

Anti-Bullying

Collective Worship

21st November

Doors of opportunity...let's take the opportunity to be the best we can be

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on Anti-bullying week and being the best version of ourselves.

Thought for the week

There are many examples of people who have been subjected to unkindness but they have used that experience to make them stronger - they have refused to let the haters bring them down. We all get it wrong sometimes, but we must take a step back and take a moment to think about the impact we are having on the people around us; are we sowing seeds of negativity that seep in and create a poisoned culture? Or are we focusing on truly being the best we can be to build each other up and help everyone have positive experiences? Which doors of opportunity do you need to look for and walk through to make sure that we are living in a school community where everyone is valued, truly flourishing and able to be the best they can be?

Encourage each other and build each other up

1 Thessalonians 5: 11

'Collective worship has made me think about taking the opportunities that are available to me and also standing up to anyone I see being unkind to someone else.'

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

This week we have been reflecting on Anti-bullying week, the theme for which this year is all about 'using your power for good' and we have linked this with being the best we can be.

In class collective worship we have considered what we individually need to do to be our best selves. We have reflected on the different ways in which people might be bullied and considered the impact of this unkindness and the hidden but deep scars this can cause. We have thought about how we need to take action if we experience bullying or if we see someone else being bullied. We discussed the dangers of banter and how damaging that can be.

We reflected on the story of Joseph and the unkindness his brothers subjected him to, but ultimately what he did when he met his brothers again after they had treated him in the worst way...he forgave them. We were reminded of the inspiration that Jesus is through the story of His healing ten lepers - a group of people who others were very wary of - and how He did what he could to look out for them, healing them.

Our House Captains confidently led the launch of our House Activity afternoon, by introducing what the afternoon is all about; we are looking forward to an aspirational and creative afternoon in a few weeks' time!

We welcomed Skittles to lead collective worship for us this week; it was fun and interactive as we were asked to open and go through different doors of opportunity. Doors that give us opportunities to be kind, doors that give us opportunities to step out of our comfort zone and opportunities to help people.

This week we have opened doors of opportunity to build cohesion in our school community so that we can all be the best we can be and flourish.

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to pause and reflect and consider if we are being the best that we can be. Help us to consider what we need to do individually to walk through doors of opportunity that will help us to be the best we can be. Help us specifically this week to consider how our behaviour affects other people and make sure that we are looking out for each other and using our power for good.

Amen

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

