**Langley Fitzurse Worship Council – 6th October 2023**

Members: Rose (Y3), Billy (Y3), Bo (Y4), Harry (Y4), Lola (Y5), Arabella (Y5), Johnny (Y6), Oliver (Y6), Mrs Bloomer

Mrs Bloomer welcomed the new members. A photo is needed to go up on the board and on the website, please.

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. Each member received a notebook.

**ACTION:** Mr Osler to arrange a group photo, please.

**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 like doing Christian stuff!*
* *I thought it would be good to volunteer*
* *I thought it would be fun and I like to help*
* *I like speaking in public, and helping with the computer*
* *I enjoy RE*
* *I wanted to try something new*
* *I like working in a team and wanted to try it out/*

***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:** Ms Cox to provide copies for Chameleon and Phoenix classes.

**Collective Worship**

Every year we take time to review our Collective Worship:

***What do you like about Collective Worship?***

* *Being together to learn and share*
* *It inspires us to do good things*
* *I like the Y6 responsibilities*
* *Celebration assemblies – I like seeing people happy and celebrating awards*
* *New music – both listening and singing*
* *Worship thoughts – giving feedback*
* *Learning about different bible stories*
* *Exploring new bible stories*

**How can we change/improve Collective Worship?**

* *Invite parents to celebration assemblies*
* *Make it more fun*
* *Keep it simple*
* *More awards! E.g., Teacher appreciation awards*
* *Write and include poems*
* *Regularly write prayers linked with values to share in Collective Worship*
* *More acting*
* *It’s perfect!!*

**ACTION:** Mrs Bloomer to feedback to the staff team.

**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. At the moment it seems that only Y6 complete these – Mrs Bloomer to speak to Mr Osler.

**ACTION:** Mrs Bloomer to check about CW evaluations

**10th Anniversary for the Worship Council**

Mrs Bloomer explained that the first Worship Council at Langley Fitzurse School was set up in 2013, so this is our 10th anniversary. Please think about ideas to celebrate this milestone and bring them to the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Bring ideas about how we can celebrate the 10th anniversary

**Hymns, Songs and Values**

Last year the Worship Council suggested we choose one or two hymns/songs each term to link with the value: Friendship, Respect, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Perseverance and Service. Please ask your teacher when you can discuss this and gather ideas from your classmates, to feed back at the T2 meeting.

**ACTION:** Gather hymn/Christian song ideas to go with each value.

**Outdoor Reflection Area**

We had a quick review today – there were discarded items, rubbish and leaves. The plants need a little care, the dragonfly has been damaged.

Mrs Bloomer asked Worship Council members to take responsibility and check on the area each week. We can look at new planting in the Spring. There are new chalks to use – encourage pupils to decorate the cross.

**ACTION:** Worship Council members to take care of the Reflection Area

Ideas

The most popular idea was to create a trail for younger pupils – possibly for Advent/Christmas. St Peter’s is holding a Christmas Tree festival, we might create one?

**Priorities for the year ahead**

1. Leading collective worship and helping with school services in church
2. What does spirituality mean to us?
3. Global Neighbours scheme

**Date of Next Meeting in Term 2: Mrs Bloomer to agree with school**