



# Collective Worship

15th May

## Celebrating...Courage

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on the different ways in which we can show courage.

## Thought for the week

What makes you feel afraid? What can you do to help you be more brave when you face the situations that make you feel nervous or scared? How can we be more brave to speak out and not follow the crowd in situations that we know are wrong? The 'giants' in our lives are often the things that get in the way of us truly being able to be ourselves, so let's think about how we can 'slay' those giants, be the best we can be and flourish. Let's celebrate the times that we have courage to stand up for the things we believe in, to speak out against injustices and to do the things that scare us!

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."**

Joshua 1:9

'When I donated my hair, I felt excited but scared as well. I felt proud of myself that I did it and had the courage not to back out.'

Pupil voice

## This week in collective worship

This week we have been reflecting on the different ways in which we can be courageous.

In class collective worship we have considered how it takes courage to be ourselves, just like the characters in *The Greatest Showman*. We thought about the courage that David showed when he was prepared to face the giant, Goliath, and how David credited God with helping him with this.

We thought back to the anniversary of David Attenborough and the courage he has shown on many occasions when faced with some dangerous predators. We were challenged to be courageous in our actions towards others to be kind and respectful; we were challenged to be courageous with our aspirations and in our resilience.

Praise was yet again a wonderful time of worship; Mrs Martin-Papp and the band led us in singing 'Brave' and 'Your way's better' - reminding us to be courageous to speak out against injustice.

Our whole school collective worship was led by two of our wonderful students. We heard two very different courageous journeys: one who did the incredibly courageous thing of donating their very long hair and raising £1700 in the process for The Little Princess Trust; the other who courageously participated in the Brits skiing competition in Austria, displaying her incredible ski jumping talents and ultimately coming 2nd when competing against many women over the age of 18 (the winner being an 18-year-old)!

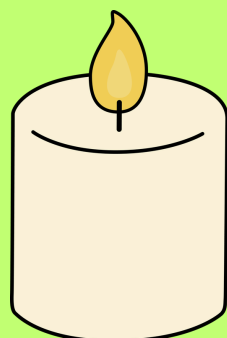
We welcomed Mr Spatchett to talk to us about Christian Aid week and the wonderful things that this charity does to support people in the poorest African countries so that they are able to be self-sufficient and support each other better in the communities in which they live. We have been challenged to be courageous in thinking about how we can support people across the world who are most in need of our help.

Let's celebrate the courage that we have to behave with integrity and speak to and treat others in a way that shows kindness and respect.

## Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for the people in our lives who encourage us and build us up. We are sorry for when we behave in a way that means we are discouraging others. Please help us to be people who do and say things that make us more courageous and help us to be the best version of ourselves.

Amen



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