

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

Our new Value of the Month is Thoughtfulness; we will be exploring this both in Collective Worship and during whole class times of reflection. As we enter the last weeks of what has been a challenging school year, the reminder to be thoughtful is a timely one.

Today, I was delighted to be able to celebrate with the three children who have won our 'Design a Banner' competition. You may have noticed the first of the banners on display outside the school when you collected your children at the end of the day today. Well done to Esme, Libby and Thomasina – their designs were fantastic.



The banners, with their reminders to care for our planet by using our cars less, reducing waste and minimising the use of plastic have been printed for us on eco-friendly material by [Print Ready](#). We were very grateful to the company for giving us a significant discount to enable us to reward all three excellent designers and get their eco-friendly messages out to the wider community.

Thoughtfulness has been something of a theme throughout the pandemic. Our actions have demonstrated our thoughtfulness towards one another. Wearing a mask when we are shopping or moving around the school site protects those with whom we are mixing; self-isolating when members of our families are symptomatic, or Covid-19 positive protects our whole community; keeping our distance and limiting our social interactions reduces the ease with which the virus can spread.

I hope that, even when Covid-19 is no longer at the forefront of our everyday lives, we will remember the importance of thoughtfulness, because we have seen just what a difference it can make to us all.

## Parent governors

This week you should all have received a letter with information about our prospective parent governors, and your child will also have brought home a voting slip.

Please do take time to vote for the parent who you would like to join the Governing Body and send your completed slip back into school.

Many thanks!

Dr Phil Fowler

## Help us remember

Earlier this year, the mother of two of our children, a friend to many in our school community, died suddenly.

In her memory, fundraising is taking place for a bench that will be put on Wadards Meadow, by the playground and also for SeeSaw, the charity that has supported the family over the past six months.

On the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July, a number of school mums are walking 97km (the equivalent distance of climbing Kilimanjaro). If you would like to sponsor them for this walk, you can do so [here](#).

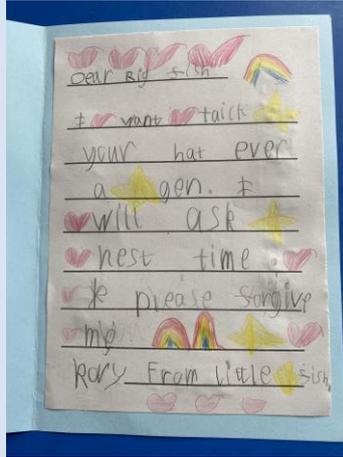
On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July, there will be a cake sale and raffle in the Woolgate in Witney, do pop into town and support them.

## Finishing this year and starting the next

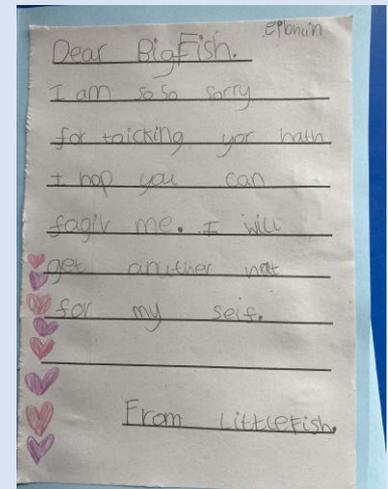
We know that a number of you will be wondering when school reports and information about your child's class teacher for next year will be released. It is our plan to send reports home, with information about your child's teacher for next year, during next week. Your children will then have the opportunity to meet with their new teacher and complete some transition activities prior to the end of the following week.

## News from around the school

Linking with the book that they are using as a focus for their learning 'That's not my hat', the children in Year 1 have been focusing on teamwork. In DT they have been making puppet theatres to retell the story and make up their own ending.



In addition, they have been using their drawing and cutting skills to make a sorry card from the small fish to the big fish, as he needed to say sorry for the thing he had done wrong.



The Year 1 children are continuing with Forest School this term. This week, they were challenged to use the ropes and the natural environment around them to play 'The floor is lava'. Children had to keep themselves off the floor. Their knot tying has really improved over time – well done children!

## Year 4 and Forest School

Mr Hope's class are going to Forest School this term, they are having great fun learning about the forest and exploring the natural environment.



## Hedgehog days

The Hedgehog Club is offering several Forest Activity Days during the summer holidays.

Children can spend a day outdoors playing, building and exploring. Activities will include den building, lighting fires, campfire cooking, bug hunting and using tools.

Dates: Thursday 22nd July, Friday 23rd July, Wednesday 28th July, Wednesday 11th August and Wednesday 18th August.

These days are drop off days, starting at 9.30am and finishing at 3.30pm for children aged between 5 and 11 years.

All government Covid-19 guidelines will be followed, which means that places will be limited to 15 children each day. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

The cost of each day will be £35 per child. Booking is through the website. [www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk](http://www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk).



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## Mental health training

Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online Mental Health Awareness training specifically for parents and carers of young people. The sessions are free to Oxfordshire residents.

The training aims to aid understanding of relevant topics surrounding young people's mental health today. The training also explores how parents/carers can talk to their young people about the struggles around poor mental health and where they can seek support.

For further information, or to book on a training session, please follow the link below –

[Oxfordshire Youth Events - Eventbrite](#)

In order to receive your ticket for free, please use the first part of your postcode, in capital letters, as the promo code e.g. OX28/

The training sessions last 1.5 hours and include presentations and group work, providing the opportunity to speak with other parents and carers about young people's mental health.