

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

Compassion can come in all shapes and sizes. The pictures on this newsletter demonstrate that sometimes Compassion looks like stripey socks, sometimes like Pudsey ears and sometimes like a filled shoebox.

Thank-you to everyone who this week has taken time to think of others, to imagine what it is to walk in someone else's shoes and to take action. Compassion can often be hard work, but in school this week, it has also been very colourful and lots of fun!

We began our time in Collective Worship this week thinking about the fact that none of us is normal! We are all different and that is what makes our community such a rich and enjoyable one. During Collective Worship, I challenged the children to identify at least one person who, during the week, they would encourage by completing the sentence 'What I like about you is...'

It is such a powerful thing to do. At the start of our staff meeting this week, we gave some time to encouraging one another using those words. Working together so many of our interactions are about practicalities, it is important to take time to bless one another by identifying the things that we like about one another.

Compassion is not just about responding to the national campaigns or organised events, important and helpful as they are, it is about a day-by-day decision to recognise the good in others, to believe the best in them and to encourage them.

I would really encourage you to try and say that simple sentence to the people you will spend time with this weekend, or in your workplace next week, 'What I like about you is...' - it is amazing what an impact those few words can have.



On Monday of this week, our 157 filled shoeboxes were added to those from around the town; the total number of boxes was donated was an amazing 1200.

The boxes will be taken to Romania (towards the border with Ukraine) where they will be handed out to Ukrainian refugees.

Thank-you to everyone who filled a shoebox this year, it will make a huge difference to Christmas for many families.

News from Around the School

As part of their Light and Dark topic, the children in the Early Years classes have been looking at the book 'Whatever Next?' by Jill Murphy. Just like baby bear does in the story, the children all made their own sandwich ready for a picnic on the moon. Children independently spread either honey or jam, cut their bread in half, made the sandwich and cut it in half again.

In the afternoon, Mrs O Connor and Mrs Rump retold the story and the children acted it out. Children landed on the moon with their soft toys and enjoyed their sandwiches and a biscuit.



Miss Fletcher's class have been enjoying exploring their 'Teeth and Digestion' topic. Children have been using eggs to test which liquids rot teeth fastest. They have created 3D models of the digestive system.



Values Awards

Well done to all the children who this week were awarded a Values Award. The children have shown our Values consistently over the past week, helping to bring more of heaven on the earth.



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