



Collective Worship



6th March

The journey of truly listening

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on how we can truly listen to those around us.

Thought for the week

When people are talking to you, are there times when you are not truly listening to what they are saying? You might be looking at them and nodding along, but perhaps you are not really hearing them? If we are truly listening, then we will notice the small things that could easily be missed. We will notice when a friend is having a tough time; we will know that perhaps they need us to step up for them and be there. Let's travel the journey that enables us to truly listen - not just with our ears, but with our eyes and our hearts so that we can help others truly flourish.

**'Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,'
James 1: 19**

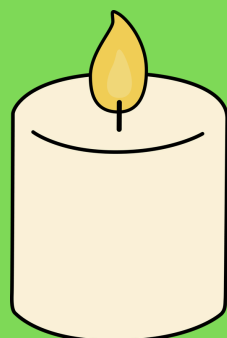


Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to not only keep our eyes and ears open, but also to keep our hearts open so that we can better understand the people and the world around us and make stronger connections with others.

Amen



'I have been thinking about how important it is to listen to people properly because it is respectful and it can make people feel better if they feel listened to.'

Pupil voice

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

This week in collective worship

This week in collective worship we have reflected on the importance of really listening to each other. We have considered how if we are truly listening, we are better able to recognise when people might need us to reach out. We thought about how 'listening' also involves our eyes and our hearts. In class collective worship we saw how easy it is to get so caught up in our own lives and the things that we are focusing on that we forget to look out and check in on others. We considered the people who might need us to 'listen' to them a little more than others. We reflected on which of the 40 Acts of Kindness might link with truly listening and were challenged to undertake them.

We welcomed Mr Spatchett in to speak to us and he reminded us of the importance of listening carefully so that we don't make mistakes. He told us some stories to explain how we can get things wrong when we don't truly listen.

We celebrated World Book Day in style with a collective worship led by Mrs Odgers, Mr Bush and the Reading Ambassadors where we all came together wonderfully dressed up. What a creative school community we are! We heard all about how our pets can help us and what they can teach us through empathy, trust, care and friendship. We considered the connection between books and our pets and how they help us to be kinder human beings and more emotionally intelligent. Mr Bush read us a story about a unicorn who concluded that the best thing in life is to be kind and to be yourself as your friends love you for who you are. Our World Book Day competition was launched and we have been challenged to write a story or poem about a rescue dog. The winners of our dressing up competition were announced!

Praise was again a wonderful time of celebration, led by the school student band, where we came together and sang beautifully as a school community and celebrated some musical successes.