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Lighting a Spark in Every Child

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Dear Parents and Carers,
We regularly send home newsletters about the work going on at school in relation to Collective Worship, Religious Education and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development.

Collective Worship:

In July our value is courage. Questions you could discuss with your child include

- What is courage?
- When have you shown courage?
- What helps you show courage?
- Who do you know who has shown courage? How?
- Why do you think courage is important?
- Do you think courage is hard or easy to have?
- In the Bible, who showed courage? What can we learn from them?
- What do other faiths teach us about courage?



On Monday 27th June Jo-Ann Gaunt from 'Impact' visited to introduce this new value to us. She asked the children about when they had been courageous and they came up with some fabulous answers. We have also thought about courage to stand alone for what is right and stories where Old Testament heroes showed courage such as David and Goliath and Daniel in the Lion's Den.

Hooked on Worship:

On Tuesday 5th July the last group of the Year presented their Hooked on Worship to the school. The group wrote their own script and presented very professionally poems, prayers, stories and power point presentations. Well done to Lili Howling, Swaraja Sarma, Erin Borgars-Bannon, Nala Wildman, Callie Wood, Ella Grimoli and Olivia Austin.

Erin wrote a poem about trust:

Trust is believe,
Believe is trust.
Trust is your life.
Trust is everything.

Trust is your inside.
Trust is your family.
Family is life.
Family is your heart.

You need a friend to trust,
You need trust for reliance.
You need reliance with a friend,



Your heart is full of trust. You need a friend for trust.

Trust is everything!

Callie and Nala also wrote a prayer:

Teach me to trust in you so that when
the unexpected storms of life come,
I will expect peace in the midst of
these storms, knowing you are near,
you hear my cries,
and you are there for me.
Amen

So did Ella:

You world may be as dark as night,
Nothing seen,
Nothing in sight,
Trust in God,
Hold tight,
The night will pass.
There will be light.
Amen





Querk Update:

Querk is still busy visiting different children’s houses for celebrations. Querk has been to his first naming day for Fynn McEvoy’s little brother Lennon. A naming day is a ceremony when a new baby is named and their family and friends celebrate together. Lennon now has three ‘guide parents’ to help him grow up and to guide him in how to be a good person. After the service Fynn and his family enjoyed a bouncy castle and delicious cake. Querk also helped Ditu celebrate his brother’s birthday with a delicious meal and cake.



Happy Holidays:

As we head towards the summer holidays we wish you all a safe, happy and healthy holiday period. Here are a few ideas of things to do as a family...

<p style="text-align: center;">Spend Time Outdoors</p> <p>Park Country park Cycle Track</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Wood Downs Beach</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Read</p> <p>Visit a library Take the summer reading challenge Share a bedtime story</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Get Active</p> <p>Go swimming Play a ball sport Take a bike ride Try a new activity Join a club</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Family Day Out</p> <p>Theatre Cinema Zoo Safari Park Theme Park</p> 



Success Shields:

These are given as recognition of an achievement outside of school. Children who have received a shield for June and July are:

Bronwyn Kenny Swimming L2	Aiden Gaffey Street Dance Star x 2 / 3 rd Cross Country	Zak Zaidi Street Dance Star
Lara Hastings Swimming L5	Logan Skinner Swimming L1	Sam Dobbs Cricket Player of the Match
Luis Tham-Williams Football Goal of the Season	Faith Kenny Swimming 50m/ Karate Green Belt	Ethan Lawrence TRFC Player of Match
James Ludgate 5 Rosettes- Cattle at County Show	Alex Keith Judo Yellow Belt	Daisy Harding Gymnastics L3 / Tads Drama
James Angus Gymnastics Proficiency / High Ropes	Micky Ustun 1 st Cross Country	Elsbeth Shaw 2 nd Cross Country
Erin Borgars-Bannon 3 rd Cross Country	Millie Porzio 1 st Cross Country / Swimming Gala 25m Breaststroke/ Butterfly	Lewis Puddick 1 st Cross Country / Football Managers Player of the Year
Paul Cooper 3 rd Cross Country / TRFC Coaches Player	Imogen Collins Race 4 Life MK	Zach Collins Race 4 Life MK/ Karate Star
Jasper Lampard Football Presentation	Ollie Scholes Football Tournament / Karate Star	Austin Wood Street Dance Star / TRFC Presentation
Aaron Ward Street Dance Star	Ellie Lefkaditis Street Party Game Winner	Emily Scholes Irish Dancing 1 st , 2 nd 3 rd x2
Tilly Cornelius Fun Run/ Irish Dance Star	Rose Cozens Fun Run/ Tads Drama	Ben Claridge Cub of the Camp/ Football Tournament
Cameroon Choosey TRFC Presentation / High Ropes	Jack Rivers TRFC Presentation	Gabrielle Hydes TRFC Presentation/High Ropes
Finley John TRFC Presentation	Riley O'Connor TRFC Presentation	Jemiah Wilson Swimming L2 / High Ropes
Isabella Choosey Swimming L3	Lara Mayne Pony Club / Football Tournament	Jemima Cornelius Fun Run
Jaida Bullock Gymnastics Medal	Isobel Squires Karate Green Belt / Gymnastics Medals	Georgia O'Donnell Gymnastics Certificate
Jaden Fraser Football Tournament / Street Dance Star x2	Harrison Mitchell Football MK Dons / Parents Player of Season	Mark Wilson Held owl / Beavers Badge / Football Trophy
Charlie Gadsden Karate Blue Belt	Fynn McEvoy Football Most Improved	Daniel De Filippo Swimming Award
Adonay Williams Karate Red Belt	Georgia Brown Swimming Gala 25m Front Crawl	Leo Stone Flitton Potato Race

