

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

Hasn't it been great to see the sunshine this week? As we have continued to think about our Value of the Month, Justice, the sunshine has felt very appropriate. Where there is justice, it is as if the sun has come out, there is an end to the murkiness, light has come.

It was a joy to have Mrs Rowlands leading our online Collective Worship today. Mrs Rowlands was talking to the children about the parable of the unjust servant. In the parable a servant who has been forgiven a huge debt goes out and refuses to forgive a much smaller debt that someone owes him. We were all challenged to think what would have made the story just, what action needed to be taken. At the close of Collective Worship, Mrs Rowlands asked the children to think about they can do to show justice in school, suggesting that they might think about being fair when playing games and making sure that everyone is able to join in.

This week our news has contained a number of stories that have made me think about justice and I have reflected that it is not always, perhaps rarely, possible for me to have any impact on such things – sadly our world has lots of examples of injustice. However, I can make a difference where I am. I can act justly in my home with my family, or out and about with my friends and when I am at work. Like the children today, I have been challenged to think what I can do differently to show justice. My choices may not make a difference to the news headlines, but they will definitely make a significant difference to the people around me.

Values Awards

At the moment, owing to the prevalence of Covid-19 in our school, Collective Worship is taking place online, which means that we are not giving out weekly Values Awards.

However, your children are continuing to show our school's values every day. This week, with eight members of our teaching and support staff off sick, things have been a bit different in school, but your children have demonstrated kindness, patience, love, co-operation, perseverance and thoughtfulness.

If we were meeting face-to-face for Collective Worship, I would give each of your children a Values Award this week – they have been amazing!

Changes to Covid-19 guidance

This week there have been some further changes to the Covid-19 guidance. Whilst the guidance is still that people who are asymptomatic should take Lateral Flow Tests and people who are symptomatic should go for a PCR, it is now the case that if your child tests positive with a Lateral Flow Test, *even if they are symptomatic*, they do not need to go for a follow up PCR test.

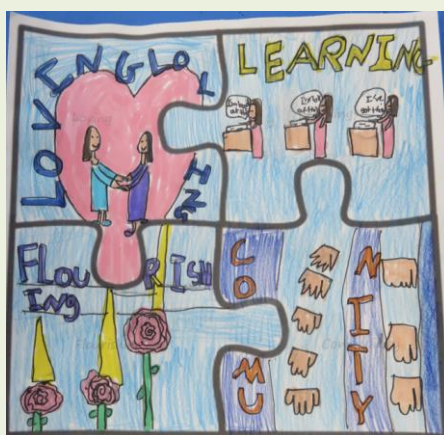
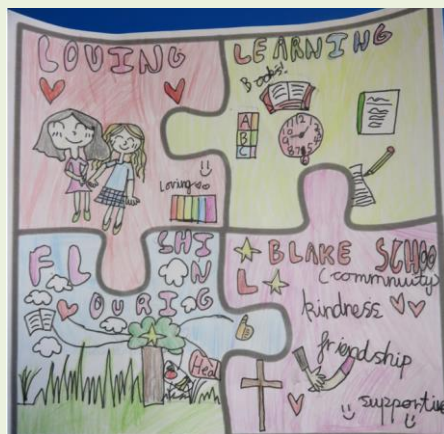
The period of isolation has now also reduced. Any individual must now isolate for **five full days**. However, if they have a negative Lateral Flow Test on day 5 and 24 hours later on day 6, they can then end their isolation. Do check with the office if you have a specific question about your child.

News from Around the School

Despite the changes in staffing around the school this week, children have been very busy with their learning. In every year group new topics are getting underway and children are challenging themselves in all areas of the curriculum.

During this term, children in every class are being asked to think about our school vision and in particular our school strapline – 'Loving, learning and flourishing in community'. Every year group is going to produce a piece of large artwork that reflects what our vision and strapline means to them.

It has been really exciting to see the first of the draft designs taking shape this week, the examples below are from Years 3 and 4. Year group teams will look at all of the designs and then make a decision about which ideas to use for the final canvasses. We look forward to showing you the completed artwork later on in the school year.



Loving, learning and flourishing in community