

Collective Worship

This week's theme: What impact do I have on our world? Give or take?

The Bible tells us:

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped. Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG

Inspirational quote:

Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.

Thought for the week

Life gives us choices - one of those choices is, are we going to be the sort of people who take what they can from the world, have everything we want, just care about our own happiness? Or are we going to be people who give something back and look out for others, doing what we can to make those around us feel fulfilled and flourish?

This week

In collective worship this week we introduced the theme for the half term: What impact do I have on our world? We have been specifically thinking about whether we are the sort of people who take or the sort of people who give to others.

Mr Taylor led a KS3 and then a KS2 collective worship where he had a bowl of smarties and said there was one smartie for each person. Everyone had the choice to take a smartie or leave it and any left over smarties, Mr Taylor was going to donate money to charity; the more smarties left at the end, the more money to charity. Pupils had the choice to take one smartie (their fair share), take more than their fair share or leave their smartie so money could be donated to charity. The results were very interesting! Some pupils chose to take their smartie but gave it to someone else.

Vicar Suzanne led a whole school collective worship about what Lent means to us and how we can use the time of Lent for giving something up, or we can use it to help us focus on doing things for others. She talked to us about giving up the things we do or say that hurt others and focusing on taking up gratitude, optimism, forgiveness and prayer. This ties in very well with our 40 Acts of Kindness which we like to focus on as a school throughout Lent.

In class collective worship we have looked at the Nazareth Manifesto and focused on the fact that Jesus came to earth to make the world a better place; we can all be a bit more like Jesus through small acts of kindness. We have considered how we could all give a little more time or kindness and that would have a positive impact on our world.

On Friday afternoon, our Courageous Advocates visited Streets Meadow care home, taking with them messages of kindness, pictures, jokes and cards from across the school. We had a lovely time with the residents and the residents thoroughly enjoyed seeing our pupils, of whom we are incredibly proud.

Throughout Lent we pray that we are able to reach out to others, to have a positive impact on the world through small acts of kindness that collectively make our world a better place. By giving to others we are enabling each other to flourish, which will in turn help us to live our best lives and also flourish.