



Collective Worship

Let your light shine - remembrance and respect

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about Remembrance Day as well as Interfaith Week and the importance of respecting everyone, no matter who they are or what they believe.

Thought for the week

It is important to make sure that we take time out to reflect on the past sacrifices that have been made for us and to respect the people who made them and are still making them today. Through their actions, these people have fought out against injustice in the same way that we are encouraged to speak out about the injustices we see in the world. Jesus gave several examples of speaking out against injustice; He paid the ultimate sacrifice to save us from our sins. During interfaith week, we consider how religion has been used to divide, but we pledge to unite with people of all faiths and none, to ensure that we are celebrating the differences between us so that we can all flourish.



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

This week in collective worship

In class collective worship on Monday, we spent time thinking more deeply about Remembrance Day and what it is all about. We reflected on the importance of 'remembering' the losses suffered for us during wars past and present. As it is inter-faith week, we made the connection between war and religion and how the act of harming another jars against what religions actually teach. We considered the importance of standing up to injustice and how Jesus led the way in speaking out for those who couldn't speak out for themselves.

Mr Ayling led a whole school collective worship where he spoke to us about the city of Coventry and its magnificent ancient buildings and streets. We heard about the devastation of the city during WW2 from the Nazi planes that 'coventrated' it. We learned that Coventry Cathedral was devastated during the bombing and has been left in its destroyed state; today it can be visited and is a place of peace. We heard about the British retaliation and the bombing of Dresden in Germany, but how after the war, through the spirit of reconciliation, a sculpture made from the melted lead from the roofs of buildings was donated to Coventry. Another sculpture depicts two former enemies hugging. The new cathedral was built next to the old one in Coventry and a sculpture of St Michael was erected; the artist who created this sculpture sketched the angel which became our school logo.

We are reminded that even in the darkest of times, we can have hope for a better future. We must make sure that we are a generation of change; a generation who will stand up to injustice; a generation that will ensure we don't make the same mistakes that we have in the past; a generation that embraces, celebrates and accepts the differences between us.

Pupil voice

'It's important to remember to respect each other no matter how they look or who they are.'

Isla, Izzy, Daisy, Lottie

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us have the courage to fight against injustice to ensure that the world we live in is a fairer place. Help us to take the time to reflect and remember all those people who have lost their lives in the fight for justice. Help us to 'shine our lights' so that others can see that change starts with us.

Amen



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