



Collective Worship

26th September



Let's reflect and show respect...and stand against injustice

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about how we can stand up to injustice

Thought for the week

It's so easy to put others down and to be unkind because we might think it's funny or entertaining but this does not make our world a nice place to live - we don't have to look too far away to see this in action and what this way of thinking leads to. Religion is all too often blamed for war and treating others badly but this is not ok and we shouldn't accept it when division is caused because we are different and believe different things. A diverse community is so much more interesting and we can learn so much from each other. Let's be a community who stamps out injustice and unkindness before it can seep in and spoil things.

"Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor."

James 3 11-18

'I think the message this week was to be a good samaritan - always try to be the person who helps out and is kind!'

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

In collective worship this week, we have been thinking about injustices and how we can stand up to the injustice that we see in the world. We reflected on International Day of Peace and the different parts of the world that need to see peace. We considered the people who perhaps do not live in peace and what we might be able to do to help. We thought about how we can ensure that we live in a way that means we have peaceful interactions with others.

Mr Taylor led a whole school collective worship and talked to us about how he has slugs that are ruining the fruit and vegetables that he has put a lot of effort into growing. He likened his slugs to the people who nibble away at us and say hurtful and unkind things. Often these people don't realise the hurt and upset they cause but it can mean that there are others walking around with 'inner graffiti' from the unkindness they have suffered. This graffiti can be damaging to the Fruit of the Spirit values that we treasure. We were reminded that God wants us to treat each other well; we were encouraged to stand up to the injustice of unkindness. We were challenged to consider whether we have ever been slugs and reflected on the fact that sometimes we need to be the ones who have to change.

Once again, we had an incredible Praise collective worship led by Mrs Martin-Papp and our fantastic school band. What joyful singing the school produced! Skittles engaged us with a game that relied on feedback from the rest of the school for success - making us realise that things aren't always what they seem. He demonstrated with mirrors and torches that we can be reflectors that spread out love or reflectors of fear and hate...it is up to us to decide which we want to be! We were encouraged to shine out kindness and stand up to injustice. Skittles demonstrated how the power of words can build us up and make our day, or crush us to the core. He told us the story of the Roman soldier who had such faith in Jesus that he could heal his servant and it was that faith that saw the servant healed. Let's be reflectors who shine out the love of Jesus... We also heard the story of the Good Samaritan and were reminded that it isn't just our closest friends or family that we should stand up for and protect - we should stand against any injustice as, in the words of Martin Luther King, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.'

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to be advocates for you - help us to speak out when we see or hear people being treated badly or unfairly. Give us confidence to take action against prejudice and discrimination so that the community we live in is a peaceful one where everyone is treated with respect.

Amen



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