



Collective Worship



w/c 3rd February

Let's celebrate... caring and showing respect

This week in collective worship we have focused on respecting everyone and different ways that we can show them that we care.

Thought for the week

The way that we treat others is a choice that we make and is powerful. We can show care and respect and build each other up...if we choose to. Think about the world we could create around us if we only ever appreciated the people around us and the things they do for us, if we showed the people in the wider community who might feel forgotten that we care about them.

What would the world be like if everyone fully respected everyone else, accepting the differences between us and celebrating each other for who we are?

Treat others as you want to be treated.
Luke 6:31



Heavenly Father,

Prayer for the week

Please help us to take a step back at times to consider our own behaviour and how we are impacting others; help us to be the most caring and respectful people that we can be so that we and those around us can be the best versions of ourselves.

Amen



This week in collective worship

Vicar Suzanne visited this week and reminded us of the story of the Good Samaritan where the people who should have been friends of the injured man just walked on by, whereas the man who would have been seen to be an 'enemy' of the injured man was the one to stop and help; he went beyond what would have been expected of him in order to show care and respect towards the injured man. We reflected on who we should care and respect; who we should fight for. The link back to the Holocaust reminded us of the dangers of seeing people as 'different' when in fact we are all precious and uniquely made in God's image; we all matter to God. Jesus calls us to confront prejudices and to care and respect those who are different from us.

Mr Taylor led a whole school collective worship where he challenged us to spend Random Acts of Kindness day (17th February) doing kind acts for others. We reflected on the fact that sometimes it is the things we don't do that are the kindest things! Mr Taylor told us about the Sherlock Holmes story of the curious incident in the nighttime where the dog doesn't bark and it is the dog not barking that solved the mystery (it didn't do what it was supposed to because it knew the criminal). Although we are great believers in getting involved and doing the right thing, sometimes we need to take a step back and focus on what NOT to do and what to STOP doing. There are ways that we can show care, compassion and respect by not doing certain things. We reflected on what perhaps we need to stop doing. We can show care through our actions and these actions are what build our character. The school came up with an enormous list of things we can stop doing that will make our community and our world a nicer place to live where we can all thrive.

In class collective worship we have reflected on the small things we can do to show others that we care for and respect them. We don't need to be best friends with everyone but by showing care and respect to others we can live well together and everyone can flourish to be the best version of themselves.

Pupil voice

'Being kind can make someone's day and make them feel good. This week's collective worship has made me think that I should stop irritating my sister.'

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