

## **List of Activities to Promote Values**

### **Interfaith Projects with St. Peter's school.**

Each year the children from St Silas participate in an Interfaith Project with other neighbouring schools to celebrate diversity and learn about other Faiths. This year, the School Worship and Assembly Team joined up with two other schools, St Peter's Primary School and St Bede's High school to celebrate different Faiths. In preparation for the day, the staff and children from the three schools took photographs of religious symbols that were special to them and we created a display of these. On the day, we were joined by the children from the other schools and began with a Collective Worship. During the Worship, our visitor, Graham Pountain, gave a presentation about the Christian Charity work that he does in Bethany, Tanzania. Reverend Sheelagh, our vicar, and Mushtaq, Principle of a local Mosque both spoke about the importance of respecting all faiths. The School Council organised a colouring competition to raise money for this charity.

Throughout the day we participated in a range of activities to learn about Interfaith. We talked to the children from the other schools about our photographs and this helped us to understand the similarities and differences of different faiths. We found that we have lots of shared values. We made masks to symbolise our personal faith values and found that we included similar pictures regardless of our Faith. Together with the Imaam, the Vicar, the teachers and the children from the other schools, we visited St Silas Church and Madrasah Anwaar Ul Quraan. At the Church Reverend Sheelagh split us into groups and we took part in activities that involved us looking around the Church and dressing in the clothes worn by Clergy. Whilst visiting the Mosque we were shown how to wash and prepare to pray. We entered the Mosque and the Imaam showed us the Holy Qu'raan.

The children involved in the activities led Collective Worship the following week to present what they had learnt to the rest of the school.

### **Anti Bullying Week**

Raise awareness of what bullying is in assemblies, circle time, class activities. Classes participated in activities from the Anti Bullying Alliance website.

### **Celebration of General Election Day.**

On Thursday 7th May we held a values day to coincide with the General Election. Staff, Governors and Parents were consulted about the values that we believe are important to us as a school. A set of values were selected and on Election Day the children voted on the values that will be at the centre of school life for the next academic year. The voting was led by the Debating Club who gave presentations in assembly and to classes throughout the school to help children to understand the meaning of the different values and help them make an informed decision about which value to vote. A polling station was set up and every child in the school voted. An assembly was held at the end of the day to announce the three values Belonging, Love and Thankfulness. In addition to this, children

throughout the school learnt about the General Election and the British Parliamentary System.

### **Rugby World Cup**

To celebrate England hosting the Rugby World Cup, updates on the progress of different Countries were given in assembly. Children were taught the song, 'A World in Union,' and Year 6 competed in Tag Rugby matches where they were allocated different countries as teams.

### **Community Day**

In July 2015 we held a French Community Day to celebrate our Foreign Language teaching and learning successes. Each class spent the day learning about different countries around the world where many people speak French. We celebrated our multicultural world through the range of learning activities that took place during the day. At the end of the school day, we invited members of our community into the school to launch our Belonging Value. Together we celebrated belonging to our school, our community and our multicultural day.

### **Harvest Celebration**

One of our school values is thankfulness and we believe that it is important for us to give our thanks to God for the food that we have been given. In October, Year One led our Collective worship where parents, Governors and local Mosque leaders joined the school in thanking God for our harvest gifts. That week a collection took place and families made a donation of food and blankets, alongside neighbouring schools, for the Mosque leaders to take to refugees.

### **Remembrance Day Assembly**

Year 5 led collective worship where we thought about the families who lived through the Second World War and remembered those who are living through war today. At the end of the assembly we held a minute silence.

### **Poetry**

We have a professional Poet who visits each class to deliver poetry units of work based on British Values.

### **Debating Club**

Our Pupil Premium Children in Year 5 take part in a weekly debating club at lunchtimes where they learn debating skills. As part of this they are given the opportunity to participate in competitions with other schools.

### **Sophie Lancaster Training**

Teaching staff from Years 5 and 6 have been trained in delivering lessons, produced by the Sophie Lancaster Trust, to stamp out Hate Crime and breakdown stereotypes, promoting community cohesion. These materials and teaching resources were launched within classes as part of anti-bullying week.

### **First News**

The school subscribes to the First News newspaper and each class receives a copy of the paper weekly, in addition to teaching resources used in daily reading sessions, to help them keep up to date with current affairs and World news.

### **Unlike Minds**

This term, a group of children from year 5 and 6 have been working with children from Witton Park Academy to complete a research project. They focused on Growth Mindsets and split into two teams to complete their research. They decided on their own research questions, methods and samples of students before conducting their research and analysing their findings. These findings were presented to the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher of both schools. The children did extremely well and presented their findings confidently and clearly. They even answered questions at the end of their presentations! They have recommended that students in both schools are taught about what it means to have a Growth Mindset and have offered to lead assemblies in both schools in order to help. They were awarded with Headteacher's Award badges for their efforts, and have expressed an interest in acting as mentors for the next learner action team. Their assemblies will take place next term.

### **One Goal**

One Goal are an external company who deliver sessions in school to develop children's teamwork and collaboration skills and values. Over the past two years, they have worked with Year 4 and 5 children for an afternoon a week to promote values and have worked with us at lunchtimes and have run an after school club to train and develop play leaders.

### **Year 4 Jewish Day**

We invited a lady called Mrs Sherry Ashworth to visit our school on Monday 7th December to tell us all about Judaism. She explained about life as a Jew - their beliefs and customs; how their religion is different to Christianity and Islam, and in what ways they are similar.

### **Circle Time**

Each class participates in regular Circle Time activities where they address any issues that may arise. These activities are designed to promote our school values, belonging, love and thankfulness as well as to help our children to develop thinking skills and promote British Values.

### **SWAT**

The school has a School Worship and Assembly Team (SWAT) who meet regularly to discuss how we can improve Collective Worship and Reflection. See our RE page for minutes of their last meeting.

### **Magic Show**

The children were visited in assembly by a magician who used magic to explain to them how to stay safe online.

### **Charity**

The School Council raise money at different times of the year to mark different charity events e.g. Children in Need and Red Nose Day. Children participate in non-uniform days and other activities organised by our school council.