Scarlett Miles Mixed Martial Arts Yellow Belt	Jacob Leigh Dog Handling	Archie Field Hall Street Dance Star
Aydin Khan Karate Star	Daniel Barnish Swimming L2	Amy Davies Gymnastics L1
Isabella Bacon Bronze Gymnastics Floor work	Jack Miles Karate Red Belt	Aaron Frost-Bryant Gymnastics Award
George Davidson TRFC Most Improved Player	Jessica Esnard Marsden Football Luton Centre of Excellence	Fern Bartlett Street Dance Star
Charlie Dickens Street Dance Star	Mason Greene Football Tournament	Harrison Greene Football Tournament
Holly Conway Tads Drama	Clara Roberts Tads Drama	Emily Stratford Tads Drama
Finley John TRFC Tournament	Vale Rawson Street Dance Star	Ava Cunningham Irish Dance Star
Dagmar Caygill Ice Hockey Winner of Summer League	Kai Radford Karate Red Belt	Mollie Evans Irish Dance Star
Alessia Newman Gymnastics L3	Ben Wilson Football Match x2	Charlotte Dow Bikeability L1
Emily Whitmore Queens 90 th Birthday Celebration	Iona Dow Bikeability L1	Lili Howling Queens 90 th Birthday Celebration
Lewis Batt Football Highest Goal Scorer	Michael Phelan Unicyclist of the Year	Sebastian Newman Swimming L2

Other Faith celebrations in July:

6th June- 5th July- Ramadan Muslim



Ramadan begins with the sighting of the new moon that marks the start of the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is a time of fasting and spiritual renewal. According to the Koran, the Prophet Muhammad received the first revelations of the Koran during Ramadan. Therefore Ramadan is considered the most sacred month of the Islamic calendar. It is a time of fasting.

3rd July Ailat-ul-Qadr/ The Night of Power Muslim



This commemorates the night in 610 CE when the prophet Muhammad received his first visit from the angel Jibril (Gabriel) and his revelation of the *Qur'an*. Muslims believe that the date of this night is kept secret by God, but that they 'may seek the Night of Dignity in the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramadan' Many Muslims spend the last ten days and nights of Ramadan secluded in the mosque, praying and studying the *Qur'an* to ensure they receive the special benefits promised for their prayers and devotions on Lailat-ul-Qadr.

6th July Ratha Yatra Hindu



'Chariot journey'. This is observed most notably at Puri in the Indian state of Orissa, where processions of thousands of devotees pull huge waggons (*rathas*) supporting images of Krishna. He is known under the name of 'Jagannath', (Lord of the Universe), from which the English term 'juggernaut' comes. Krishna is attended on his journey by his brother and sister. The festival and others like it are celebrated in Britain with processions through various parts of London on appropriate Sundays.

7th July Eid-UI-Fitr Muslim



Celebrations of this festival may extend over the first three days of the month of Shawwal, the month following Ramadan, although only the first day's celebration is religiously sanctioned. It is a time for making gifts to the poor (*Zakat-ul-Fitr*, the charity of the fast, must be paid before the *Eid* prayer). Now is a time for new clothes, good food, and presents for children. Families get together and contact friends, especially those who live far away. The community will assemble for *Eid* prayer and a sermon at the mosque or at a large place which will accommodate the whole community of the town or village. The traditional greeting is '*Eid Mubarak*' – 'a happy and blessed *Eid*'.

**If you have any further comments or suggestions please speak or write to Mrs Collins.
Thank you**

