

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we pulled together all our thoughts on Patience. We listened to a story about Pentecost, the day that Christians call the birthday of the church. The disciples had to wait for the Holy Spirit to come. It may not have been an easy wait, but it was definitely worth it.

In school, there are often periods of waiting and they are not always easy! Throughout this month we have thought together about the times that we have to patient, both at home and in school. Sometimes our patience is quickly rewarded, the wait is not very long, but at other times the wait is much longer and our patience can be really stretched.

The Bible reminds us that waiting, though hard, can be a good thing. Through times of patience we learn things about ourselves and about God. Waiting can help us to put things in perspective, to think more about the things that we really need, rather than just satisfying a craving.

At Pentecost the disciples' patience was rewarded with being given God's power, the strength to do the things that they had been commanded to do. I am grateful for God's equipping to do the things that are asked of me, to live according to our Values – I know I cannot do it in my own strength.

This end of term newsletter is a bumper edition – there has been so much going on in school over the past week. I would like to particularly thank The Friends for all their hard work planning and supervising the Wild Walk on Friday. It was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all our children. The sponsorship that you have collected will help raise vital funds to allow us to build an outdoor learning space over the summer break that will be enjoyed by all our children next year. Thank-you!

Congratulations to the choir

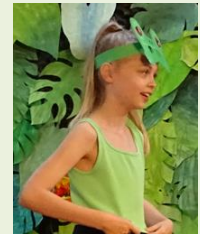
Earlier this week thirty children from the choir performed at 'The Big Sing' at the Centre for Music in Oxford. The children performed alongside other local primary schools, singing with enthusiasm, confidence and great joy. Our thanks to Mrs Raven who continues to lead the choir with energy and skill and congratulations to all the children who took part – they were amazing!



A Rainforest extravaganza

During the past week, the children in Year 5 performed to their parents. Their performance was a mixture of music, dance and poetry – a really enjoyable and uplifting time. Well done to all the children who showed great skill and joy as they took to the stage. Thank you to everyone who, at the end of each performance, donated to the Rainforest Trust, together you raised £114 for that charitable cause.





Values Awards



A huge well done to all the children who this week received a Values Award.

As always, children had shown a wide variety of our Values, but in this last week of term, perseverance was a common theme! Well done everyone for keeping going this week.

Summer Fete

Every year group is taking responsibility for a different stall at our school fete, which will take place after school on Friday 7th June. Parents from each class will be asked to donate to the stall for their year group. If however you would like to donate to the stall for a different year group, they would be delighted to receive your donations.

Year 1 – party sweet bags

Year 2 – toys and teddies (pre-loved, but clean please)

Year 3 – cakes (please bring to school on Friday morning)

Year 4 – Pimms and Mocktails – any donations of lemonade, fruit juice, straws and cocktail umbrellas.

Year 5 – water or wine, donations of wine or bubbly.

The children in Year 6 are responsible for lots of the stalls at the fete – please talk to your children about this.

Healthy eating

Our children in Year 1 and Year 2 have recently been thinking about how to eat healthily. Over the past week, our children in Year 2 have been making smoothies and our children in Year 1 have been chopping fruit to make fruit salad. Everything looked very tasty!



Young writers

Children from The Blake School are going to be participating in national writing competitions organised by Young Writers. This initiative provides a valuable opportunity for children to enhance their writing skills and for us to foster potential authors and journalists within our school community.

Engagement in such activities frequently leads to increased confidence in children's creative writing ability. Furthermore, their written work may be published in a real 'book', which children can proudly share with family and friends.

We believe that this initiative will provide a beneficial and enriching experience for our children and we look forward to them taking part in future Young Writers competitions. Well done to the children in Year 5 who recently entered the Young Writers Competition.



Quad Kids

At the start of this week, Miss Fletcher and Mr Walker took a group of energetic and enthusiastic children to the Partnership Quad Kids event. Children participated in a 75m sprint, a 600m run, a standing long jump and a vortex throw. Mr Walker said that the children showed 'fantastic resilience, determination and sportsmanship throughout.' Well done to everyone who took part.



The Wild Walk

We hope these photos give you a window into the fun that the children had completing the Wild Walk on Friday. Everyone took part with great enthusiasm – it was a wonderful event.





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