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Ethos Committee Newsletter 2021/22 Edition Four. Collective Worship.

Our school Ethos Committee had its fourth meeting of the academic year this half-term. The aim of the committee is to help us think about the way that our school's Christian vision that 'we can do all things' helps all the members of our school community to thrive.

The committee meets each half-term and has five pupil representatives, as well as three school staff and two school governors on it.

The pupil representatives talk to the children in their classes and bring their views along to the meeting for the committee to consider and act upon. The outcomes of the meeting are then explained to the children by the pupil representatives in our ethos committee.

The first task of the meeting was to review the actions from our previous meeting.

ACTION: To have more Bible stories in our collective worship and also have a collection of Bible stories linked into the core values of our Wardley Way that the teachers can use in class with the children.

UPDATE: There is a weekly Bible story planned into our collective worship and the class prayer stations have a list of Bible stories linked into our core values together with a children's Bible.

ACTION: Look to have more opportunities for the children to sing in our collective worship.

UPDATE: We start and end our collective worship in the hall with a song.

ACTION: We will invite all the children to write a new school prayer. The ethos committee will then look at the entries and choose one of them to be our new prayer.

UPDATE: We had seventeen children having a go at writing a new prayer for us. They were all brilliant so it was very hard to choose a winner, but, after much discussion we chose the one written by Olivia from Y3 to be our new school prayer. The words of our new prayer are:



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Dear Lord,

Thank you for the beautiful earth that you have created.

Please help us to protect it.

Thank you for giving us good friendships.

Please help us to trust and respect each other.

Thank you for giving us courage at challenging times.

Please teach us to persevere and not give up.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

ACTION: To look at how we can sponsor a child and make this the focus of our fundraising.

UPDATE: We are now sponsoring a young five year old boy called Sullay who is from Sierra Leone. The sponsorship is being done through Plan International

ACTION: To invite children to make posters about some of the issues we have looked at in courageous advocacy which we can then display in our local community – including at All Saints Church.

UPDATE: We will incorporate this into our summer term courageous advocacy.

ACTION: We will plant a tree in the school grounds to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

UPDATE: This will happen during our celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee.

We then looked at the children's thoughts about our collective worship from this half-term which has been focused on Lent. There were three questions that the pupil representatives asked their class mates. These questions and some of the children's responses to them are set out below:

How has our collective worship helped you?

It has helped us understand more Bible stories.

It has allowed us to grow our thoughts and to develop on the inside.

It has helped us understand more about what Lent is.

It has helped us to grow spiritually and to reflect.

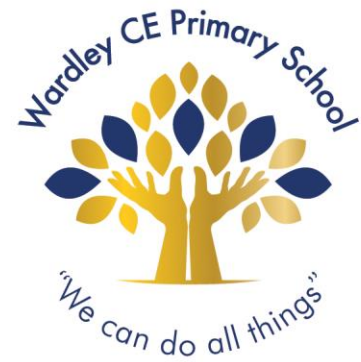
It has helped us to express our feelings.

It has made us more aware of the Holy Trinity.

It has helped us treat others in the way that we would want to be treated.

It has helped us to be servant hearted and bold.

It has helped me to 'do all things'.



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What things do you like best from collective worship?

*Hearing other children's thoughts.
Sitting on the benches (Y6).
Understanding the elements on the worship table.
Hearing the Bible stories.
Seeing the home worship books.
Hearing the class prayers.
Listening to the courageous advocates.
Mr Gallimore coming into collective worship
All being together in the hall.
Hearing about the charities we support.
Reflecting on the Wardley Way.
When we pray.
Singing the songs*

What do you think would make collective worship even better?

*Having children's prayers read out.
More visitors coming into collective worship.
More opportunities to be a courageous advocate.*

In response to these ideas it was decided by the committee that:

*-We will look to use more children's prayers in our collective worship.
-We will look to see what visitors we can invite into our collective worship in school.
-We will look at how we can expand our courageous advocacy.*

We were really impressed by the quality of the children's ideas about our collective worship this half-term and how well the class representatives presented them to the committee in this week's meeting.

We look forwards to seeing how their ideas to make our worship even better work out over summer term one.

The Ethos Committee.