

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we drew together all our thoughts on our Value of Peace.

We had a lot of fun re-telling the story of Peter when he walked on the water towards Jesus. We all enjoyed being wind and waves, so that we really felt part of the story! I especially enjoyed being Peter sinking beneath the waves with a series of desperate glugs!

When Peter stepped out on to the water, he experienced Peace, he believed that he could walk across the water to Jesus, he trusted him. Peter sank because he took his eyes off Jesus, the source of Peace and instead focussed on the noise around him.

It was a challenge to all of us; how often we sacrifice Peace by looking at the wind and waves around us.

Albert Einstein famously said 'There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.' I love this quote and spoke to the children about it.

Life itself, what has happened, doesn't change, but the way we choose to see it shapes our experience. If we wish to, we can choose to see the miraculous all around us, but equally we can choose not to do so. I think that choosing to see the miraculous, to approach everything as a gift, is the way to get the most out of each day. Choosing to see everything as a miracle increases our sense of wonder, it opens our eyes to the joy that is around us and causes us to be thankful for all that we have.

In Collective Worship, I therefore encouraged your children to go through the week looking for the miraculous, marvelling at the world around them and being grateful for all the blessings that they have – perhaps you can ask them at home how they got on with the challenge!

We closed our time together by returning to a verse that has been the backdrop to all our thoughts over the past month. It is the famous saying of Jesus, which comes as part of his Sermon on the Mount, recorded in the Gospel of Matthew - 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'.

Around the school, we are always grateful for Peacemakers, the children and adults who are always ready to help their peers, who are in no hurry to blow their own trumpet, who reflect carefully on the words they use and the actions they take. These individuals really do bless our community and make it a happier place for us all.

## Values Awards

I really enjoyed giving out the Values Awards this week. For some children it is the first time this year that their hard work in living our Values has been recognised in Collective Worship – they have just got on with showing our Values, week in and week out. Well done to all of them for keeping going, even when they thought no-one noticed.



## News from Around the School – Our School Fete

A huge thank you to Emily and her team of helpers from The Friends, who organised the fete after school today. The sun shone and there was a wonderful atmosphere as our community came together on the school grounds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and to Mrs Raven and the choir for entertaining us so well.



### Class Photos

If you would like a copy of your child's class photo, please make sure you order it by 15<sup>th</sup> July to take advantage of free delivery to school. If you have lost your child's code, please email the school office.

### Parent Survey

This week is your last chance to [complete the annual parents' survey](#). We really value your feedback and so would really appreciate you taking a moment to complete the questionnaire. If you are in a hurry, you can just tick the boxes, if you have a bit more time to spare you can leave comments too. Thank you!

## News from Around the School – Music

This morning in Collective Worship it was a joy to hear some of the children share their musical talents. Every day, we welcome music teachers into school who teach individuals and small groups to play the piano, brass, guitars and violin. If you would like your child to learn an instrument in school, even one we don't currently offer, please contact the [County Music Service](#). If they would like to learn the piano, please email the school office to be put on the waiting list.



## News from Around the School – History Day

The children had a wonderful day on Wednesday, spending a day learning about the history of The Blake School. Mrs Castree had gathered many historical sources, which the children were able to use in their research. The photos are from around the school in the past and the present!



Our School Council recorded a wonderful [video](#) that the children listened to at the start of History Day. Our Year 5 children enjoyed talking to the Mayor, people can be a source of information as well as photos and documents.



Do ask your children about what they learned and what they enjoyed most.

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