

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week has seen the 80th anniversary of VE day. Across the nation young and old have remembered and celebrated that significant day in our history.

As we have continued to think about our Value of Perseverance, there are many common links between that and those who endured the long years of war, navigating many hardships for the sake of peace.



I was struck by something that the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell said in his sermon in Westminster Abbey on Thursday.

He said that 'in Jesus Christ the barriers that divide us – barriers of prejudice, misunderstanding, sinfulness and exclusion are broken down. This is good news for the world.'



Week by week, not just in Collective Worship, but in the way that we treat each other in our classrooms, corridors and playgrounds we endeavour to live according to the Values that Jesus showed when he was on earth. It is my belief that if we persevere in seeking to live by these Values we will indeed break down the barriers in our communities that so often hinder and hurt. And that is something to celebrate all year round, not just on VE day!

Values Awards

Congratulations to all the children who last week were awarded a Values Certificate.

Children all across the school are living out our Values in a wide range of ways and these do not go un-noticed.

In Collective Worship on Friday it was also a joy to celebrate members of staff who have shown our Values.



News from Around the School

The children in Year 5 are continuing their learning about rainforests. This week they have produced poems trying to use high-quality vocabulary and using metaphors, similes and personification.

The Special Sloth

Up in the treetops, with no care
He slowly sways in the leafy air,
The jungle yawns with sleepy grace,
As the animals move at a quicker pace.

He climbs in the trees with a sharp claw,
You'll never hear a loud roar,
Brown fur all fuzzy and matted,
Up above the rainbows chatted.

He hides his soft, sleepy face,
In a warm, cosy place,
He slowly moves up in his tree,
As he takes a nap on nature's knee.

He's silent and still, nothing to do,
Oh, I just wish he knew,
He's not a grubby, little moth
He is a very special sloth.

By Hannah

FIRE RED MACAW

In rainforest skies so wide and high,
She moves the clouds with a gentle sigh,
A flame on wind and breeze in the trees,
A bird so fast she cuts the leaves.

A flame on wings, a fire so bright,
She's dressed in red, day or night,
High above, in skies so blue,
She has fun watching me and you.

She flies with flair through leafy air,
She glides, flaps and soars with no care,
Each flap is strong, each glide is grand,
She says 'hello' with wing, not hand.

She screams with delight, she gives a call,
And talks to everyone and all.
Jungle chatter, she gives a SQWAAK!
The bright red Macaw, soars and talks!

By Evie



THE JUNGLE'S MIGHTY KING

DOWN IN THE GREENERY
WHERE THE FIRE FLIES DANCE AND GLOW,
A MOMENT TO TAKE IN THE SCENERY,
BEFORE THEY START THEIR SHOW.

UP HIGH IN THE TREES
WHERE THE MONKEYS LAUGH AND PLAY,
SLOWLY, BUT SURELY, WITH EASE
HE KNOWS HE'LL MAKE THEIR DAY.

ON A LONG STURDY VINE
A LONE GORILLA BEGINS TO SWING,
ALL THE ANIMALS MAKE WAY
FOR THE JUNGLE'S MIGHTY KING!

HE WEARS HIS GOLDEN CROWN
WITH A BEAUTIFUL SPOTTED PRINT,
HE NEVER GIVES A FROWN
AS HE CHANGES HIS PACE TO A SPRINT.

HE'S A SPARK OF LIGHTNING
AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE,
IN FACT, IT'S RATHER FRIGHTENING
TO SEE HIM JUMP THROUGH THE TREES LIKE A CHIMPANZEE!

HE SHAKES HIS MAJESTIC HEAD
AND SILENTLY RAISES A PAW,
TO TELL HIS DINNER IT'S AS GOOD AS DEAD...
BY LETTING OUT A FIERCE ROOOOAR!

By ELEANOR HICKS



The Sloth

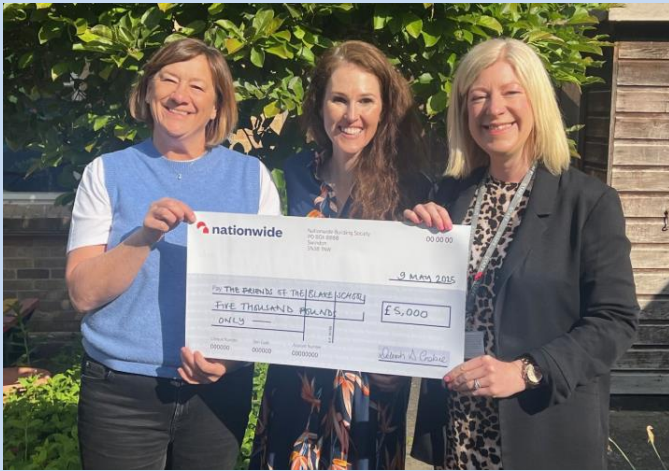
Deep in the jungle where the evergreens grow
Lives a sloth that is oh so slow
He dangles from the branch where he belongs
And just stays there all day long
Claws sharper than thorns he uses to climb
Underneath the sun in the sky
We all agree that he is slow
Slower than the grass can grow
Climbing on each branch to branch
He only gets down once because it's his only chance
He makes no sound
Not a squeak or a chirp
No bark or burp
He just hangs there like someone got hurt
By Jack Hamilton

Changes to our outside area

Friday morning was a very exciting time in school as children from our School Council and Eco-Council were presented with an enormous cheque, to the value of £5000, from the Nationwide.

The cheque has been awarded to the school following a bid submitted by school staff to fund changes to our outside area.

In the coming weeks the money will be used to create a calmer space on our playground as well as to introduce plants that will increase biodiversity around the school site.



A vibrant yellow poster for a school project. At the top, it says 'The Friends of The Blake School' in green, with 'GROW A SUNFLOWER & HELP THE BEES!' in large orange letters below. A price tag in the top right corner says '£3 per kit'. The poster lists 'Join our summer project:' with bullet points: 'Plant a sunflower', 'Watch it grow', and 'Support the bees'. It also says 'Send us photos!' and 'Take part in a blooming adventure: Your sunflower helps pollinators thrive! Share your sunflower photos with us over the summer and show how it's growing.' At the bottom, it says 'Together, let's grow something beautiful.' and includes the hashtags '#BlakeSunflowerProject' and '#BeeFriendly'. The poster features illustrations of sunflowers and bees.

Summer sun

Next week is forecast to be warm and sunny!

Please make sure that you have applied sun cream to your child before the start of the day. We also recommend that they have a sun hat to wear. Children should all have a named water bottle in school, this will be re-filled with water as necessary through the day.

Cardigans and jumpers are soon removed in school – please name them so that they find their way back to your child. Thank you.

**Loving, learning and
flourishing in community**

Head lice

Nits are a common problem across the school but we currently seem to have particularly high levels. We strongly recommend that children with long hair wear it tied back in school.

Please do check your child's hair for lice and eggs. Combing your child's wet hair with a nit comb and with plenty of conditioner is a very effective way of removing lice and eggs, but it does need to be repeated regularly. You can also buy products to treat the infestation.