

Collective Worship



4th April

Let's be inspired...to consider the footprints we want to leave

This week in collective worship we have focused on the sort of footprints we want to leave behind.

Thought for the week

So now it is decision time. It is time to decide what sort of impact you want to have on the world; what sort of footprint you want to leave. Let us be aspirational for our world, let us have belief that we can make change happen, let us work together creatively as a team and show determination to leave a 'positive footprint'. Let us be inspired by the people around us who are absolutely determined to make our world that we live in the nicest place to be so that it will still 'be' in years to come, for the next generations. Let us be inspired to take action...now!



Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you". It emphasizes the importance of kindness, compassion, and forgiveness in Christian relationships, mirroring God's grace.

Ephesians 4:32

This week in collective worship

We have been considering the sort of footprints that we leave behind through the way we behave and the way we treat others. We have thought about the sort of things that we want to do and the way we want to live our lives to ensure that we are leaving footprints that have a positive impact.

We welcomed Nick the Vic into school and he spoke to us about the importance of the Easter story and the impact that we can have if we have Jesus in our lives. We also welcomed Skittles to speak to us about the footprints he has left and the footprints that have been left on his life. He challenged us to think of the footprints we leave as being like a road map; we leave a bit of ourselves behind during the interactions that we have with others. Skittles told us that our footprints shape us into the person we are. He told us a story and demonstrated very visually (with someone painting him!) that our footprints can leave positive and negative marks - we get to choose which.

The Battle of the Bands played out on Wednesday; what an incredibly inspirational group of young people (and music teachers) we have in our school! What a spiritual experience to be a part of - performing or watching our students flourish. Well done to everyone involved.

On Friday, our collective worship was a bit different: we walked into the hall but it was like entering a busy, bustling Jerusalem and we were greeted by a life-size cross. Mr Taylor and some Year 8 students led an Easter reflection where we heard the stories of a group of people who were bystanders when Jesus was crucified and their accounts of what happened. We were challenged not to be bystanders, but to stand by those who are persecuted and treated badly by others.

Our Awards collective worship was a time to reflect on all the hard work of the term as well as all the creative and sporting activities that we have participated in. We were reminded how aspirational our students are and the belief and creativity that they possess which enables them to flourish.

Pupil voice

'The cross was really cool and it made me feel like we were actually in the moment. The cross made me realise that people didn't care about what happened to Jesus. I was really able to imagine what it would have been like for Him.'

Heavenly Father,

Prayer for the week

Give us the faith to not just be a bystander but to stand by those who are persecuted and treated unfairly; to stand up to injustice! Help us to be challenged by the message that we have heard today, and the message of Easter so that we are leaving footprints that are having a positive impact on the lives of the people around us, and on the world that You have given us.

Amen



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