

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week we have moved to our new Value of the Month, Patience.

This morning in Collective Worship we started to think about waiting and about what patience means. The children reflected on times they have had to be patient and what it is like to have to wait for something. I especially enjoyed the number of children who have to wait whilst they clean bedrooms or do another job around the house before getting the reward of television or game time!

Together we thought about whether waiting is good or bad and whilst we concluded that it is often hard, we all agreed that waiting can be a good thing. Waiting can change us, often in ways that we do not expect. Our Bible reading from Romans 5 helped us think about the things that waiting can grow in us, including perseverance.

Your children thought carefully about other things that waiting and being patient can develop in them. As I walk around the school and see your children learning, interacting with their peers and working with their teachers I often see not just patience in action, but also some of the other things that waiting can produce.

We are not always good at being patient, it can be a hard thing to develop, but I think there is real value in the waiting.

As adults we are aware of how quickly time passes, but we can nonetheless be as impatient as our children to reach the next thing, achieve the next goal, get to the thing we really want to do, but patience is all about slowing down. Patience is the challenge to accept all the things that happen in the waiting, to allow ourselves to be changed.

As you know, we opened our new Adventure Zone in September and soon afterwards we put up some slack lines. Every day since they were put up, Beatrice has been practising walking along them. Day after

Values Awards

Lots of the recipients of our Values Awards this week have shown perseverance and patience, in their writing, their learning and their swimming. It was also great to celebrate with children who have shown Values where it has been particularly challenging from them to do so.



day she has tried to walk along them without falling off.

Some time ago she conquered the shorter slack line, but it was not until just before the Easter break that she finally mastered the longer one. Bea has really demonstrated what it is to be patient and to persevere.



Well done
Beatrice!

News from Around the School

The children in Reception have started their travels around the world. Last week they started in the Polar regions and enjoyed speaking to a Polar Explorer and thought about the importance of insulation. They also enjoyed looking at the animals they would find in the Polar regions and even touching fish.

This week the children spent a very special day in Australia. Children checked in outside the hall and enjoyed the flight, enjoying the view from the cockpit as they took the scenic route to Australia! During the day they explored aboriginal art, made banana cake and even played a didgeridoo!

The children's journey will continue in the weeks ahead with other areas of the globe being explored. Safe travels to all our Early Years children.





Jubilee celebrations

Please make sure you have the date of our Jubilee celebrations in your diary.

On Friday 20th May we will be celebrating in school and also after school.

The Friends will be running stalls, the choir will sing and there will be an inflatable.

Please do come and support the event, which will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and raise funds for the school.

Year 5

Our school is currently resounding with songs from 'The Jungle Book' as children from Year 5 practice for their end of term production.

Year 5 parents will be invited to watch performances on Tuesday 24th May at 2pm and on Thursday 26th May at 6pm.

Parent survey

It is the time of year when we ask our parent community to fill in our annual survey. Please do take some time over the coming weeks to complete the short survey.

There is an opportunity at the end of the survey to leave a longer comment on any of the questions asked during the survey.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)

SATS

Throughout May our Year 2 children are sitting National test papers. These are presented as 'Spy challenges', which the children are completing during ordinary learning time.

Next week, our Year 6 children are sitting their SATS. These tests are completed in a much more formal setting.

Owing to the pandemic, no national comparison tables will be produced, but parents will be made aware of how their children have performed as part of our end of year reporting.