

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It has been wonderful to welcome your children back to school this week.

It was with great joy that I shared our SIAMS report with you earlier in the week. Such inspection outcomes are not the result of the input or work of any one individual, nor even the work of a small group of people, they reflect the hard work and commitment of the whole school community. I would like to express my thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement, as well as to the staff team for living out our vision every day.

Though the report is a credit to the whole school community, it is only a marker on the journey, not a destination. As a staff team, we are always looking ahead to the 'what's next?', to developing the school and seeing how we can further change and grow so that we continue to flourish both as individuals and as a wider community. Do look out next week for a link to our annual online parent / carer survey, which will provide you with an opportunity to feed back to us on what we have done well over the past year, as well as things you would like to see changed or developed.

This week in Collective Worship we began to think about our Value for this month, Courage. We reflected back on the Easter story, remembering both Jesus' struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane prior to his crucifixion and the triumph and joy of Easter morning and the empty tomb. Together we realised that there are lots of things that need Courage, some are big things and some are not so big, but they need Courage just the same.

I asked the children to think about the things or the people that give them courage. Time and time again the children responded that it was you, their parents, that help them and give them courage to keep going when things are tough, to try new things, to persevere and have another go and to act courageously even when that is hard to do.

As I reflected to myself afterwards, whilst your children draw strength from you, you also need courage to be parents, to look after your children, to support them and to steer them through the many ups and downs of childhood. Parenting takes a lot of courage, it is a tough gig! As we have reflected before, and did so in Collective Worship this week, though we each show the Values and they are a decision that each of us have to make as an individual, they are very much community things too. It is hard to be courageous on your own and almost impossible to be a parent on your own, we need the support and encouragement of one another.

This weekend, whatever the challenges you face, wherever you need courage, I would encourage you to draw strength from the people around you and wherever you are successful and your courage holds – celebrate!

Congratulations to our team of Year 6 boys who showed great courage this week in their football match against a team from Aston and Cote. A number of the team had never played in an organised match before. Teamwork and courage paid off, with the match finishing 6-2 to The Blake boys. Well done everyone!



News from Around the School

We are delighted to be able to continue to offer Forest School to children in Years 1 and 2. This term it is the turn of children in Miss Hallowell's class to enjoy Forest School, as well as the remaining children from Year 2. It is clear from the photos that the children had a wonderful time exploring how to stay safe outdoors as well as growing in confidence, learning how to manage risk and enjoying working as a team.



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