

Langley Fitzurse Worship Council – 9th November 2021

Attending: Nell, Arabella, Robyn, Lola, Willow, Oliver and Fraser
Mrs Winterburn (in part), Mrs Bloomer

The meeting started with our Prayer for Worship Councillors.

We welcomed our 2 visitors from the North Wiltshire Mission Area – Shirley Anna, who is a trainee youth worker, and Becky Fisher, who is supporting the 3 trainees.

Review of actions from last meeting:

Noticeboard - Mrs Bloomer will refresh today after this meeting (*done*)

Eco Schools – Lola had shared information with Mrs Webster. At the moment Chameleon class are looking at Bin twinning with Uganda, and the hall noticeboard will be updated removing the information about Vivian and replacing with news of this venture.

Visit the church more – Hercules are visiting the churchyard as their new Field and Forest location ☺

ACTION: Photo taken today to go on the noticeboard and website, with updated names of the Worship Council members

ACTION: Mrs Winterburn to organise notebooks for members.

ACTION: Whole school Collective Worship was suspended last term because of COVID cases. Mrs Winterburn to confirm the timetable & pairs and make sheets available by the Worship Council noticeboard, so pupil feedback is possible as soon as CW commences (w/c 15th November, hopefully!)

Outdoor reflection area

Pupils had drawn & written ideas and talked to classmates. We spent some time together sharing ideas:

- Sweet flowers – scented; tall plants for shelter/privacy, bamboo
- Fairy lights, comfy cushions/beanbags, bookcase, mirrors, lamps, teddies, candles
- Bells hanging down, tassels, curtains
- Bug hotel
- Laminated Bible verses, pictures to look at
- Wooden cross, cross on the ground = leading to 2 pathways
- Somewhere to feel safe, shelter, calm, see nature

Space confirmed outdoors – items need to be waterproof. It was clear that when a space audit happens in school, identifying an indoor reflection area would be appreciated by pupils.

How much is our budget – PTA have agreed some funding, but we need to check how much in case we need to fund raise or request gifts in kind?

How can we involve others - Wiltshire Wood Recycling, artists, parents, local garden centres?

The Y6 pupils are really keen to be able to enjoy this area too, so aim for Easter 2022?

ACTION: Mrs Bloomer to confirm budget with Mrs Winterburn and draw up some plans

Planning Collective Worship for 17th November

In two groups we looked at the shape of worship (Gathering, Engaging, Responding, Sending). We discussed how each member would like to be involved and gathered ideas about the theme of Respect – Celebrating our Differences. Thought about what we are each really good at doing, possibly using the story of the Good Samaritan, ideas for prayers (Lola to try writing one to use), a challenge to go away with. Our message – differences don't matter.

Mrs Flynn agreed to give us feedback

ACTION: Lola to pass prayer ideas to Mrs Winterburn. Mrs Bloomer to collate ideas and if CW is going ahead next week, to arrange a rehearsal time.

Reflection Tables in Classrooms

This term we are going to have a look at the reflection tables in each classroom and (with the teacher's permission) talk to classmates about them:

- Is there a reflection area? If so, what is there?
- Do pupils use it?
- Ideas of what else might be included in the reflection corner?

Next term our value will be Truthfulness.

- What would be a good question to get people thinking about this value?
- Perhaps write a prayer to share
- Is there something interactive that would help others reflect on this value?

Hercules – Arabella and Robyn

Pegasus – Lola and Fraser

Phoenix – Nell and Willow

Chameleon- Oliver

ACTION: Members to complete this term and return sheets to Mrs Winterburn.

Invitation to Advent All Age service – 5th December

Mrs Bloomer gave invitations to each member and their families to come along to the All Age service at St Peter's on 5th December at 10.30am.

Class worship resources – Open the Book

Becky Fisher said that the NWMA trainees will be recording some Open the Book stories to share with local schools – *thank you!*

Priorities for this year

- 1) **Supporting Doorway** – virtual sleepout on 5th February. Mrs Bloomer to talk to Jo Kitching and Mrs Winterburn straight after Christmas.
- 2) **Links with Uganda** – Mrs Bloomer has spoken with reps from Bristol Diocese. Most schools are still not open in Uganda because of COVID – we will develop a plan of action for the school later in the year.
- 3) **What does spirituality mean to us?** (T3/4 including leading a Collective Worship?)
- 4) **Church trail** (plan for T5/6)

Date of Next Meeting in Term 3: January 2022