

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

I am delighted that this newsletter contains photos of the Year 6 residential trip this week to Quinta Hall in Shropshire. As always the trip has been an amazing experience for the children, with opportunities to learn and grow outside of the classroom and away from home. As staff have returned this afternoon they are full of praise for how amazing the children have been, the way in which they have worked together and have been their very best selves. Well done to them all – I am looking forward to hearing more about their time away in the coming weeks.

It was also a joy this week to celebrate World Mental Health Day. The school was certainly a bright and colourful place, yellow really cheered us all up. I loved all the inventive ways your children had chosen to wear yellow – bananas, Sponge Bob Square Pants and Pudsey all put in an appearance as well as sports kits, Hi-Viz jackets and a glorious array of yellow clothing. Thank you to everyone for helping us to raise the profile of this important issue. Promoting mental health and encouraging everyone to be honest about their feelings is an important message for us all.

In Collective Worship this week we introduced the Value of Honesty. I am sure the children who were in Collective Worship will enjoy telling you about the time I was caught out stealing chocolates...

Together we thought about a verse from chapter 8 of the Gospel of John –

Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.'

We thought about how the Values we learn about in Collective Worship and that we practice day-by-day reflect Jesus' teaching and how living to those Values can set us free. Your children could think of lots of examples of the ways in which living to the Values makes our community a safe and happy place in which to learn.

As was my experience after stealing chocolates, actually being 'found out' is often a relief – the truth really can set us free. Children know (as do we as adults) that waiting to be found out is a horrible feeling, the fear of consequences and lies unravelling is a horrible feeling. Once the truth is out however, there is a way forward, restoration can be made and forgiveness can be found. Finding the courage to tell the truth can be a real challenge, but it is only in doing so that we can experience the truth of the verse we shared – the truth will set you free.

Values Awards

Week by week we give out certificates to children who have shown our Values in a particularly noteworthy way. Giving out the certificates is a real privilege and I delight to shake children by the hand and congratulate them. However, as I walk around school, I see countless acts and decisions that are a deliberate choice to show our Values. Well done to all the children for all that you do to make our school community such a special place.



News from Around the School

The children in Year 4 have recently been to the Methodist Church for their Harvest Experience. The children had a great time and learned lots. It was a particular joy to hear the volunteers at the Methodist Church complement the children on being so polite and so engaged in the tasks.



HALF TERM AUTUMN TRAIL

To help raise money for the school, the Friends would like to invite you and your children to take part in an Autumn trail.

Grab a trail sheet, wrap up warm and head down to Oxlease Park to find and solve the clues for your chance to win.

everyone who purchases a trail sheet will be automatically entered into the Prize Draw.

Please send your money into school in a named envelope and reference 'Autumn Trail' by Monday October 21st to ensure that your child receives their trail sheets before the end of term.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Trail Sheets are £2 each

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More News from Around the School

Tuesday was a very exciting day for our youngest children as they headed off to Cogges Manor Farm. The children had a wonderful time looking around the farm, meeting some animals and making bread. It was a tiring day out...



News from Out and About

Our Year 6 children and a wonderful staff team have spent a week in Shropshire, working with the Adventure+ team. They have made memories that will last a lifetime. If you would like to see more photos of their trip, you can find them on the Year 6 class page of our school website.





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