

Collective Worship

w/c 24th March

Let's be inspired... to live life to the full

This week in collective worship we have focused on how we can live life to the full.

Thought for the week

In order to be the best version of ourselves, we sometimes have to make difficult decisions. We sometimes have to do things that we find very difficult, such as forgiving someone who has done us harm. If we focus on living our lives in a way that means we are looking out for others, then surely through the connections we make we will flourish? If we have a faith then we can remember that Jesus died for us, He never leaves us and He carries us through the tough times - the times when there is only one set of footprints.

Let's be inspired by the people around us who are really living life to the full, after all, Jesus came so that we could have life in all its fullness.

This week in collective worship

We have continued to be inspired by the variety of stories that we have heard this week. Peter spoke to us about the life and work of Dr Thomas Barnardo and the work that he did for children and young people.

Mr Taylor led a whole school collective worship and introduced us to an inspirational man whose determination and attitude to life has meant that despite being blind, he has achieved the most incredible things! We reflected on the fact that the only restrictions we face in life are the ones we put on ourselves. We were reminded that everyone has the potential to be inspirational. Mr Taylor asked us to imagine our life as a circle - our circle expands as we try new things and we move out of our comfort zone. We learned that we have 2 inspirational students who are about to compete in World Championships in their sporting field - what a brilliant example of what happens when you step out of your comfort zone!

In class collective worship we heard about an inspirational young man with cerebral palsy who lives in Kenya but absolutely does not allow his cerebral palsy to affect his ability to love life. He has many talents and uses these to find joy in his life; he is living his life to the full. We considered the values we would like to develop in ourselves and how these might enable us to truly flourish. We also started to think ahead to Holy Week and the sacrifice that Jesus made, and how as He was dying, He prayed for forgiveness for those who were persecuting Him. We considered how liberating forgiveness can be and how it is not only an act of kindness to others to forgive, but also to ourselves. The poem 'Footprints in the Sand' reminds us that we are never alone but it is through the difficult times that we are carried.

Pupil voice

"I've been inspired by the story of the Bielski brothers that we heard about in RE - they were so determined not to let the Nazis win. I'm inspired how the people who have the hardest lives find a way to live life to the full."

FORGIVE

Heavenly Father,

Prayer for the week

Please help us to really 'see' the things in life that are valuable. Help us not to put limitations on what we can achieve, but to go all out and live our lives to the full in a way that has a positive impact on others. Help us to have an attitude that inspires others.

Amen



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

