

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we began to explore our new Value of Respect.

As always, your children were able to articulate thoughtfully and clearly regarding their existing understanding about what Respect means, who has it, how we earn it and how we keep it.

As we are in the middle of the Euros, many of your children used a football analogy, reflecting on the Respect that is given to managers and players alike. They also reflected on how quickly that respect can be lost...

Together we then looked at some verses from the book of Genesis, right at the beginning of the Bible. The verses speak of when God first made mankind. God said –

‘Let us make mankind in our image... So God made mankind in his own image, male and female he created them...he breathed into them, the breath of life.’

For Christians, the intrinsic value of every human being can be traced back to this creation story. We are all made in the image of God.

It was a good exercise for adults and children alike to look around the room recognising that each and every person there is made in the image of God, they have value because of that and therefore we should treat them with Respect. There is something intrinsic in each of us, the breath of God, which means that we are entitled to be treated with Respect.

It is of course important to note that sometimes people behave in a way that is not kind or nice, but it does not change the fact that they too have the breath of God in them. We are all expected to treat others with Respect, because we are all equal in God’s eyes.

In the remaining weeks of term we will look at other times and places that we need to show Respect, including for the earth and for the things we own. We are looking forward to welcoming Rev Simon Kirby to lead our Collective Worship next week to help us continue our thinking.

But the starting point for us all, is to recognise that each of us has the same Value and we are each therefore to be respected equally. In the midst of our daily interactions and when it goes wrong in the workplace or on the playground, it is a challenge for us all to remember that simple truth. The writer Max Lucado sums it up well in a statement from Eli the Woodcarver, who has crafted the Wemmicks –

‘Remember you are special because I made you, and I don’t make mistakes.’

Values Awards

Well done to all the children who received a Values Award this week. An extra special well done this week to children in Year 5, who in the absence of Year 6 (who were on their secondary school transition days) stepped up and took on extra responsibilities.



Learning Around the School

There was a lot of interest in Year 3, when one of the children talked to her class about her family's religious tradition. The children all learned a lot about Hinduism and the Puja plate.



Music Around the School

Over the last few weeks, it has been a real joy to hear a number of different children sharing their musical talents as part of Collective Worship. If your child has been inspired by listening to others play, then you can contact the [County Music Service](#) to find out more about lessons. If your child would like to learn the piano, please contact the school office.



News from Around the School

This week the children from Year 2 spent an afternoon at the mini-Olympics at Henry Box School. The afternoon was a lot of fun, but very tiring! Our children were very enthusiastic participants and showed themselves to be good team players.



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