Collective Worship

Newsletter

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OUR VISION

We are a community in which everyone is offered the opportunity to fulfil their full potential, to understand themselves and to be valued for who they are. Through a stimulating and challenging environment, we pursue academic excellence and seek the flourishing of all. This is because we know we are all God's children.

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES

During this term, we have been exploring the Christian Values of Thankfulness and Humility through collective worship, reflection and discussion. The children have considered how being thankful helps us to appreciate the people and opportunities in our lives, whilst humility encourages us to use our gifts with kindness and grace.

We have been proud to celebrate children who have embodied these values. Isla has demonstrated humility and generosity through her thoughtful actions and kindness towards others. Esme has shown thankfulness and humility through her dance achievements, embracing success with grace and appreciation. Jack and Thomas have also been wonderful role models, consistently showing kindness, encouragement and respect towards others.

Through Bible stories and reflection, the children have explored how thankfulness and humility can shape our actions and relationships. As one child shared,

💬 "Being thankful means appreciating the people who help you every day."

We are incredibly proud of the way our children continue to live out these values, helping our school community to flourish with kindness, gratitude and grace.

BE AN AGENT OF CHANGE!

Being an Agent of Change is a key part of our Christian nature at Bourne Abbey and sounds like an amazing job doesn't it?

It is an incredibly important job and absolutely anyone can become an Agent of Change! Changing just one thing that can have a positive impact on the people and environment around us is all it takes!

We want to hear from you! What have you been up to? How have you been an Agent of Change? We want to hear about all of the amazing changes you are making!

Please email in any information/ photos/ updates to:
bap.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk



A huge well done to **Daisy Dodds**, who has once again grown and donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust. Daisy's selfless act will help provide real-hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair, making a real difference to the lives of others.

Daisy truly embodies our Christian values of love, compassion and courage, showing kindness, generosity and a desire to help those facing challenges. Through her actions, she has demonstrated what it means to be an agent of change, using her voice and actions to support an important cause. Her courageous advocacy and commitment to helping others are an inspiration to us all.

We are incredibly proud of you, Daisy!

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CHANGE



YEAR 6 YOUR MOVE!

THIS TERM WE WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME NATHAN FROM BOURNE BAPTIST CHURCH, WHO LED A SPECIAL YOUR MOVE COLLECTIVE WORSHIP FOR OUR YEAR 6 PUPILS AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE EXCITING TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL.

NATHAN SPOKE WITH THE CHILDREN ABOUT THE CHANGES THEY WILL EXPERIENCE IN SEPTEMBER AND GAVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE ANY WORRIES, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS THEY MAY HAVE ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT NEXT STEP. THROUGH DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION, HE REASSURED THE CHILDREN THAT FEELING NERVOUS IS COMPLETELY NORMAL AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD.

AS PART OF THE SESSION, THE CHILDREN HAD GREAT FUN PRACTISING HOW TO TIE A SCHOOL TIE AND WATCHED A VIDEO OF A YEAR 7 PUPIL SHARING HIS OWN EXPERIENCES OF STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL. THIS HELPED TO ANSWER MANY QUESTIONS AND GAVE THE CHILDREN A REAL INSIGHT INTO WHAT LIFE MIGHT BE LIKE IN THEIR NEW SCHOOLS.

NATHAN ALSO INVITED THE CHILDREN TO ATTEND THE YOUTH GROUP AT BOURNE BAPTIST CHURCH, REMINDING THEM THAT ALTHOUGH THEY MAY BE LEAVING PRIMARY SCHOOL, THEY ARE NOT LEAVING BEHIND THEIR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. HE SHARED THE COMFORTING MESSAGE THAT JESUS IS ALWAYS WITH US, ESPECIALLY DURING TIMES OF CHANGE, UNCERTAINTY AND CHALLENGE.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO NATHAN AND BOURNE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR SUPPORTING OUR YEAR 6 PUPILS AS THEY PREPARE TO TAKE THIS EXCITING NEXT STEP IN THEIR JOURNEY.





HUMILITY IN ACTION!



This term, we were delighted to welcome Mihaela from Bourne Baptist Church, who led a Collective Worship focused on our Christian value of Humility. Through the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, Mihaela helped us understand how Jesus showed true humility by serving others with kindness, love and compassion, despite being their leader. The children explored what humility means in our own lives. They learnt that humility is not about thinking less of ourselves, but about thinking more of others, showing kindness, serving those around us and recognising when we need help ourselves. Mihaela reminded us that asking for help can be a sign of humility too, as it shows honesty and trust in others.

To help us remember this important value, Mihaela taught us a special action linked to humility and encouraged us to think about how we can put this Christian value into practice every day. The children enjoyed joining in with the actions and reflecting on how they can show humility in school, at home and within the wider community.

We are incredibly grateful to Mihaela for sharing her time with us this term. Her visit helped us to reflect on what it means to live out the Christian value of humility in our daily lives, and we look forward to welcoming her back to Bourne Abbey in September.



