



Collective Worship

w/c 4th November



Let your light shine - see the light, be the light

This week in collective worship we have been thinking ahead to remembrance day when creating our poppy wreaths as well as reflecting on how we can be a light for others.

Thought for the week

In the week before Interfaith week, we are taking time out to reflect on the similarities between religions and the Hindu dharma celebration of Diwali - the festival of lights. In the same way that people who follow Hindu dharma traditions demonstrate the use of light to help guide Rama and Sita home, Christians use the idea of light not just to guide us as a lighthouse guides ships to safety but also the idea that we can shine out into the world as a light for others. This not only helps others to flourish, but also helps us to be the best that we can be too.



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

Light the World



This week in collective worship

Mr Ayling connected the fact that it is Interfaith Week next week with the celebration of Diwali last week and the similarities between different religions. We heard about the diya lamps that feature in the Hindu story of Rama and Sita and the victory of good overcoming evil as light overcomes darkness. We considered how lights are used for decorations in different religious festivals as well as fireworks. We were reminded that Jesus described Himself as the 'light of the world' and Christians believe that if we follow Him, we can live a fulfilled life.

Skittles spoke to us about the different roles that each member of the school community has and how if any of those people are missing, the school cannot function properly. He talked about us all being part of a jigsaw puzzle; we might be like a corner piece and know exactly where we fit in, or we might be like a bit of sky and we're still trying to work out where we fit. The puzzle cannot be complete without each and every piece - in the same way the school is not complete without each member of the school community. Skittles encouraged us to use our skills to help each other find where we fit. He reminded us of 1 Corinthians and how in the same way that we need each part of our body to function in the best way possible, so we each need each other to be the complete jigsaw and to help each other to flourish.

In class collective worship we have reflected on how we can be a light for others and the small acts of kindness that we can turn into habits to help each other to flourish.

We must remember that we are better together when we stand together as one; we should not allow our differences to divide us but use them to strengthen the understanding between us. In this way we can be a light for others, shining out into the darkness and making the world a brighter place to live.

Pupil voice:

The message I took from Skittles' collective worship is that we are all unique and we need each other to be the best that we can.'

Jacob

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for sending Jesus to be a light in the world for us and for showing us the way to live our lives so that we can truly flourish. Help us to be a light in the world for others to help them to be the best that they can be and to flourish too. Help us to remember to do the small things that really do make a difference.

Amen

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

