



Collective Worship

3rd October



Let's reflect and show respect...and make it happen!

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about the lines we should never cross and how we can 'make it happen'.

Thought for the week

Sadly, racism, prejudice and discrimination still exist - across the world, across this country, the area in which we live and even in our school. We need to be vigilant about this to ensure that we don't 'stand still' on the travelator and watch as the unkindness, specifically in the form of racism, takes place. We need to do everything in our power to stamp it out and live in a way that means we are not offending other people or doing anything to segregate or create division between people. This means thinking carefully before we speak and acting out before this behaviour can take root so that everyone can truly flourish and be their best selves without fear of persecution. In the words of Martin Luther King: darkness can not drive out darkness, only light can do that; hate can not drive out hate, only love can do that. Through showing love and kindness, we can break down those barriers that are created that cause division.

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3 28-29



'I liked hearing about the tea farms - it made me realise how lucky we are. I am going to try to buy Fair Trade items.'

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

This week we have been thinking about the lines that we do not cross and 'making it happen'.

In class collective worship we have considered how the words we say cannot be taken back - once they are out, it is very difficult to reverse the damage that is done, in the same way that once toothpaste is out of the tube, it is very difficult to put it back. We considered the impact that unkind words have on both ourselves and each other. We reflected on the fact that Jesus was only ever kind towards others and how He 'made it happen' by spreading love and light. We thought about the Martin Luther King Jr. quote: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." Kindness costs nothing but the use of unkind words can cause scars that will never heal.

We welcomed Mr Spatchett into school to talk to us about Fair Trade and how some farmers across the world are not paid fairly for the items that we purchase. We were challenged to ensure we look for the Fair Trade logo and buy Fair Trade where possible.

Praise worship was another incredibly joyful event where we sang brilliantly and prepared the music for our Harvest Festival. We have heard some beautiful musical performances this week, including a piano solo by a Year 6 pupil.

Mr Patrice spoke to KS2 about the importance of taking care with the words that you use - he explained that there are some words we must never say, even if we have heard other people say them. He talked to us about the impact of racism and racist language and how hurtful and damaging those words can be. Once said, they can never be unsaid and cause deep scars that will impact the people affected for the rest of their lives. No one has the right to do that!

On Friday we welcomed a representative from JP Morgan who talked to us about their career working for the investment bank and launched a competition with the school to design an app. We were very excited to hear that the winning application design will be transformed into a usable app...let's get creative!

Let's be a school community that is respectful and considerate of other people, especially people who are different to us and have had different life experiences; let's always build each other up with the words that we use so that we can all truly flourish.

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to use our words to build each other up and to call each other out when we get it wrong. Help us to be a community that looks after each other and shows respect to every single person that we encounter. Help us to be people who go out into the world and reflect love and light, being the best that we can be.

Amen

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

