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

COURAGE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR - IT IS TAKING THE NEXT STEP WITH GOD.

Collective Worship

6th November

Let's be courageous...and stand up for others

Thought for the week

Sometimes it takes courage to do what is right, especially when doing the right thing might not be the popular thing to do. We might remember that, in the words of Martin Luther King, 'the time is always right to do what is right'. We must challenge ourselves to speak out if we see others behaving in a way that is not kind or respectful - whether this is to other students or to adults - do the right thing. True strength is the person who calls another out because they are not being the kindest or most respectful person that they can be. Let's be courageous to do the right thing so that everyone can flourish.

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."



1 Corinthians 16: 13

"I have been thinking about how important it is that we look after each other and stand up for one another."

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about how we can be courageous and stand up for others.

Our whole school collective worship led by Mr Ayling was focused on reestablishing our winter lunchtime routines to ensure that we are always behaving in a respectful and kind way in our free time.

Miss Carter led a wonderful collective worship where she explained that courage is a combination of fear, trust and right action. She shared how God helps her to have courage in situations she finds difficult. We heard about some inspirational Bible characters - Daniel, Esther, David, Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego - who trusted in God and had the courage to stand up for others and their beliefs. We were reminded that Jesus showed the ultimate act of courage and trust in God in knowing the future that was ahead of Him and trusting to follow God's plan: "Not my will, but yours be done." We know that He was the centre of God's rescue plan! We were encouraged to think about the small next steps that we can take that would be courageous.

Praise was, as always, a wonderful joyous event and we are looking ahead to our Carol Service as students have been showing courage as they have been rehearsing.

In class collective worship we have considered different situations that need courage and reflected on different ways that we can show courage by stepping outside of our comfort zone and standing up for others inside and outside of school. We heard about the inspirational Martin Luther King Jr and how he stood up for the unfair, unjust treatment of groups of people. We heard about Moses and his persistence in standing up for the Israelites, something that took courage and trust in God.

As we go into next week, let's be courageous in the way that we call out injustice and stand up for those around us who struggle to have their voices heard.

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the gift of courage. We pray that you help us to have the courage to do the right thing, especially when the right thing feels really tricky. Help us to use our voice to speak up for those who need our support.
Amen

