

Collective Worship

w/c 18th November



Let your light shine - stand up to bullying

**This week in collective worship
we have been thinking about
Anti-bullying and how by
treating each other well and
standing up to injustice, we can
make our school community the
nicest it can be.**

Thought for the week

Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan to encourage people to treat each other fairly and with respect. Treating people differently because of the way they look is not ok. The way we treat each other says a lot about us and our character. If we treat people well, we will be treated well. If we look after each other, we will be looked after. What would the world be like if people were only respectful to each other? Respecting and accepting each other's differences are the key to moving forward to a more positive future for the world.



Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God
forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32



This week in collective worship

In class collective worship we have considered how unkindness breeds unkindness, whereas if we meet unkindness with understanding that the person being unkind needs to be supported, we have more chance of them changing their behaviour. Could saying something kind back to someone who is being unkind resolve the issue of the unkindness? We heard the story of the Good Samaritan and how the people who would have been expected to help walked on past the injured man but the man who was supposedly 'the enemy' stopped to help. This reminds us that we should all look out for each other - whether they are our friends or not, we should stand up against injustice if we see it happening. We wrote notes of kindness to build each other up as well as notes to build bridges.

We heard about the experiment that was done in the 1970's where children with blue eyes were given privileges over people with brown eyes and vice versa so the children could experience discrimination and gain an understanding of what it is like to be treated badly because of a difference. We considered the fact that we all see things from different perspectives and so we should try to acknowledge that other people will have different opinions to us, but that's ok.

We had our key stage House collective worship sessions to prepare for our House Afternoon activities next week. We are excited to be getting creative and look forward to being aspirational in the things that we achieve through these activities.

Our whole school collective worship was led by our Anti-bullying Ambassadors; they talked to us about famous people who have experienced bullying. We heard about the dangers of 'banter' and how this can be a big cause of problems that can lead to bullying behaviours. We heard about the different reasons that people might bully others and that people who are bullied are often the ones who become the bullies. We reflected on our school vision: Each person uniquely made in God's image merits the best that we can give. So, let's give our best!

Pupil voice

'This week collective worship has made me think about how important it is to be kind to each other and that we should put ourselves in other people's shoes.'

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to build a community focused on raising one another up, rather than putting others down. Help us to have the courage to speak out if we see people being treated badly. Help us to treat each other in a way that enables everyone to flourish.

Amen

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

