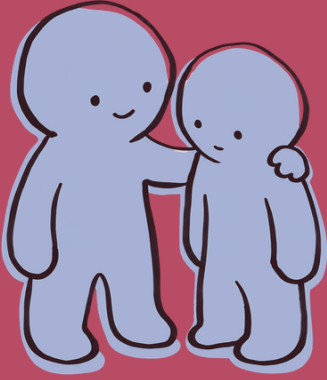


With the help of God, are flourishing together in faith, courage and love'



Collective Worship

9th October



Let's flourish together...and be kind

Thought for the week

How do you feel when people are kind to you? What is it like when people are unkind or you feel ignored? We can build each other up through our kind acts or we can knock people down with words of bitterness. Those unkind words, once said can never be unsaid. How can we reframe our thoughts to make sure that our kindness creates ripples that spread and make our school the nicest place it can be? Let's build a school community where we hold one another to account when we are not being kind. Let's make kindness our culture so that everyone can flourish.

"Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

Proverbs 16:24



"Kindness is easy! I love the fact that even the smallest act can have a ripple effect that makes a big difference."

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

Kindness has been the theme of the week, and we have been celebrating all the kindness we have seen in school.

In class collective worship, we have reflected on how kindness is contagious. Like a ripple, it spreads out to others and encourages them to be kind. We were challenged to be 'secret kindness agents' and perform kind acts for someone else without them realizing what we were doing, and we have reflected on the impact of those acts. We have also considered how unkind words are like toothpaste squeezed out of a tube—once out, it is very difficult to put back in. Once those unkind words are said, it is very hard to take them back.

Mrs. Stuart led a wonderful collective worship about kindness: she told us stories of kind acts and the impact that they had. We heard about people from the Bible and their kindness: Ruth, Joseph, and Tabitha were all people who were kind and helped others in need. We heard about the ultimate giver of kindness, Jesus, and how He showed kindness in so many ways, ultimately dying for us on the cross. We also heard about the kindness of Dolly Parton and the 'Imagination Library' that she set up, gifting 200,000,000 books to young children to inspire a love of reading. Through this act of kindness, Dolly has opened up the futures of many children around the world. We were challenged to consider the goals we could set for our ARRK week!

In Praise, Mrs. Martin-Papp spoke about the courage needed to be kind, and the school sang 'Brave' beautifully!

We welcomed a new speaker, John, into school, who spoke to us about how kindness means noticing that someone needs help and doing something about it. He told us the parable of the Good Samaritan, which Jesus shared, and challenged us to help others and be kind to people—even those we don't particularly like. He asked us to notice, stop, and act, giving us several scenarios to reflect on that will help us be kind to others and make our school the nicest place it can be.

By really considering our actions and consciously choosing to be kind, we can build each other up so that we are all able to flourish and be the best that we can be.

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,
Fill our hearts with kindness today. Help us to notice people who are lonely or in need, and give us the courage and the generous hearts to help them.
Amen

