

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

In Collective Worship this week, we brought together all of our thoughts on Responsibility, which we have looked at throughout October.

We took time to think back to the things for which we are responsible and how our Values can help us shoulder our responsibilities well.

As we drew our thinking to a close, we took time to think more about us as a community.

In the Bible, Christians are described as 'The Body of Christ'. There is a famous passage, which we read together, in which the writer talks about the foot not being able to say that because they are not a hand they do not belong to the body. The passage later points out that if the whole body was an ear, where would the sense of smell be!

Perhaps more importantly, the passage goes on to say that one part of the body cannot say to another 'I don't need you!', and it was that sentiment that we used to conclude our thinking.

We are community. As the image shows, we are all different cogs, a part of the whole, every part matters.

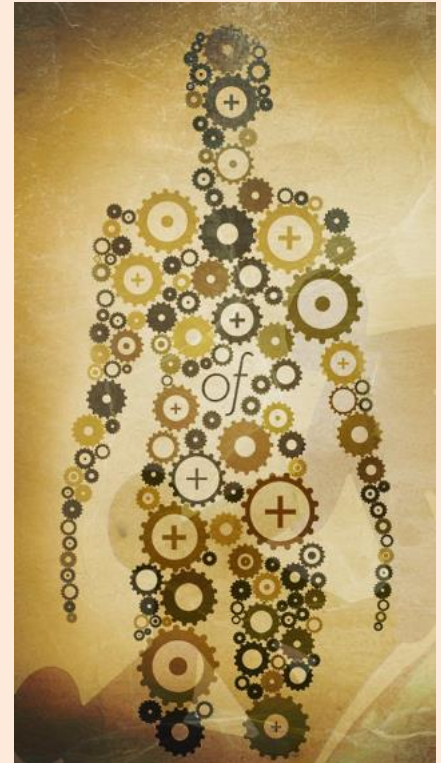
As a community we have responsibility for playing our part, what we do (or don't do) makes a difference to those around us. Each of us has responsibility, in the things that we say and do, to the community around us. The cog that we are does not and cannot operate in isolation, what it does impacts the cogs around it.

Our children are a vital part of our community, each of them has a part to play. As your children learn and play together, they have a responsibility to those around them, and it is only as they take up that responsibility that our community can really function well and flourish.

What is true for the children is of course true for us also. As adults we too have responsibilities to our wider community. It is only as we take up those responsibilities and do the things that are required of us that our homes, our workplaces and our wider community can function effectively, with every person able to flourish where they have been placed.

I don't know about you, but I can find that responsibility rather daunting. As a Christian I am grateful for the knowledge that whatever is asked of me, I have God's help to carry it out. This week, we have this verse written above the hall doors, to help us all remember that we may have a big task to do, but as we do it, we are not on our own.

For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.' Isaiah 41 verse 13.



News from Around the School

The children in Year 1 have been learning about fireworks. Alongside their wonderful artwork, they have been thinking about how exclamation marks are used.



Wee! ✨

Crackle! ✨

Zoom! ✨

Fizz! ✨

The children in Year 3 have enjoyed spending time in the library this week – it is always an enjoyable time. Time spent reading a good book is time well spent.



Don't forget!

Shoeboxes

Almost all of the pre-wrapped shoeboxes have now been taken, but if you have not yet picked one up and you want to fill one, please do come and get one from the front Reception.

So far 23 shoeboxes have been returned to school, representing 23 children whose Christmas will be changed and blessed because of your generosity. The deadline for returning filled shoe-boxes to school is Friday 10th November.

If you are not able to fill a shoe box but would still like to contribute, there is a box into which single items can be placed.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Through next week we will continue to sell items supporting this very worthwhile cause. Unless the money is for a poppy, please do not send loose change into school. If your child wants a slap band (£1.50), a wrist band (£1), a reflector poppy (£1) or a zip pull (50p), please send the cash in, in an envelope or bag, clearly labelled with your child's name and the item they wish to have.

Dates for your diary

We are finalising the dates for our Christmas performances and events and hope to get these out to parents next week. The Early Years Christmas Nativity will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 5:30pm.

We will be helping to raise funds for Children in Need during the week beginning 13th November – get practising your Bearpees at home so that children are ready for the Bearpee challenge!

The school disco, run by The Friends will take place on Friday 17th November.

On Friday 1st December, the pantomime is coming to school, more details to follow soon.

Children will be taking part in the Fun Run on 12th December – Santa Hats for everyone!

Well done to our footballers



It was a very soggy football match that our Year 6 boys played against a team from Witney County Primary School after school on Wednesday.

Despite the rain, the boys played an extremely tough and closely fought match, which saw Witney CP snatch a 7-6 victory.

Witney CP said that our team were their toughest opponents to date! Well done everyone!

Loving, learning and flourishing in community