

Langley Fitzurse Worship Council – 5th October 2021

Mrs Bloomer welcomed the new members: Nell and Arabella, and welcomed back Robyn, Lola, Willow, Oliver and Fraser – and Mrs Winterburn!

ACTION: Mrs Howe to arrange to take photos for the Worship notice board and the website. Please update names of the Worship Council on the web page 😊

The Worship Council will meet once a term, and members serve for the whole school year.

Each member was given their Worship Badge – please look after it, as there will not be a replacement if it gets lost.

Mrs Winterburn will arrange a notebook for members to record notes, ideas and suggestions.

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to organise notebooks for members.

Ground Rules

- We listen to each other and don't interrupt
- Contributions are voluntary
- Please ask for an explanation if you don't understand

Why do you want to be a member of the Worship Council?

- *I want to make people happy and make the school a better place*
- *I like to do stuff – to have fun, join in*
- *We missed out last year because of lockdown, so want to try again!*
- *I want to do more for school – it sounded fun, and I felt happy being involved*
- *My friends said it was fun to do*
- *I like helping and joining in to help our school*

Worship Council is an opportunity for us to share ideas, opinions and discussion on improving collective worship and developing Langley Fitzurse as a church school.

Minutes

Minutes will go up on the notice board in the foyer. A copy will go to each class – members to share with their class with their teacher's permission. **Members are encouraged to ask classmates for their ideas and views.**

ACTION: Mrs Howe to provide copies and members to share with their class.

Collective Worship

Everyone is happy to be back together in the hall for Collective Worship – this was strongly underlined in these responses:

What do you like about Collective Worship?

- *Being together, being connected*
- *Singing*
- *Learning about the past – learning Bible stories*
- *It's interesting – I like the questions, and talking, exploring ideas*
- *I like being told what to do! (thinking about how we behave, and making changes)*
- *I like being asked questions about the Bible stories, it helps us understand*

How can we change/improve Collective Worship?

- Find out about Christians around the world – show different pictures (from other cultures)
- Make it longer! More songs, longer reflection, longer stories
- Having different ways of hearing/watching Bible stories to help us understand
- Have music at the beginning and end of CW
- Different songs – how might pupils choose/suggest?
- Focus more on the reflection time to help us grow
- How do we help everyone to understand – discussion, building on the story – revisit during the week to reflect, explore, and act on it.

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to take these thoughts back to the staff team to progress.

Feedback – Pupil voice

Last year we started to use the evaluation sheets - what did CW make us think about, feel, and what will we do in response. These are being gathered in a scrapbook (on the worship table) along with a record of CWs. This has yet to be started for the new school year because we'd like WC members to take responsibility.

One pair each week – choose which day to give feedback on. Record comments: Arabella and Lola; Nell and Willow, Fraser and Oliver; Robyn to work with Pegasus pupils. To start w/c 11th October.

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to confirm the timetable & pairs and make sheets available by the Worship Council noticeboard. WC members to work together.

Ideas

- 1) Outdoor reflection area – we started talking about this in the summer term. The PTA have agreed to fund this. The space has been identified. Now we need ideas – what would you like included, what would encourage pupils to use it, how can we make it feel reflective?

ACTION: Together or individually WC members to draw/write their plan – we will share & discuss together at the next meeting in November and agree a specification and action plan.

- 2) **Visit the church more** – welcomed for outdoor learning during lockdown, supporting Eco Church making bug hotels, etc; available for RE lessons, other areas of the curriculum, or for longer reflective time – just need to check no other events clash. Invitations are regularly sent to school, and each month the list of services is shared. We hope to create a trail (see below) to help visitors explore and understand St Peter's Church later in the year.
- 3) **Christingle** – traditionally we hold this early Feb for Candlemas, and fund raising for the Children's Society. It is the plan to do this in 2022.
- 4) **Eco schools** – Lola asked if the school could look at what this might involve, to build on Caring for God's Creation and Chameleon gaining their Green Blue Peter badges last year.

ACTION: Lola to find out more about Eco schools and report back. What will it involve for the whole school? Who would take the lead? Are there costs attached?

Priorities for the year ahead

The Christian Distinctiveness Group met last week and identified areas we might like to work on this year- we will continue to find ways of working with St Peter's Church on Eco Church.

- 1) Outdoor reflection area (see above)
- 2) Leading worship – celebrating our uniqueness (**T2 – date booked: 17th November**)
- 3) Supporting Doorway – having supported practically at Harvest, we want to develop this relationship as a school – Director, Jo Kitching happy to come and speak to the Worship Council - virtual sleepout in T3? (**discuss in T2**)
- 4) Links with Uganda – our sponsorship for Vivian has come to an end, as she left school. Bristol Diocese have a link with Uganda and we are exploring ways we might get involved as a school. **Mrs Bloomer to feedback after the next CDM meeting in Jan 2022.**
- 5) What does spirituality mean to us? (**T3/4 including leading a Collective Worship?**)
- 6) Church trail (**plan for T5/6**)

The meeting ended with our Prayer for Worship Councillors:

Dear Lord,

Help us to be responsible Worship Councillors,

to set a good example and encourage one another.

Help us to listen carefully to each other and respect our different ideas.

Help us to make a difference in our school and make it a better place for everyone.

Thank you for your love and friendship, and for the chance to serve you. Amen.

Date of Next Meeting in Term 2: Tuesday 9th November at 1.30pm

The Worship Council will be leading worship on Wednesday 17th November – T2 our value is Respect, and we will focus on Celebrating difference & valuing diversity