

With the help of God, are flourishing together in faith, courage and love'



Collective Worship

11th September

Let's flourish together...

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about what our new Vision and Values mean and how we can embrace them.

Thought for the week

Our new school vision focuses on us all, as a school community, flourishing together. This means us not just thinking of ourselves, but always thinking beyond ourselves - how can we help others to be the best that they can be? In turn, this will also help us to be our best selves. We all go through difficult times in our lives, but if we support each other by showing compassion, empathy and kindness, we will be able to flourish together. For those with a faith, God is with us to carry us through when we need Him. Let's work together to ensure that everyone is able to flourish.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit: apart from me you can do nothing."

John 15: 5

'Presenting class collective worship makes me feel excited and I feel more confident speaking in front of people now.'

Pupil voice



This week in collective worship

This week we have delved further into our new Vision and Values and how we can use them to help us be the best version of ourselves so that we can all flourish.

In class collective worship we unpicked the Bible verse John 15:5, where Jesus says: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." We considered how staying connected to Jesus can help us help one another be the best we can be. We heard about the trees that behave in an altruistic way towards one another and how their roots interlock underground - this shows us that flourishing requires community support. For us all to flourish together, we need to look out for one another, support each other and build each other up through acts of kindness and respect.

We also reflected on the poem 'Footprints in the sand' and were reminded that Jesus is there to carry us through the tricky times - we just need to lean on Him. Mr Ayling officially introduced our new Vision and Values to the school and we enjoyed being tested to see what we could remember! We unpicked the meaning of each value and how we can develop those values in and out of school.

Praise was, as always, a wonderful time when we flourish together in music. Mrs Martin-Papp challenged the school to see which year group was singing the loudest!

We welcomed Miss Carter, who worked as a missionary in different parts of the world, to speak to us. She gave us a quiz to help us unpick our new school values. We were asked if a Moses basket, Noah's Ark and the Ark of the Covenant were the same or different; we considered the fact they each carry things and that 'Tevah' (ark) means 'a vessel that preserves life'. We reflected on who we aspire to be like and were reminded that Jesus is the only person who doesn't make mistakes - in fact, he rescues us.

Let's make sure we are doing what we can to not only flourish ourselves but to behave in a way that ensures the people around us are also flourishing. If we have a faith, we can lean on God as He will rescue us when we need Him.

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,
Help us to flourish this year by being courageous, aspirational and resilient.
Help us to work together so that we support each other to flourish as we continue to think beyond ourselves and behave respectfully and in a kind way so that everyone is able to be the best that they can be.

Amen

