

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

During week one of term, we thought about how Unity and Co-operation means helping each other in physical and practical ways. During week two of term, we thought about helping each other out by being encouragers and supporters of each other.

This week in Collective Worship we read a very familiar Bible passage in which we are all referred to as being part of one body. My favourite line in the passage that we read from 1 Corinthians chapter 12 says -

‘Now if the foot should say ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, it would not for that reason stop being part of the body’

I love the mental image that this creates! I see a foot and a hand arguing about whether or not they are part of the body because they aren’t the same thing. The idea is ridiculous. A body cannot be made up solely of feet, or of hands – all parts are important and necessary.

And yet as we go about our daily lives, it is easy to get sucked into exactly that thinking. We compare ourselves to others and believe that we only really matter if we are like someone else, if we do the things they do, or behave as they do. We think that others are surely better than us...

The Bible is clear, we are all unique. And our uniqueness is what brings richness and strength to our community. I am privileged to work with an amazing team of people, who could not be more different from each other. However, their difference is what makes The Blake such a special place to belong.

I reminded the children that it makes no sense for us all to be the same, a body cannot work properly unless there is difference. Crucially however, the different parts need to work together in order for the body to work, which brought us back to our Value for this month – Unity/Co-operation. We may not be the same, or think the same, we may have different strengths and weaknesses, but if we all work together, we will be better and stronger than if we try to do everything on our own.

Thank you

It has been a busy week on the playground this week with the book fair, the golden bucket and the cake sale - thank you for your support.

The cake sale raised an impressive £185 towards the Quinta residential. We hope to reveal the winner of the Golden Bucket next week – if you haven’t yet bought a ticket and would like to, please look out for our Year 6 children on the playground next week.

The book sale is open for the final time before school on Monday morning. Please head to the Year 6 middle area if you are interested in buying a book.

Book a School Meal

The school receives funding for children who are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. This funding is based upon how many children book their meal on a given day. This term, that day is Thursday of the coming week (1st October).

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and may have a school meal during the year, it would help us if they can have one on Thursday. We have re-opened the booking on ParentPay, so if you are able to help us by booking a meal for Thursday you can do so this weekend. Thank-you!

Values Awards



In these early days of term, it is a particular joy to recognise those children who have worked especially hard to settle into new routines, or who have helped others to do so.

As we have been thinking about how we can help each other, it was good to award children who have been doing just that.

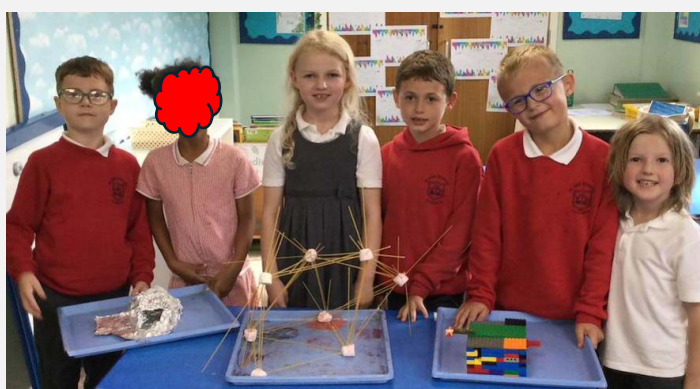
News from Around the School

Mrs Rowlands' is leading outdoor learning this year and is busy planning activities that will mean all children experience learning out of doors as part of their time in school. Today, a group of children from Mrs Rowlands class had a go at den building – they had a wonderful time!



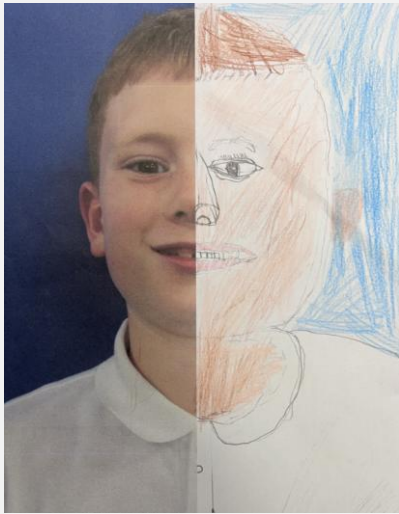
More News from Around the School

As part of their science work, the children in Year 2 have been thinking about buildings. Today a hair dryer provided the wolf's huffing and puffing as the children explored which houses would not fall down! The children displayed great team work and co-operation as they built their houses.



Still More News from Around the School!

In Collective Worship this morning, we loved seeing the self-portraits that the children in Year 4 have produced this week. Children looked really carefully at their photos and thought hard about how to make sure their drawing resembles them.



Parents' evening appointments will be released next week. Appointments for most teachers will take place on Thursday 15th October and Tuesday 20th October.

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