

Langley Fitzurse Worship Council – 26th April 2021 (outdoors)

Present: Ellie May, Sophia, Lola, Robyn, Oliver, Willow, Fraser,
Mrs Winterburn and Mrs Bloomer

Timea has left the school – we will only have one more meeting this academic year, so it is not worth electing a new rep. Fraser has received his badge.

Last meeting was 22nd March 2021

- **Vivian.** Mrs Winterburn has discussed using previously raised funds to cover the final payment for Vivian. We have received a reply to the Jan 2020 letter which will be shared with Esther and Emily (now at secondary school). The school needs to decide how to sign off as we finish this sponsorship. **Contact Bristol Diocese to establish a new relationship with Uganda.**
- **Class worship** – Mrs Winterburn introduced the evaluation forms to Worship Council members last week for KS2 worship. Teachers will support KS1 pupils to record their views. The weekly plan for worship has been updated and classes are using the resources Mrs Bloomer sends in
- **Our special Bible verse. Need to agree a plan on sharing the image chosen for our Bible verse.**

News

Lola has recently been awarded the Children's Community Champion award from Morrisons – congratulations, Lola. She has also encouraged her whole class to work for the Green Blue Peter badges. Excellent role models in Caring for Creation!

Christian Distinctiveness Questions

We looked at some questions from the Christian Distinctiveness Group:

- Why do we call our values 'Christian values' ?
We learn about these values by using Bible stories to show us what they look like and people who lived by them. We look at the life of Jesus – at the moment we are looking at how he had to persevere.
- Can you give an example of one of the school values that has helped you with your learning?
Persevering – working hard and keeping going even when it is difficult. Valuing my friends who help me when I struggle with English – they even help me when we visit each other's homes. As learning partners we help and encourage each other – this is friendship and perseverance. When we fall out with each other we say sorry and show forgiveness – examples given demonstrated the 'injured party' having forgotten the incidents because they had resolved the issues. Our rule and teachers remind us that we show respect when we listen. Some values come more naturally and we don't think about the way we are behaving, but other people notice. Visitors notice that we are a friendly school – welcoming, kind and well behaved.

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to talk to staff about incorporating our values with Field & Forest School activities.

Well being – looking forward to next term's value of Service

- What do you do in school to help others who are not as well off as you?

We have our learning partners to help in our studies. We have raised funds for many years to sponsor Vivian. Red Nose Day. Poppies for the Armed Forces and their families. Christingle – the Children's Society. We have collected shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Sharing in the Scarecrow festival which has special charity each year. Harvest – food gifts for The Rise Trust and Doorway. Mufti days – Children in Need. The May Fair – not sure where the money goes. The PTA raises money for the school for extra things.

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to create a display about the charities we support for the Worship Council board. Learning about who we are raising money for and why is really important.

Prayer Spaces – outdoors

In previous years Mrs Bloomer has set up a Prayer Space especially for the Y6 pupils during the SATS week. We would like to create a space for everyone to use which is COVID compliant – outdoors, using our senses. We thought particularly about stopping & listening to nature. A space that pupils can use whenever, but also that small groups could use from classes. Ideas included:

- Using the Round House
- Using the Garden area – have the sails back up
- Now the train has gone, using that space. Moving benches, putting up willow screens.
- Make a tree house/pod
- Use the Playpods which are empty
- Somewhere comfortable to sit
- Chalkboards to record ideas
- Metal or wooden signs to say 'Listen' – Robyn's sister Millie does carving, Oliver's dad has a mobile saw mill
- Ask the local nursery for sensory plants – we have lots of planters that need filling – **Mrs Winterburn to discuss with pupils about writing letters**
- The gazebo – not quiet, used to play in

ACTION: Mrs Bloomer and Mrs Winterburn had a walk round to discuss afterwards. We'd like to get parents involved too.

Any Other Business

- **Thank you Party** – usually we would meet with other Worship Councils to share and celebrate the work we have done in our schools. This won't be possible this year, as many schools have not been able to meet, and the COVID rules are still in place. But – Mrs Bloomer will arrange something in T6!

Date of Next Meeting in Term 6: to be agreed