

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

In Collective Worship this week we concluded our thoughts on Courage. We began by looking at the following, short, Bible verse from Philippians chapter 4 –

'I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.'

We talked together about whether we thought we really can do ALL things, reflecting on the things that we find hard and the things that we need others to help us with. We agreed that as a community, we can do much more than we can do on our own!

In the earlier verses of Philippians 4, the writer reflects on having learned to be content in all circumstances. As we talked together, we decided that learning to be content in whatever circumstances we find ourselves is the key to being able to do all things. Accepting that there will be hard times and that there will be challenges ahead but learning to be content anyway, gives us courage to face the difficulties.

As a Christian, I draw on Christ for my strength. I believe that he can equip me to face the challenges of each day and give me the courage to tackle any difficulties I encounter.

As we move into May, our new Value will be perseverance. Perseverance sits beautifully against courage, because although courage can be a one off decision, more often than not it is a decision that we have to take again and again.

Courage takes many forms; walking around the school, I see children in every classroom showing Courage in different ways. Children new to the school are showing courage as they make new friends and build relationships, children finding their learning challenging show courage as they have another go, children wanting to learn a new skill show courage as they persevere, children who have made mistakes show courage as they own up and ask for forgiveness.

Courage can look very different for each of us. One thing is certain however, it is easier to be courageous with friends and family cheering you on. As a staff team we are privileged to journey with not just children, but also their families – it is part of being a community together.

I hope that this weekend you will enjoy spending time with the people who are cheering you on.

Values Awards

It was so encouraging, as always, to acknowledge the children who over the past week have particularly shown our Values. I know that all across the school, children are showing our Values, each week we can only recognise a few.

This week I was particularly delighted to give an award to a child who has shown exceptional Courage in the swimming pool. Well done Parastoo!



News from Around the School

This week the children in Early Years have been learning about Africa. On Wednesday the children spent a fabulous morning completing a carousel of African activities. Children went animal spotting, made African necklaces and clay houses (first rolling sausages into a rectangle, then rolling the rectangle to make a cylinder for the house). There were also wonderful sounds being made on African drums (djembe) for everyone to enjoy.



Parent survey

Please don't forget to [complete our parent survey](#). We value feedback from all members of our school community and over the coming weeks will be asking staff, parents and our children to feed back on different aspects of the school. We will share the feedback from the survey with you later in the year.

The Friends

The April draw for the 100 club took place today. The lucky ticket winner was number 70. We hope the winnings goes towards a Bank Holiday treat!

Details of a sponsored event taking place during May will soon be coming home. Children will be taking part in an obstacle course on the playground, with funds raised going to The Blake School. Please be thinking about who you can ask for sponsorship.

More fun at Forest School

This week, the photos are from the children in Year 2 who went to Forest School on Wednesday. The children had a wonderful time! Our thanks to all the parent helpers who make the Forest School sessions possible.



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