

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week it was a great pleasure to welcome Rev Matt Beer (Vicar of St Mary's Cogges) to come and lead Collective Worship on Monday morning.

Matt continued our thoughts on Wisdom, by reading to us a story from the Bible about a wise man and a foolish man. Both men set out to build a house. The wise man builds his house on the rock, whereas the foolish man builds his house on the sand. Both houses look great! However, trouble comes when rain falls and the wind blows. The house on the rock is fine, it withstands everything that is thrown at it, but the house on the sand falls to the ground.

Whilst the story was being read, three groups of children were facing a challenge, to build a tall (but strong) structure using spaghetti and marshmallows. It was a lot of (sticky) fun!

The key to the tallest and most robust structure laid in the foundations. The children who were too keen to build something tall, neglected the need for a solid base; they did build something tall, but it soon needed support to stop it falling over! However, the children who invested time (and marshmallows) in creating a strong first layer, were able to keep adding more layers without any danger of their structure crashing to the ground.

Matt reminded us all that their buildings were like Wisdom. Wisdom acts as a foundation to the conversations we have, the decisions we make and the relationships that we build. If we show Wisdom in each of those areas then we are creating something that is strong and will last.

All of us need more Wisdom. Like the children trying to create a tall structure before the story finished, it is not easy to show Wisdom when we are under pressure, up against a deadline, or simply keen to move on. Showing Wisdom often means we need to invest a bit more time, we need to think more carefully about our thoughts and actions and to be prepared not to be first at the finishing post. But Wisdom will have its reward. When times are tough, the energy we have put into wise planning and decision making and into building solid relationships will definitely be shown to be worth it.

## Join our team

We are currently looking for a new part time Finance Officer to join our busy admin team.

If you are interested in the role, or know someone who might be, please do look for the role on [My New Term](#), or contact the office for more details.

## Governor needed

We are currently looking for a new Parent Governor.

The Governors have a strategic role in school, overseeing finance and discussing long term plans. The Governors meet monthly in the evening, once a month.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact the governors on [governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk)

## Values Awards

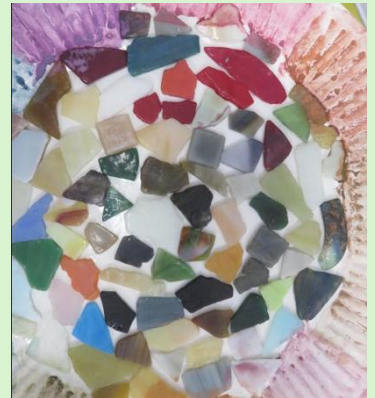
Congratulations to all the children who received a Values Award in Collective Worship this week. As always, our community has been blessed by their actions.

Thank you to everyone who is seeking to show our Values every day – you are amazing.



## News from Around the School

As part of their ongoing learning about the Romans, the children in Year 4 have this week produced some amazing mosaics. The children used water colour around the outside to complement their carefully planned mosaic. We think the results are stunning.



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