**Langley Fitzurse Worship Council - 20th January 2020**

Attending: Esther, Emily, Eric, Finley, Poppy, Charlie, Isla

Mrs Wilkinson (foundation governor), Mrs Bloomer

Apologies: Poppy

**Follow up from 20th November meeting**

* Esther’s letter to Vivian has been sent via Plan International UK – we look forward to a reply at some point.
* Web page – updated (*thank you, Mrs Howe)*
* Notice Board – updated. Emily to provide possible questions (30/1) The new prayers we write today will also go up (*done*)

**Christingle Service – 3rd February**

Mrs Bloomer has sent a plan for the service to Mr Hearn, and parts will be shared out by the teachers. Volunteer to read the opening prayer – Esther, Emily and Finlay volunteered:

**We are gathered together in the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to worship together and to think about Jesus, the Light of the World.**

**Values in Action**

Thank you for all your ideas – Mrs Bloomer has collated them and we hope that the photographer will visit soon to make these a reality.

When talking to the classes about ideas for our values in action it was suggested we created characters, e.g. Percy the penguin for Perseverance.

**ACTION**: Mrs Bloomer to discuss with Mr Hearn

**Courageous Advocacy – Supporting Vivian**

Members had come with lots of ideas to include for the Ghana day – bring & buy sale, dressing up, special lunch, wearing the colours of the flag, designing a flag. The plan for the day on 30th Jan has been agreed, following discussion with Mr Hearn and the staff team. We have a drumming workshop, dressing up in flag colours, football, trying out food and the language, learning stories from Ghana, creating a flag – and so much more! Fi Redmond is going to run the flag making session with KS2. We have a special guest, Barbara from Ghana who will spend the day with us answering questions and helping us learn about life in Ghana.

Emily – will say the prayer for Vivian at the start of the day

Esther & Finlay – thank you to Barbara and Fi, (gifts of flowers & soap) at the end of the day in the Celebration Assembly.

**ACTION:** If we don’t raise enough money for the sponsorship we will look at a cake sale/Bring & Buy sale.

**Writing prayers**

Mrs Bloomer worked with the group on creating prayers for Vivian and for St Peter’s Church to be used regularly in school. We thought about what prayer is - talking to God. In prayer we sometimes say thank you and sometimes ask God to help – so we talked about what these might be for Vivian and for St Peter’s Church.

We would like to use these prayers regularly – the prayer for Vivian will be used for the 1st time on 30th Jan for the Ghana Day:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you that we can help Vivian, her family and her community. Thank you that she can go to school and learn. Thank you for clean water and medical help.*

*We ask you to keep her safe, healthy and happy. Give her courage when life is difficult, and help her to know your love and care. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

St Peters Church & the Benefice regularly pray for the school - we would like to do the same:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for St Peter’s Church and the way they have cared for this school for over 160 years. Thank you for their generosity to our school and all the people who pray for us. Thank you that every Sunday their door is always open for people to pray, and we are invited to join in.*

*Please help our church to grow so they can love and serve you, Lord, our village and our world. Amen.*

**The Space Where We Worship**

Mrs Wilkinson worked with the group using photos of the hall to think about what we like/want to keep, and identify what we find distracting and would like to change. Mrs Bloomer will collate the ideas and bring back to Mr Hearn and the staff team. No one person has responsibility for the hall (at the moment keeping it tidy and displays up to date).

Following the Ghana Day we will have a new flag to display.

**ACTION**: Mrs Bloomer to collate comments and suggestions and discuss with Mr Hearn

**Next time**

*Lent Eco Challenge*–Mrs Bloomer explained that during Lent the Draycot Churches will be thinking about how we care for God’s Creation. Our notice board will have the weekly challenge, and it was suggested there should be a box to collect everyone’s ideas. Pupils were excited and came up with these possibilities straight away:

* Create our own version of the John Muir award to encourage pupils to care for our environment
* Regenerate our garden – bird boxes, feeding stations, bug hotels
* An Eco club

There will be a competition for pupils to enter – for the best suggestion for a way that their local church can care for God’s Creation.

The school is launching ‘11 by 11’ – one action is to plant a tree. Discussions with the Parish Council are already underway.

**Priorities for the year ahead**

1. We will plan and lead at least one assembly this year
2. We will meet with the Worship Councils from other schools to celebrate on Friday 12th June 2020 at Christian Malford School

**Date of Next Meeting: To be confirmed**