



Collective Worship



21th February

The journey of thinking of others

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on the journeys we travel in life and those that focus on thinking of others.

Thought for the week

If we only ever look towards ourselves, we only ever see what we've only ever seen. It's when we look beyond ourselves and step out of our bubble that we can truly appreciate the world around us and the people in it. The world is so much bigger than us and so much bigger than what we know. Let's travel the journey that leads us to building connections with others so that we can feel a sense of belonging and connect with the 'thing' that is bigger than us.

This week in collective worship

This week in collective worship, we have been reflecting on different ways in which we can think of others and step outside of our 'bubbles' and our comfort zones to ensure that we are doing what we can to make a positive difference to the people around us.

We welcomed a visitor from the charity 'School in a bag' who deliver school bags of stationery supplies to children living in difficult situations around the world. We heard about how the charity started in response to the situation in which many children found themselves following the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004. We heard about how there are children who walk a marathon a day just to go to school! We reflected on the ways in which we might be able to raise some money to donate and purchase a supply of school bags for children around the world who are today living in very difficult circumstances.

Praise was, as always, a wonderful time of joyful singing; we sang about 'Brighter Days' and continue to reflect on how we can bring brighter days to others when we do things that show we are thinking of them.

Mr Ayling spoke to us about Lent and explained the significance of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. We considered the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness when He took some time out for prayer and reflection but was tempted by the devil to turn away from God. We thought about the fact that people often give things up during Lent, but it is also nice if we can take up doing things that involve helping others. We were encouraged to 'look up, look in and look out'. We launched our 40 Acts of Kindness and are looking forward to hearing all about what our school community has been doing to think beyond themselves, step out of their bubble and help others. We are excited about tracking the journey that we travel when we help others so that everyone is able to truly flourish.

'Love your neighbour as yourself,'

Mark 12:31



Prayer for the week



'The School in a bag collective worship has made me want to do something to raise money for that charity. I might enter the bake sale and sell the cakes I make.'

Heavenly Father,

Help us to be outward-looking people who step outside of their comfort zones, find pleasure in helping others and live in a way together that means the impact we are having on those around us is only positive.

Amen



Pupil voice

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