

INTEGRITY

Collective Worship

8th May

Celebrating...Integrity

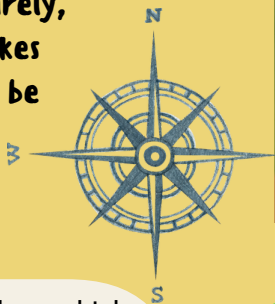
This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on what integrity is and the character values associated with it.

Thought for the week

Imagine you are holding a compass. No matter which way you turn, the needle always points North. It doesn't change its mind because it wants to be 'popular,' and it doesn't point South just because it's easier to walk downhill. In our lives, Integrity is that compass. The word 'Integrity' comes from the same root as 'Integer'—a whole number. It means being whole and undivided. It means being the same person in the dark as you are in the spotlight. It's the version of you that exists when your phone is off, the teacher has left the room, and your friends aren't there to cheer you on. To what extent do you stay true to yourself? Do you behave the same way in front of others as you do when no one is watching? Do you feel you have to change the way you are in front of certain people? Let's celebrate the power of integrity.

"Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out."

Proverbs 10:9



'Integrity has made me think about how meaningful this word is because it's a big word but it's so simple to do the right thing when no one is watching.'

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

This week in collective worship we have been considering the importance of integrity and have been encouraged to behave with integrity at every opportunity.

Mr Ayling spoke to us about the meaning of integrity and the link with choosing our thoughts and actions based on our values rather than personal gain. We were challenged to consider whether what we do and say align. We celebrated the life of our national treasure, David Attenborough, as he reaches his 100th birthday; we heard about his achievements and how he is a person who has truly lived his life with integrity. We considered what it is about him that makes people trust and value him and the difference he has made to Planet Earth. We reflected on the things we might do if we knew we were going to live to 100.

Praise was a wonderful, worshipful event where the school sang beautifully and joyfully and absolutely celebrated the gift of music and singing. Our talented school band, with Mrs Martin-Papp, are an inspiration to us all.

Mr Taylor challenged us to consider the meaning of integrity and gave us different scenarios to consider how we would act if we were in those situations. He linked integrity to the values of: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility and courage. We reflected on how we might act in those situations and what that says about us. Perhaps there are things that we need to focus on changing to ensure that we are always acting with integrity. Perhaps there are ways in which we need to behave differently to be more outward looking, rather than thinking about what we might get out of certain situations.

In class collective worship we considered how Daniel acted with integrity, which meant he was thrown into a den of lions, but how his integrity is what saved him from those lions.

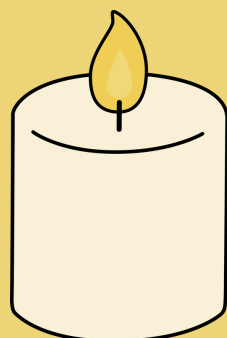
Let's celebrate integrity and consider that the things we say and do tell all about our character - whether someone is watching or not!

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to behave with integrity. Help us to act in a way that means we are doing the 'right' thing - whether people are watching or not.

Amen



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