

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It was such a joy to close off the term in Collective Worship celebrating the Easter story.

In Collective Worship on Monday, we thought about the first half of the Easter story, remembering the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week up until Good Friday. On Friday morning we celebrated the resurrection together, thinking about the new start that we are all offered because of the events of that Easter weekend.

We also spent some time drawing together our thoughts on our Value for this month of Mercy. For Christians, the Easter story is the epitome of Mercy. Though we have done wrong and are powerless to put ourselves right with God, God reaches down in Mercy to put things right for us. The Easter story is one that demonstrates how precious and valued each of us are, and how much God loves us.

I finished Collective Worship on Friday with a prayer by St Francis of Avila –

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

As we head into the Easter break, I was particularly struck by this poem and the reminder it provides of the importance of demonstrating Mercy (and our other Values) to those around us. As I enjoy my chocolate in the coming days, this poem will remind me that we have been shown Mercy, that we might show Mercy to others. Whatever blessings we receive because of Easter, are ours to give away to others. I wish you a wonderful Easter season (and just the right amount of chocolate!)

Holiday jobs!

- Please check your children's hair for head lice, and if you find them, please treat them!
- Don't forget to order any school lunches you want your child to have the first week after the Easter break. Orders must be placed by midnight on Thursday 9th April.
- As the weather warms up, children are even more likely to leave jumpers out on the playground, please label everything you can!
- Make sure you have booked a parents' evening appointment with your child's teacher.

Year 5 Cake sale



In Year 5 in RE the children have been talking about how faith can make a difference and how they can make a difference in the world. They decided to hold a bake sale to help make a difference.

A massive thank you to all who contributed and bought cakes at the Year 5 bake sale. An amazing £205.62 was raised which will be split between the two charities chosen by the children - The British Heart Foundation and The Blue Cross.

Well done Year 5 - you have made a great difference.

Congratulations to our choir



The school choir was invited to return to sing at the final concert of The Chipping Norton Music Festival last Saturday.

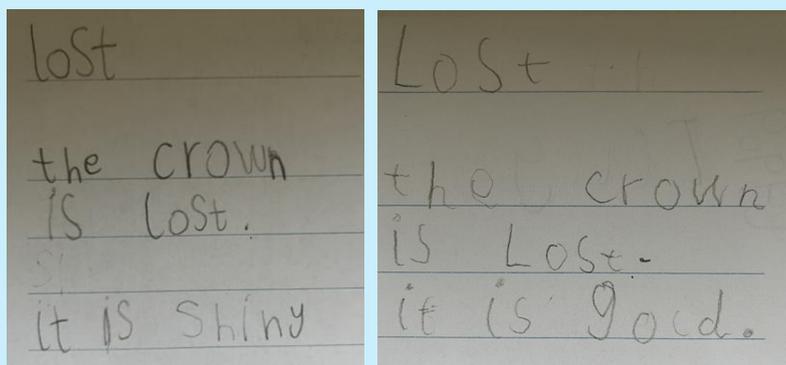
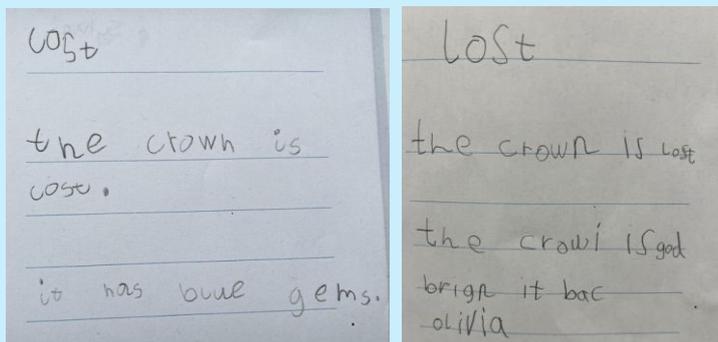
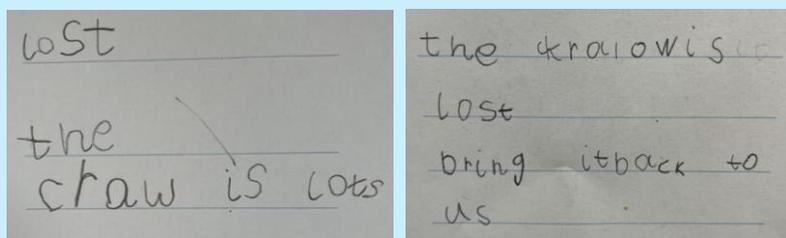
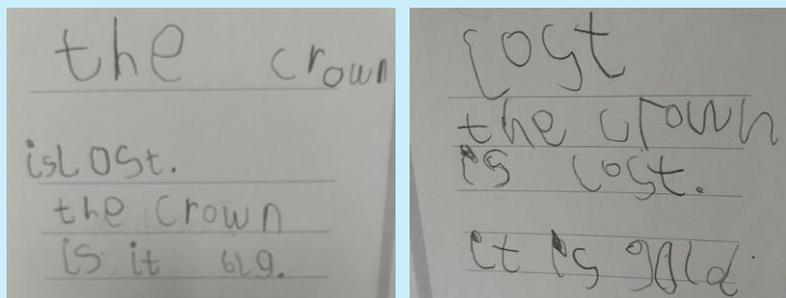
They sang beautifully and were awarded The Robin Martin Oliver award for the best Junior Choir performance at the festival.

Well done choir and thank you to everyone who supported them.



News from Around the School

The children in Reception were this week given a very important responsibility – to guard the King’s crown! Mid-week it alarmingly went missing! An urgent hunt was needed as part of which the children wrote posters. Thankfully the crown was returned just in time for the Royal footman to collect on Friday afternoon!



We are really impressed with the children’s use of phonics and their letter formation. The posters were all around the school and made it very clear exactly what was lost.

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Sporting News



On Monday afternoon of last week, a team of Year 6 girls played netball against teams from Madley Brook School and Aston and Cote School.

The girls played brilliantly, showing amazing netball skills and great teamwork.

We know their secondary schools are going to love the talent they showed! It was a wonderful afternoon of netball.

News from ODST

On Thursday, the school hosted a visit from the new CEO of ODST, Mrs Sharon Mullins.

Sharon spent several hours in the school, meeting children and staff and getting to know our community for herself.

Some of our children from Year 6 enjoyed talking to Sharon about their journey through the school and demonstrating the progress they have made.

It was a very enjoyable time for everyone and Sharon was very complementary about The Blake School and had words of encouragement for everyone.