



Worship Together

We learnt that over a billion Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world had been celebrating Diwali, the festival of light, over the weekend. We listened to the story of Rama and Sita and discussed how the story symbolises the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. We also considered how the story teaches us about the values of trust, friendship, courage and wisdom.

Kathy's Thursday service for school can be found by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGy7nmXkopo>

Prayer

Light shining in the darkness.

Light takes away the darkness.

Light brings hope.

God of light,

When things seem difficult

Or when we're frightened or sad,

Help us to remember that light is stronger than darkness,

Good is stronger than bad.

Amen

Vision and Values

I'm really excited about the journey we are on as these are crucial drivers to developing our curriculum. We have gathered views and opinions from all of our stakeholders and there are some emerging themes. Here is a brief summary:

What is special about our school?

- Everyone treated and respected as individuals
- Location (Foundation and nature)
- Friendliness
- Christian values

Our Christian character

- Love and respect
- Kindness
- Inclusiveness

What are the barriers to our children?

- Moving from a small, friendly, rural environment into the wider world
- Self-confidence
- Lack of local community (housing/shops)
- Social, emotional and mental health needs

- Understanding and valuing all religions
- Growing up in a world of risks (social media; social pressures)

It is nice to hear about the things that make school the wonderful place that it is and we always feel blessed to work with such special children. The barriers are of particular interest as we want our curriculum and school offer to prepare our children to be successful throughout their lives, both near and far. I will keep you updated with the progression of this piece of work.

Financial support

This year has been the most difficult time for many families and worries about money are unfortunately common. This might affect you in many different ways. You might be struggling to buy food or have other significant financial difficulties. Please don't struggle alone. We are here to listen and will try our best to put you in touch with organisations who can help.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been national anti-bullying week. We started it on Monday with our 'odd socks day', celebrating our individuality, uniqueness and differences. We gathered together (on TEAMS) for an anti-bullying assembly and each class have also been thinking about it during PSHE lessons. The theme this year is 'united against bullying' and our children have discussed being strong together and everyone having a responsibility to look after each other.

Covid-19

You will be aware that we have had our first child testing positive this week and cases appear to be rising. We are thankful that the family followed national guidelines and the result of their actions was that no further people had to self-isolate. Here is a reminder of what to look out for, how to prevent spread and what to do if you are concerned that someone in your family might have the virus.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 online or by phoning 111.

If you, or anyone in your family, has any one or a combination of any of these symptoms now or in the future, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms started, even if you are mildly unwell. All other members of your household will need to self-isolate for 14 days. This is to protect others in your community. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. If you or your child become very unwell then contact NHS 111 for advice.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Survey from BDMAT

Our team is gearing up for a new survey in which we will be giving you the opportunity to express your opinion on parent and guardian engagement at BDMAT and your overall confidence in the school's strategy. Our goal is to open up a communication channel where your voice is heard and organised in such a way that we can create the best learning environment for your child. To help us with this, we are working together with the Edurio survey platform. To complete the survey, please click here:

<https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/de46vM>

Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis. The survey will be available until November 29.

Your opinion and honesty are much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Celebration Assembly				
Reception	Fareeha	Theo	Lucas	Jessica
Year 1	Theo, Jennifer	Tommy, Niamh	Bella	Mason
Year 2	Eleanor, Willo	Kai, Deen	Holly	Holly, Kaiden
Year 3	Lily-Jo, George	Oliver, Mollie	Thomas	Riley
Year 4	Grace, Hudson	Logan, Harry	Caitlyn, Lexi	Remi-Efia
Year 5	AJ, Harriet	Jessica, Harry	Stella	Olivia
Year 6	Rocco, Jake	Ollie	Henrijs	Drew
				

Gallery



Remembrance picture by a child in Year 6.



Year 6 children being active and making the most of our wonderful surroundings and abundance of fresh air.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend and week ahead.

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