

International Womens Day

Collective Worship



13th March

The journey of showing empathy

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on how we can be empathetic towards others.

Thought for the week

Is it possible that empathy is a superpower that we have been given to heal the world? Truly understanding someone else's perspective, standing alongside them and feeling their difficulties with them helps us to build connections with each other. Empathy isn't about resolving other people's problems, but listening and trying to understand so that they feel they don't have to go through the difficult times on their own. On our journey, let's make sure we are standing alongside others and walking their path with them when they need us to.

**'Rejoice with those
who rejoice; mourn
with those who mourn.'**

Romans 12:15



Prayer for the week

'I have really been thinking about how I can feel for other people and try to understand how they are feeling to help them through tricky times.'

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

This week in collective worship we have been really thinking about what empathy is and how we can show empathy to others.

In class collective worship, we heard about the importance of showing empathy and how seeing things from other people's perspectives can help us to better understand each other and live together better.

As it was International Women's Day on 8th March, we heard about what this day is all about and completed a quiz to learn more. We heard about the importance of fighting for gender equality.

We heard some lovely stories about how showing empathy to understand someone's perspective can lead to kindness that causes a ripple that positively impacts on others and can even come back around to the person who caused the ripple.

We spent some time completing some of our 40 Acts of Kindness, including making Easter cards for local care home residents. The story of 'The Woman at the Well' reminds us of how Jesus lived His life; determined to break down the barriers between people from different backgrounds and between different genders. He showed empathy to those in society who were disadvantaged.

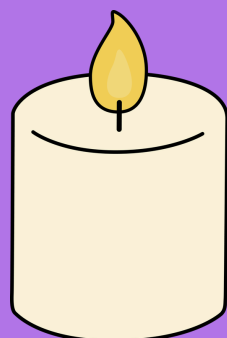
Praise was, as always, a wonderful, joyous event!

Let us travel the journey that leads us to taking the time to try and understand other people's perspectives and be empathetic towards those in need.

Heavenly Father,

Help us to focus on being people who look out for each other, build each other up and do things to make the people around us have a better day. Help us to think beyond ourselves so that we are having a positive impact on each other and the world around us.

Amen



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