



Collective Worship

10th October



Let's reflect and show respect...and not compromise who we are to fit in!

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on the importance of not compromising who we are to fit in.

Thought for the week

People can be quick to judge and quick to give their opinions about things but we have to remember that their reasons for doing so are not always justified. In many cases they are actually feeling jealous.

Why would someone deliberately say something unkind? It's a communication that they are struggling in some way and perhaps they need our support. Do not compromise who you are because of a comment someone made. Value your values - the things that are important to you: don't compromise your integrity (being honest and having strong moral principles). If something doesn't feel right, do something about it. Only by standing up against injustice can we be true to who we are.

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves"

Phillipians 2: 3

'This week collective worship has made me think really carefully about the language I use and the message I am giving with my words.'

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

This week in collective worship we have been thinking specifically about not compromising our core values and who we are in order to fit in with others. In class collective worship, we heard about Corrie Ten Boom - an inspirational person who risked a lot to do her bit to make change happen and show respect to others with different beliefs. Her family would not compromise their beliefs that everyone is equal in the eyes of God. We reflected on the words of Martin Luther King Jr: 'In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends'. We were reminded that in life we sometimes find that people get jealous - often this is the reason for the unkind behaviour. We were reminded not to change who we are to fit in and that if we see or hear people saying things that are unkind but they think they are being clever, we must call them out! We reflected on the film 'The Greatest Showman' which tells the story of P.T Barnum who recognised and celebrated the uniqueness of the people he worked with and encouraged them to be proud of who they were.

Our House Captains led a House collective worship where they demonstrated the importance of respect when communicating with others; this highlights the importance of respect in team work. As a school community, we are one big team.

Vicar Suzanne led a joyful Harvest Festival service where we heard about the importance of being generous in spirit. We were reminded not to hide away our gifts and talents, but to share them with those around us. We have been showing true generosity of spirit with the wonderful food bank donations that we have been collecting.

Mr Patrice led year group collective worships about the importance of taking care to be respectful with the words that we use - he explained that there are some words we must never say, even if we have heard other people say them. He talked 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!

Let's make sure that we behave in a way that is respectful to all and that we don't compromise who we are and what we know to be right so that we can all flourish.

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to be true to ourselves and to value our values. Give us the confidence to 'go against the flow' and to speak out against injustices that we see or hear so that we can live in a community where everyone can truly flourish.

Amen

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

