

Loving, learning and flourishing in community

Message from Mr Edwards-Grundy

Today in Collective Worship we celebrated Harvest. Mrs Laithwaite filmed Collective Worship from her beautiful garden and the children especially enjoyed seeing her cat 'Dora' make a guest appearance!

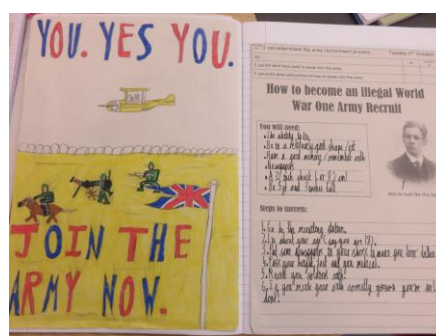
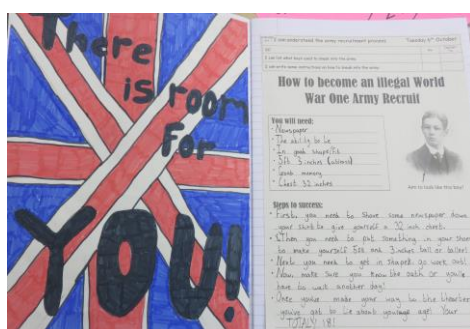
Children were this morning invited to bring dried and non-perishable foods into school, which will be taken by Besom and distributed to individuals and families in the local community who are in need. The children have donated an enormous amount of food, a small selection of which you can see in the photo below; thank-you all for your generous contributions. My thanks to the children in Mrs Castree's class for their drawings reflecting their thoughts on harvest.



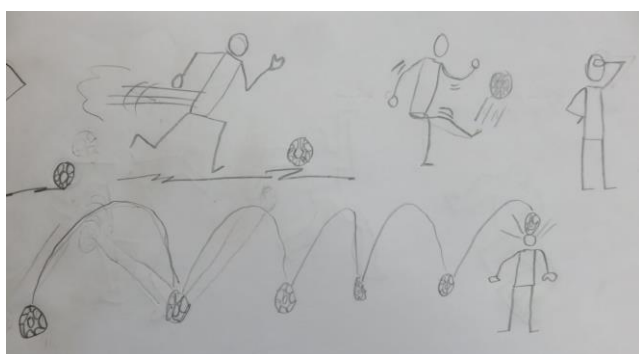
As we continue to live through these uncertain times, harvest is a good time for me to stop and think about the many blessings in my life and to be thankful. I have much to thank God for.

As headteacher at The Blake School I am especially thankful for your children who work so hard and are such valuable members of this community, for the whole staff team who go above and beyond every day and to you as parents/carers who continue to support us so patiently as we seek to ensure our school is a safe place where your children can learn and flourish.

News from around the school



It has been a very busy week in Year Miss Main's Year 6 class. They have been thinking about how to become an illegal World War 1 Army recruit and creating posters to help persuade young recruits.



In their artwork they have been experimenting with how to show movement and action. We love what they have produced – great work!



DoodleMaths summer challenge

Over the summer children were encouraged to take part in the #DoodleMaths summer challenge.

This week, we heard that five of our children successfully completed the challenge and have been awarded a certificate and a badge.

Congratulations to Annalise, Theo and Cameron in Year 1 and to Phoebe and George in Year 4.



Tennis over half-term

October Half Term Tennis Course

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Welcome to David Spence

Hello! I am David Spence, the newest member of the governing body at The Blake School.

I have recently moved to Cogges from Hull with my wife Ellie and four children to work at St Mary's Church as the associate vicar.

Two of my children are at The Blake School, one in Year 2 and one in Year 5 and another has just started at Wood Green.

I love being a vicar as I get to tell people about all that God has done for them and I get to pray and read the Bible for my job!

Before training to be a vicar I was a researcher in computing and so all things technology is still a passion.

During lockdown I have enjoyed walking in our beautiful countryside and making quizzes for my family.

Using my previous experience of being a governor I look forward to working to keep the Blake the very special school that it is.



One-way!

We continue to be very grateful to the vast majority of parents/carers who follow the one-way system around our school site.

We know our one-way system adds time and effort to your drop off and pick up time, but it is for the ongoing protection of us all. Thank-you!