



*“With Christ as our guide we let our light shine.”*

## *A Message from Mrs. Blicow...*

Dear Parent/Carers,

This week we had our final assessment for the ‘Live Simply Award’, a scheme for communities and schools who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- sustainably with creation
- in solidarity with people living in poverty.

After submitting our evidence and hearing from the children about some of the projects they had been involved in, the assessor then had time to deliberate before confirming that we were overwhelmingly worthy of the award.

Pope Francis said, **“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?”**

I am so proud of what our children have achieved and if they continue to be passionate about saving our planet and working together to help each other and their global family, then perhaps they will teach us how to make the planet a better place.

We hope to receive our award next week, so look out for lots of photos as we celebrate our latest achievement.

*Have a lovely weekend*

*Mrs Blicow*



## Posers!



As part of their Art and Design topic, Portraits and Poses, the children in Year 2 have been trying out different drawing techniques, as they try their hand at sketching, *capturing the overall shape and form of a figure and not the finer details such as face and features*. Having brought in an object from home that best represents them or their interests, they were encouraged to consider their pose with the object and how they would like to be represented with that object. They then adopted different poses while their partner made a series of quick thumbnail sketches of them. The poses and the sketches look great.

## Term Dates

Term Begins  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Ash Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> February  
Start of Lent  
19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Half Term  
Year 4 St. David's Day  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February  
Parents Evening  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> March  
Term Ends  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (3.15PM)

## Year 3 Learn The Ukulele



For the next 10 weeks the school will be filled with the sound of ukulele strings, as the children in Year 3 begin their instrumental tuition. With a dedicated instructor from Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust putting them through their paces, we look forward to hearing their musical talents.



## Prayer Experience



This half term the children's prayer experience has been about Jesus being presented in the Temple. We learned that in Jewish law, first born sons were presented to God 40 days after their birth. We are thinking how Mary and Joseph brought the best they could for their sacrifice. We brought ourselves to God in prayer, bringing Him our best. We know this doesn't mean perfect – it just means our best effort to love Him.

## PE - Gymnastics



PE this term has been focused on gymnastics. Year 1 are pictured here in their lesson Dynamic Balance – where they had to hold different shapes and try not to wobble. Very tricky. Well done Year 1.



Whatsapp is becoming more and more popular with KS2 pupils for social chat even though the recommended age for the app is 16+. Here is a useful parents guide to give some advice on how to monitor use and apply safety settings.

[Whatsapp Info for parents](#)

## Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion

