Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

We had a lot of fun in Collective Worship this week acting out the story of two people who had gone to the temple to pray.

One of the children took on the role of the Pharisee, he was an important man who everybody looked up to and who had status in society.

Another child played the part of a tax collector. At the time the Bible was written, tax collectors were hated by everyone, they were liars and cheats.

The two characters go into the temple to pray. The Pharisee prays, thanking God that he is not like other people, that he obeys the law and gives money away. The tax collector lowers his eyes and asks God to have mercy on him because he knows he has done wrong. When Jesus tells the story, he tells his listener that it was the tax collector that went home right with God, not the Pharisee.

I talked to the children about the importance of being honest with ourselves. You might be a great footballer, but if you don't recognise how you need to improve, or see areas for development, then you will never be as good as you could be.

The tax collector recognised that he had got things wrong, he knew he needed to change. It is a very important quality, to be able to see ourselves as we really are, neither ignoring our faults, nor inflating our strengths.

As I wrote to the staff team today, a community such as The Blake is a safe space where children and staff alike can be honest about who they are. We are a community where we only want the best for one another and where we will support and encourage so that we can all be the very best that we can be. It is wonderful to have your children as part of our community.

Values Award



Congratulations to all the children to whom we gave a Values Award this week. As always, the children represent so many others who are living out our Values every day.

Shoeboxes

In Collective Worship this morning, Mrs Raven launched the shoebox campaign for this year.

We have lots of pre-wrapped empty shoeboxes in school, which you are welcome to come and collect, or you can wrap a box that you have at home.

If your child has not brought home a label for their box, you can find out more here.

Half-term week is a good time to fill boxes, the deadline for returning completed boxes to school is Friday 6th November.

We are looking forward to working together to make a difference to families across the world.

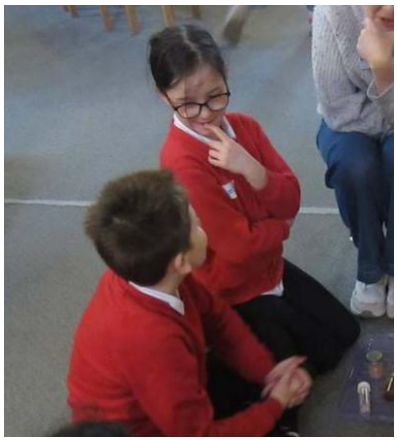
News from Around the School

Our children in Year 4 have recently attended the Harvest Experience at the Methodist Church. The children had time and space to think about where their food comes from and to be thankful.















News from Out and About

Our Year 6 children have been away on their residential this week. It has been a week of fresh air and fun, of children embracing new challenges and growing in confidence. Huge thanks to the team who have been with them this week.


























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