



Collective Worship

1th November



Doors of opportunity...let's take the opportunity to help/serve

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on how we can look out for opportunities to help or serve others

Thought for the week

Consider the world today: we see fighting and conflict; we see people arguing; we see greed and people wanting 'stuff'. Perhaps we need to take a step back and ask ourselves: 'What really matters?' Imagine what the world would be like if we all had a focus on helping or serving others. What if we all thought of ourselves less? We regularly see the issues there are in the world today and we may feel like there is nothing we can do to help...but why don't we give all the help that we can? With everyone doing what they can to help others, think of the difference that could make and the doors of opportunity we can open; a world where we have positive connections between us and where we are all flourishing.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to help others.

1 Peter 4: 10

'I have been inspired by the story of Octavia Hill because she helped the poor even though she was poor herself. I am going to try to be more like her, starting will filling 2 Christmas shoeboxes.'

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

This week in collective worship we have been preparing for Remembrance Day, spending some time thinking about why we have this day of reflection. We either wrote the name of a person who lost their life fighting for the freedom of others, or we wrote prayers on small poppies that have been added to the large poppies that will be taken down to the War Memorial on Sunday.

Praise was another incredible collective worship where the school sang beautifully, thinking about the 'World outside our Window' and how we shouldn't hold ourselves back from getting involved in different opportunities open to us.

Mr Ayling led a whole school collective worship about the unsung hero, Octavia Hill, whose family were passionate about helping the poor; she was taught to treat people well and give a bit of help where you can. Octavia was instrumental in establishing the National Trust and she also set up the charity Family Action as well as playing a key part in protecting green spaces such as Parliament Hill and Hampstead Hill in London. She was an inspirational person who lived her life in a way that meant she served others.

We have been encouraged to look out for the 'doors of opportunity' that encourage us to help and serve others as many of us are working on creating a Christmas shoebox for someone living in poverty in Bulgaria.

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to take a moment to reflect and think about those people who have lost their lives fighting for justice and freedom. We also think of those in the armed forces who work to do so today. Help us to hold onto the memories of people who lost their lives working to protect our country.

Amen

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

