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Our Value of Trust

This week we continued to explore our value, trust, by looking at stories from the bible where trust was needed. In Tuesday's value assembly, Mrs Sherbourne-Lock and some children from Southgate told us the story of Jonah and the Whale. The children discussed that Jonah did not initially trust God when he was asked to go to Nineveh and how he realised the importance of trust when he was swallowed by a whale and was left waiting for three days! On Wednesday we were lucky to have Reverend James Njue lead an assembly about how the disciples had to trust in Jesus after Ascension Day (the day Jesus went to heaven) and believe that he would send his holy spirit, just as he promised. These assemblies opened up some great conversations from the children where they identified times in their life where they had to trust someone, even when it was difficult.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May: Year 6 SATS exams

Monday 13th May: Reception Creative Afternoon (1.45pm to 3.30pm)

Wednesday 15th May: Y3/4 Girls Football Tournament – Oxstalls Sports Park

Thursday 16th May: Y3/4 Boys Football Tournament – Oxstalls Sports Park

Year 6 SATS

On Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May Y6 will be sitting their end of KS2 SATS tests. They will sit tests in Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling, Reading Comprehension, 1 Arithmetic Maths & 2 Maths Reasoning papers. That's a lot! And with the required test conditions, comes pressure, worry and stress. I just wanted to say that we are so proud of all of our Y6 children: they have worked so hard to get to this point where they are ready to show just how far they have come. This is a culmination of their journey at St Paul's, from Reception to Y6 (or whenever they joined the St Paul's family along the way). SATS do not define our amazing Y6 cohort. They are so much more than a reading paper or a maths fact and the SATS will come and go and they continue on their learning journey. BUT the process of getting to this 'exam ready' point has taught them all about perseverance, determination, resilience, hard work and trust. I have spent time with them in their lessons this week and I have been blown away by their enthusiasm, their knowledge, their thirst to achieve and do their best. There is a palpable 'buzz' in Y6 at the moment which is not always something associated with these tests! Their teachers have explained, reassured, encouraged and nurtured this wonderful Y6 group and gone above and beyond time and time again; so that the children feel confident, enthusiastic and ready to tackle these statutory tests. This is down to Miss Taylor and the fab Westgate team! Thank you! Whatever the outcome, I am immensely proud of everyone in Y6 and wish them lots of luck for next week: they deserve to do well!

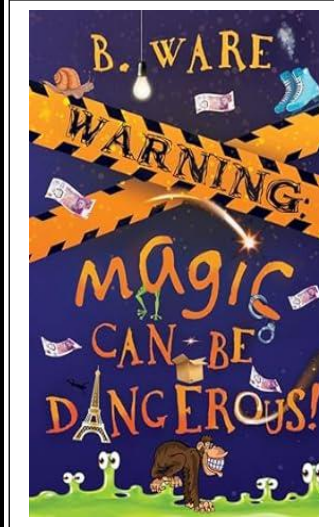
Book Recommendation

Warning: Magic can be dangerous by B. Ware

Tyler isn't thrilled to be spending yet another mundane afternoon at Great Uncle John's. And that's putting it mildly! But after his visit sparks a chain of inexplicable events, he delightedly discovers magic at his fingertips.

Being able to conjure up a swimming pool and a wodge of cash are certainly perks. Yet the magic proves tricky to control. What's more, it seems to be irreversible.

Unable to properly harness his new-found powers, Tyler ends up getting those around him into all manner of mischief and mayhem. And when things begin to go catastrophically wrong, he fears magic is a curse, rather than a blessing. Will normality ever be restored, or will Tyler be forced to adapt to his new, altered reality forever? It all depends on whether he's able to find Lottie's loophole...



Another exciting Assembly this week!



Wow, what an experience! B. Ware is a brilliant, local, children's author who came to visit us today. KS2 had a wonderful assembly, learning all about how B. Ware has put her first children's book together. They got an exclusive reading from her and she answered many of their questions. Following the assembly, B. Ware took to the playground to meet more of the children and their families too. Not only did she have some of her books on offer to buy (and signed by herself too!), she gave away free popcorn for children to eat whilst reading or listening to stories! What a treat! We loved B. Ware's visit and hope you did too. If you bought a copy of Warning: Magic Can be Dangerous, please let Mrs Pandya know what you think of it and share a review for your peers.

B Ware has given us some free copies of her book to put in our library so have a look out for them!

Junior Voices Project

Last Wednesday, Year 4 and 5 children took part in the Junior Voices Project at Gloucester Cathedral. The children had worked really hard, rehearsing and learning their lines to the songs which included some traditional hymns, a Sound of Music medley and their favourite song, 'power in me'. The children sang beautifully with enthusiasm and confidence and proudly represented St. Paul's. It was brilliant to see so many families attend and support too.



Parking Concerns!

Please can we remind all parents and carers that you cannot stop or park on the yellow lines or zigzags during school hours. The restrictions are clearly shown on the signs outside school and it is becoming increasingly difficult to try to keep the area outside school safe for everyone. We have repeatedly asked people not to park outside school or just stop in the middle of the road to drop their children off; but sadly, there are still a few parents/carers who ignore our requests. School staff will be monitoring the situation and we have been advised to report any cars who stop on the restricted zone. So please do not be offended if we take details of your cars and share them with the police.





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