

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in school we have begun to think about our new Value of the Month, Love.

February is the month in which the whole nation will be thinking about Love – Valentine’s Day will cause us all to reflect on those we love now, or have loved in the past. The shops will be full of cards, inflatable hearts, flowers and chocolate cake – such things are apparently the markers of love!

In school, although we will think a bit about the love celebrated on Valentine’s Day, we will primarily be thinking about the kind of love that God has for us and that he asks us to show one another. Such love is not dependent upon what we feel, it is not a once-a-year sentimental poem, nor a candlelit dinner.

When Christians think about love, they think not so much about emotion, but about decision. In our relationships and our behaviour, love is rarely what we feel, instead it is an act of will.

The Bible, in 1 John chapter 4, speaks of love by reminding us that “We love because God first loved us”. For me as a Christian, this is the driver. On the days when love is far from what I feel, when I am faced with something or someone for whom love is not what I feel, I remember that God loves me. God loves each of us, not because we are loveable, we all know that often we are not, but because he made us and wants to be in relationship with us. If God can love me, despite all my faults and failings, then I can love others.

The Valentine’s Day shop fronts will try to convince us all that love is easy, sparkly and happy ever after. If Covid-19 has taught us anything it is that this is far from the truth. Loving one another is costly, it involves sacrifice and hard decisions. But love also brings huge rewards, it can transform whole communities.

In school next week we will be thinking about how love makes us and others feel and reflecting upon why we should not rely on our feelings for the decisions we make.

Maybe this weekend you could think with your children about times when you have shown love, or someone has shown love to you?

## Well done to our Year 6 hockey players



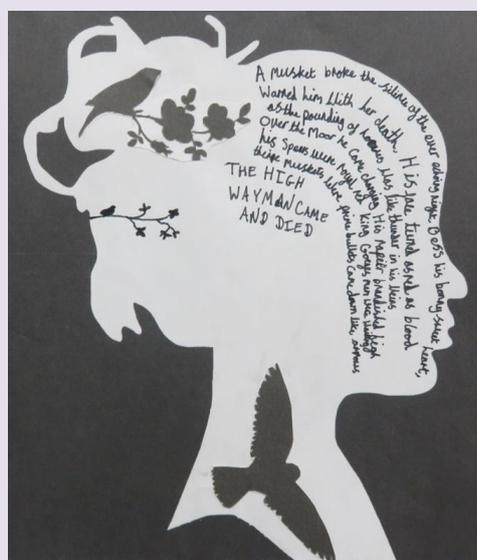
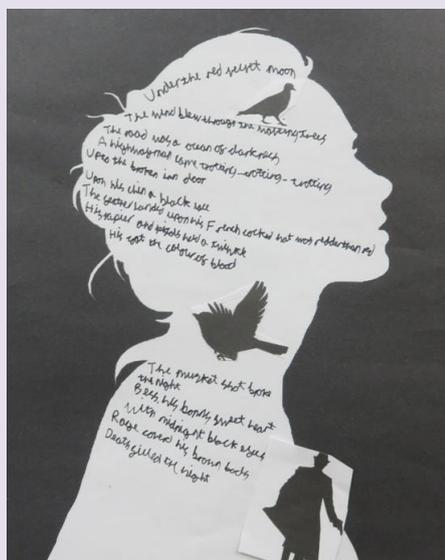
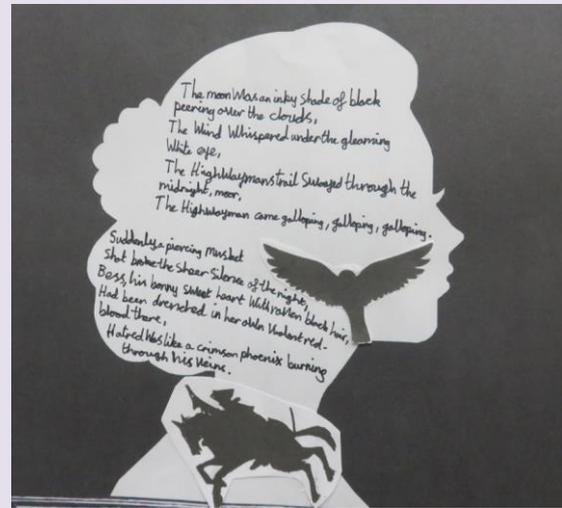
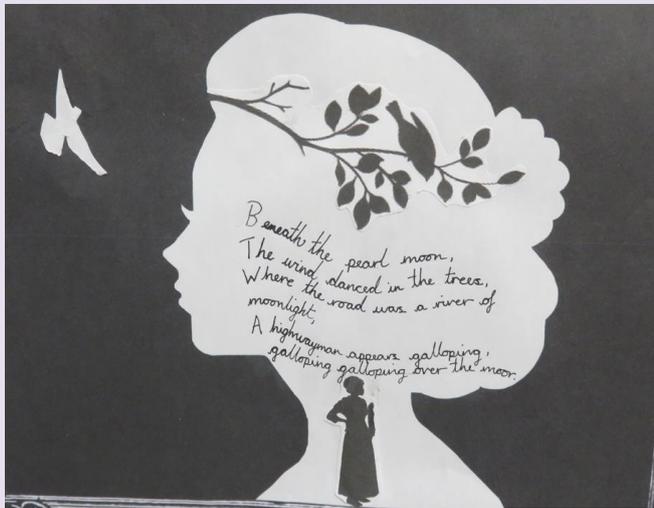
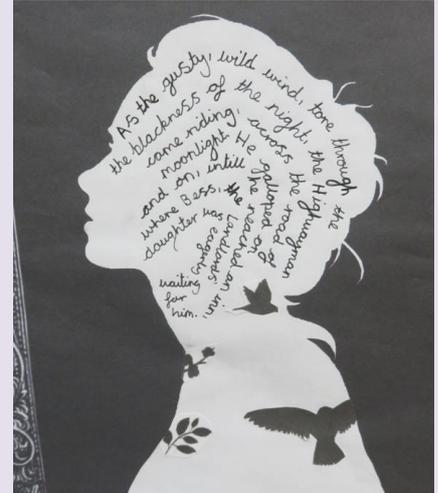
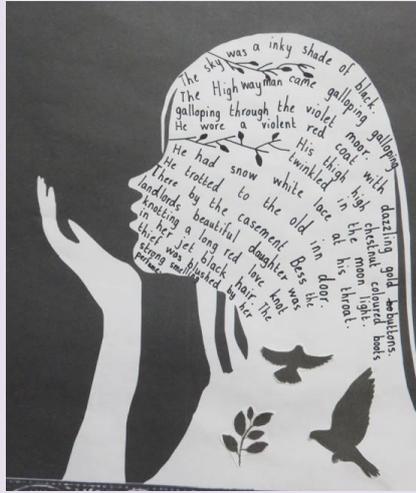
On Monday, a group of Year 6 children played hockey in a tournament with many other local primary schools.

The children played really well, showing great team spirit and increasing in confidence with every game.

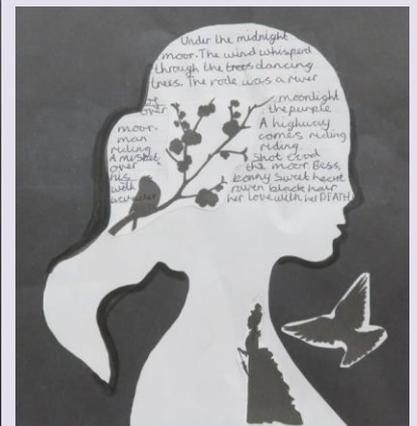
Owing to Covid-19, our children have had very few opportunities to play organised sport outside of school and so we asked them how it felt. Although they said they had felt scared at first, they all agreed that it had been great fun and they hope to have the chance to play again soon.

## News from Around the School

The children in Year 6 have been doing some fantastic writing. They have been learning the poem, The Highwayman. They have enjoyed the rich descriptive vocabulary and have each written three of their own verses, transferring their writing onto a monochromatic image. We think their writing, now displayed as shape poems is really striking – great work Year 6!



*"The luminous moon glistened upon the raven night sky. Royal blue moor..."*



Look at the Year 6 page [on our website](#) to find out more about what Year 6 have been learning.

*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*