



Collective Worship

w/c 14th October



Let's be the best that we can be - friendships and acceptance

This week in collective worship we have been focusing on celebrating our friendships and being proud of our heritage.

Thought for the week

Our true friends are the people who make us feel good about ourselves; they are the people who build us up and are there for us when we go through tricky times. They are the people who accept us for who we are and love our quirks! We need to make sure that we treasure these friendships and look after these friends as they will be the people who walk beside us and carry us over the bumps in the road.

Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.

Proverbs 21:9



Black History Month



We heard about Rosa Parks - an inspirational woman who stood up for the belief that we should all be treated equally.

These are qualities that should inspire us to fight for justice for people who are not treated fairly.

Each person uniquely made in God's image merits the best that we can give.

This week in collective worship

In class collective worship we have talked about the importance of our friendships, how our friends help us and how we help them. We have reflected on how we are accepting of our friends and how our true friends accept us for exactly who we are and are there for us. It's our friends who build us up and can bring us out of ourselves when things go wrong.

We heard about how a group of friends were so keen to help their paralysed friend that they climbed onto the roof of a house and lowered their friend down so they could see Jesus so He could heal them. We also heard about the friendship between Jonathan and David and the benefits of the strength of their friendship.

Mr Taylor led our safeguarding collective worship where he stressed the importance of feeling safe; we also considered the importance of staying safe online. We must take the responsibility to talk to an adult if we are not feeling safe or if we are worried about a friend.

Christians believe that they have a friendship with Jesus - He is a friend who loves us all and accepts us exactly as we are, even when we get things wrong. We can turn to Him when we need to and He will be there for us and support us through the difficult times.

We are in the process of creating a fingerprint display to celebrate our diversity; we have collated information about our heritage and look forward to seeing the extent of this.

This week, as part of Activities Week, Year 5 visited St Michael's Church to learn more about what church is all about. Vicar Suzanne reminded us that the church is not just about the building but about the people too. The church is here for everyone and what's important is what happens inside. They produced some wonderful stained glass jars, wrote prayers and gained a deeper insight into what church is all about.

Pupil voice:

'It is important to be kind to your friends even if they are different to you. Don't be afraid to stand out from the crowd and accept each other's differences.'



Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for our friends; thank you for the ultimate friend that we have in Jesus. Help us to remember to turn to Him in times of need and to cherish the friendships that we have. Help us to focus on kindness and spread the hand of friendship to all those around us.
Amen

