank you.

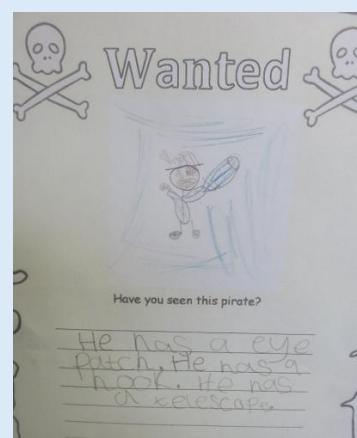
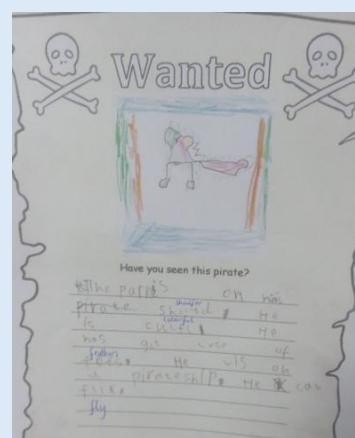
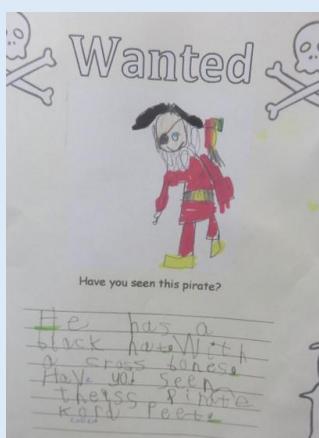
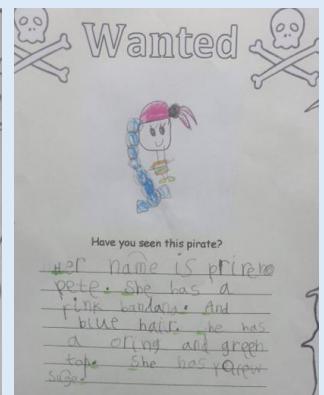
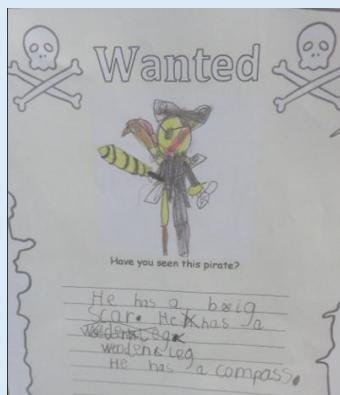
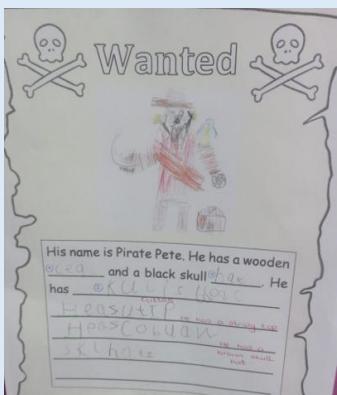
News from Around the School

Our children in Year 5 have produced some amazing artwork in the style of Frida Kahlo – their detailed and careful work is really brightening up their middle area.



More News from Around the School

There was a lot of 'arrr-ing' in Year 1 this week as the children spent a wonderful day being pirates, digging for treasure and finally meeting Pirate Pete. It was a lot of fun!



Loving, learning and flourishing in community