

ENGLISH MARTYRS' R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

British Values

In English Martyrs' R.C. Primary School we believe in teaching children about British Values as directed under new Ofsted guidance, September 2014.

'ensure that they and the school promote tolerance of and respect for people of all faiths (or those of no faith), cultures and lifestyles; and support and help, through their words, actions and influence within the school and more widely in the community, to prepare children and young people positively for life in modern Britain.'

As educators we recognise we have a duty to prepare our children for life in modern Britain and to keep them safe.

The British values are:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

As a Catholic School we actively promote virtues, values and ethics that shape our children's character and moral perspective, through the teachings of the Church. We follow the example of the Good Samaritan, where we are called to love and care for our neighbour. We ensure that through our school ethos *'Loving Jesus, Loving Learning, Loving Life'* agreed rules, curriculum and teaching we promote respect and tolerance for all cultures, faiths and lifestyles.

Through the daily life of our school we reinforce British Values regularly. The following are some examples of how we do this.

- Our School Mission Statement outlines our commitment to a community rooted in love, tolerance, respect and celebration of differences.
- Weekly Statements to Live by: examples

Statement of the Week

I can work, rest, play and pray each day.



Statement of the Week

I know that it is okay for me to make mistakes.



Statement of the Week

I CAN SAY HOW I FEEL



Assemblies:



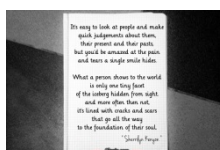
Right or Wrong?



Making Choices

In assembly we were invited to make lots of choices and work out which were good choices and which could have been better.

I'm right!



You are wrong!

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

We are all unique.

LOVE PEOPLE FOR WHO THEY ARE!

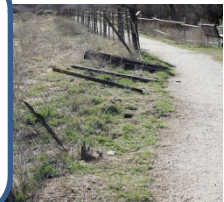


In Assembly today we talked about accepting each other as they are and not judging others by what they are wearing, how they look or the language they speak.

"IT'S ALRIGHT TO MAKE MISTAKES. AS LONG AS YOU PUT IT RIGHT!"



IT WOULD BE WRONG TO CLIMB ON THE FENCE. IT WOULD BREAK AND THAT WOULD DAMAGE THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD GOD MADE. FOR US.



- Assemblies and collective worship where we teach respect for all, develop a sense of right and wrong, tolerance, differences as well as respecting and following the law

Remember what our school motto is and try to live up to those standards everyday.

If you do this you will also be 'Loving your neighbour'.

You will be living as a member of our school community (fraternité).

Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.

A second likewise is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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From an assembly on 'Not Judging Others'

"These are the gifts of the Holy Spirit and perhaps these are the gifts we need to become inspirational people ourselves."

From an assembly on 'Inspiration'

- Religious education lessons which teach the children about other faiths as well as their own. (photo of piece of work about Judaism, photos)
- A range of curriculum topics which have strong links to British History and reflect British culture.



- Our Buddy system which encourages Year 6 children to be positive role models for Reception class.



- Visits from people in the local community who help us, such as the Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance service.



Firefighters



The Police Service

The Ambulance Service



- Working towards the PSHE and Citizenship Award.
- Maintaining Healthy Schools Status. Promoting a healthy and active lifestyle through projects with national and local projects such as Sustrans cycling and Walk to School.



Walk to School mascot 'Strider'



Bike It

- Participating in celebrations that reflect our rich ethnic school population such as Chinese New Year and Eid



- Whole School Creative Art experiences exploring cultures around the world including Africa, China and the Rainforests of the World.



- 'Zippy' Programme helps children to develop positive relationships.



- Our School Council, Spiritual Council and Eco Group provide a 'voice' for all children and are elected through a democratic system of voting.



Our School Council Ballot

- Spiritual Days allowing opportunity for all children and staff to have time to be in awe and wonder of the world around us and develop their own understanding of love for all. (photos from two different spiritual days, photograph piece of work from hall displays)



- Supporting the local community through charity projects. The Spiritual Council and 'Mini Vinnies' (SVP) organised a Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for the local Children's Ward, a charity chosen by the parents and children.



Mini - Vinnies

Christmas Jumper Day



- The School Choir raised money for two different organisations by singing in a shopping centre
- Hosting PJ day while working out to raise money for Catholic Care
- Working with the Parish to support the elderly in the local community.
- Supporting global charities such as Cafod and Mission Together. In response to the Parish Priest returning from time in France Yr5 and 6 children asked the Spiritual Council to

challenge the school community to fill Fr. Shaun's car with household projects to help the community of addicts he spent time with.