AT HOME, TALK TOGETHER ABOUT WAYS YOU CAN SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS EVERY DAY. HOW DO RESPECTFUL WORDS AND ACTIONS HELP US BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS AT HOME, SCHOOL AND IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Friendship, Faith and Growing Together at The Cedars



THIS TERM, OUR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP COUNCIL ENJOYED ANOTHER WONDERFUL VISIT TO THE CEDARS CARE HOME, WHERE WE SPENT TIME CELEBRATING OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP. TOGETHER, THE CHILDREN AND RESIDENTS SHARED THE BIBLE STORY OF RUTH AND NAOMI, REFLECTING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF LOYALTY, KINDNESS AND STANDING BY ONE ANOTHER THROUGH EVERY SEASON OF LIFE.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE AFTERNOON WAS MAKING FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS TOGETHER, CREATING NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL KEEPSAKES BUT ALSO LASTING MEMORIES. WE ALSO SPENT TIME SHARING MEMORIES FROM THE MANY EVENTS WE HAVE ENJOYED TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, CELEBRATING THE SPECIAL FRIENDSHIPS THAT HAVE GROWN BETWEEN OUR CHILDREN AND THE RESIDENTS.

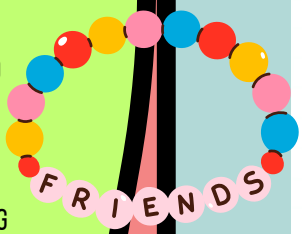
THESE VISITS ARE A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF GROWING FAITH THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS, COMMUNITY AND SHARED EXPERIENCES. BY SPENDING TIME TOGETHER, LISTENING TO ONE ANOTHER'S STORIES AND REFLECTING ON CHRISTIAN VALUES, BOTH CHILDREN AND RESIDENTS ARE ABLE TO LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER AND DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CEDARS IS SOMETHING WE TRULY TREASURE. THROUGH FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, COMPASSION, RESPECT AND COMMUNITY, WE CONTINUE TO CREATE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS ACROSS GENERATIONS, AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE WARM WELCOME WE ALWAYS RECEIVE.

WE CANNOT WAIT FOR MORE VISITS, MORE MEMORIES AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW TOGETHER IN FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH DURING THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.









THANK YOU!

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to our Collective Worship Council for their enthusiasm, commitment and support throughout the year. They have represented our school brilliantly, helping to lead worship, share ideas and promote our Christian values across the school community. We would also like to express our gratitude to Open the Book, Father Stephen, and our friends at The Cedars Care Home for their continued support and involvement in school life. Through collective worship, special services, visits and shared experiences, they have enriched the spiritual life of our school and helped our children grow in faith, understanding and community.

The strong relationships we have built together are greatly valued, and we thank each and every one of them for the time, care and encouragement they have given to our children throughout the year. We look forward to continuing these special partnerships in the year ahead. 💛✝️

Respect







"Do to others as you would have them do to you."
Luke 6:31

RESPECT

Next term our Christian value will be respect.Respect is a core Christian value at the heart of our church schools. We believe that every life is precious and made in the image of God. It deserves to be valued and cared for just as Jesus taught, "Treat others as you would want them to treat you." (Matthew 7:12) Respect is one of the most important lessons we can teach our children about how to live well with others. It includes showing kindness to elders, listening to different views and backgrounds and being thoughtful of one another's feelings and choices. In our schools, children learn that God created each of us to be unique and special. This diversity is something to celebrate. Through honesty, trust, and tolerance, we learn to value ourselves, each other and the wider world. Everyone deserves our care, time and attention – a reflection of God's love. Jesus showed respect throughout his life – for his disciples, for children, for the poor, the sick and those who were struggling. In our schools we follow his example through our Christian values, our work on British Values and our commitment to the 3Rs. We help pupils grow into respectful and thoughtful members of their communities.

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Zacchaeus was a tax collector who was not liked by many people. When Jesus came to his town, Zacchaeus wanted to see Him, so he climbed a tree to get a better view.
Although others ignored Zacchaeus and treated him unkindly, Jesus stopped, spoke to him and chose to spend time with him. Jesus showed Zacchaeus respect, kindness and understanding, seeing the good in him when others did not.
Because Jesus treated him with respect, Zacchaeus wanted to change his ways and make things right with the people he had treated unfairly.
This story reminds us that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. Just as Jesus valued Zacchaeus, we can show respect by listening to others, being kind, celebrating our differences and treating everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves.



Respect in action!

DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, WE INVITE YOU TO EXPLORE THE CHRISTIAN VALUE OF RESPECT AS A FAMILY.
JESUS SHOWED RESPECT TO EVERYONE HE MET, TREATING PEOPLE WITH KINDNESS, DIGNITY AND LOVE.
SUMMER RESPECT CHALLENGE
CAN YOU SPOT AND PRACTISE ACTS OF RESPECT THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS? THIS MIGHT BE LISTENING CAREFULLY TO OTHERS, USING KIND WORDS, HELPING AT HOME, INCLUDING OTHERS OR CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION.
AT THE END OF THE SUMMER, TALK TOGETHER ABOUT:
💬 HOW DID YOU SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS?
💬 WHEN DID SOMEONE SHOW RESPECT TO YOU?
💬 HOW DID IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
"DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU." — LUKE 6:31
WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING HOW RESPECT HAS GROWN IN YOUR FAMILY OVER THE SUMMER. 🌱



