# Newsletter

#### News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in school we began to explore our new Value of Kindness. We used this image to help us think about kindness being something that we do, it is an action.



We thought too about kindness being something that we can all do. We can all choose to be kind to the people around us, whoever they are.

To help us in our thinking we read a passage from the Bible that is re-told in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

In the story Jesus is on his way to see a girl who is very sick, but on the way he stops to look after a lady who had been a bit poorly for a long time. The lady would have been considered 'unclean' by the Jewish people and she would have been used to being ignored. However Jesus, even though he was urgently on his way to see a girl who was very sick and who nobody expected to recover, stopped. Jesus was not concerned by the views of the people around him, or by what everybody else would think, he showed kindness.

In our day to day lives, it is easy to see the interruptions as annoying, as the things that are just an inconvenience, but that was not the way that Jesus lived his life. Kindness is about noticing the interruptions and acting.

C.S. Lewis wrote 'The great thing, if we can, is to stop regarding all the unpleasant things as interruptions...what we call interruptions are the life God is sending us day by day.'

With the children I talked about being the miracle. Every act of kindness is a small miracle, it will change someone's life. This is perhaps especially so when the kindness is in response to an interruption, something that seems to get in the way of what we thought was important, or that we think should be the priority. I hope that the children will not only in school, but at home with you, be the miracle by being kind, even if they were busy doing something else!

#### Values Awards

A huge congratulations to all the children who this week have lived by our Values and been awarded a Values certificate. At the end of the winter term, as everyone is tired and the weather is cold and grey, it is no mean feat to keep demonstrating our Values!



#### News from Around the School

Our children in Year 2 have continued to find out more about penguins – every child has created a booklet full of facts and information about penguins. They have worked so hard, and their booklets are so interesting, that a group of children took their work to Year 6, so that they could enjoy it too. It was great to see the pride in our younger children grow as the older children admired their hard work.















### More News from Around the School

The children in Year 5 have been creating some amazing art work. Their pictures inspired by Mexico use fantastic colours. Their self-portraits are inspired by Frida Kahlo. The children thought about things that made them happy and used those images to surround their self-portraits. The children also thought carefully about colour mixing and how to use colours for effect.





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