

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week we spent our last Collective Worship reflecting on our Value of Peace. Together we reflected on all that we have thought about Peace, what it is and what it is not.

You will remember that last week, unusually, I set the children some homework, to think about how they can be more curious than furious. This week it was great to look at their ideas together. A lot of their ideas were simply common sense.

If someone hurts you and it was an accident, don't be angry about it, just let them know it hurt. Year 6

Don't make it worse by carrying on an argument. Year 5

Walk away and take some deep breaths. Year 4

Ask yourself if it is really worth squabbling about. Year 3

Other ideas showed a real depth of insight –

Find a time away from others to say, 'when you do that, it makes me sad/angry'. Year 6

Don't hold a grudge, or retaliate. Year 5

Say, 'I wonder if you are feeling cross/upset? Would you like a hug?' Year 4

Ask, 'why did you do that?' Year 3

Living at peace with one another is a complicated business, in school we spend a lot of time supporting children to reflect on their actions and look at how friendships can be restored. Looking at our news headlines and the emails that cross my path, I am aware that as adults we have much to learn from our children. Though our children do not always get it right, and they sometimes need support to restore peace, they are so much more willing to say sorry, to reflect on what went wrong and to think about what might be hard for the other person, than we are as adults.

We closed our time of Collective Worship by thinking once more about some of Jesus' last words to his disciples, recorded in the Gospel of John –

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

There is a lot of uncertainty in our world, our upcoming General Election only adds to that. In the midst of it all, I find those words of Jesus an enormous comfort.

Jesus offers us Peace, whatever the external goings on and whatever challenges we face. We can look to Jesus for a peace that is beyond ourselves. I, for one, am only too happy to have more of that in my life.



Music at The Blake School

Today, in Collective Worship, it was a great joy to listen to some of the children who have been learning instruments over the past year, they were amazing! At 2pm on 18th July, there will be a concert in school entitled 'Thank you for the music' at which the choir will sing and more of our musicians will play. Further information and tickets will be issued next week.



This afternoon many of our children were treated to a performance by Thom Conroy, it sounded fantastic and was really inspirational. If your child is interested in learning an instrument in school, please do get in touch with the County Music Service - <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument> If your child wants to learn the piano, you can find out more details via the school office.

News from Around the School

This week our children in Year 6 enjoyed a fascinating day learning all about the Vikings. The children had a lot of fun and discovered all sorts of new facts about the Vikings.



More News from Around the School

Our children in Year 1 have been making models of the Bog Baby (based on the book by Jean Willis) – we love all the different interpretations of the Bog Baby.



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