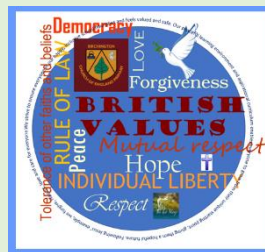




School Council Termly Update

Term 5 and 6

We have been learning about British Values and reflecting on how we live these values alongside our school values. British Values are values that all people in Britain are meant to follow in their daily lives. The values help people to know how to behave and treat others. They are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of other faiths and beliefs.



At the end of each term we will continue to provide you with these latest updates on our School Council section of the website. We will also give you some ideas for ways you can help us.

Successes

Democracy: To coincide with the day of the UK General Election, we held a Democracy Day in school. We had a Parliament/ London themed Book Club, a collective worship about democracy and the library became our polling station for the day. We decided to have a themed afternoon and everyone in the school got to take part in a vote for either books, science or art. During the week we campaigned in collective worship for the subject we wanted to win. We were courageous to share our opinion knowing others may not hold the same view. The subject that received the most votes was art! We showed everyone that in a democracy you can influence decisions and every individual has the chance to have their voice heard.



Mutual Respect and tolerance of other faiths and beliefs: We are always looking for ways to celebrate diversity and we decided to open an International Bread Stall at the Summer Fayre so that members of our school community could try different types of bread from all over the world. We selected six breads for our stall - French baguette, naan bread from India, pitta bread from Greece, tortillas from Mexico, milk bread from Japan and Polish bagels. We made posters with information about the bread as well as adding flags and drawings. We had our own idea to create a poll so that tasters could give feedback by voting for their favourite bread. The milk bread ended up getting the most votes! It was wonderful to see so many people excited to try new things and learn about breads from different cultures around the world. Thank you for all the lovely comments we received on the day!



Rule of law: This means that there are rules that help build a safe, secure and happy environment to live and learn in. We have talked about what safeguarding means in our meetings and how we can work together to make sure everyone is safe and happy. We all knew the names of the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school and also understood that it is important to keep safe whilst working on a tablet, using the internet or a smartphone. The children explained that keeping a peaceful learning environment, following rules, respecting and caring for one another helps to keep us all safe.



Individual Liberty: This is the right to believe, act and express oneself freely as long as this does not harm others. As School Council Reps we thought of ways we can stand up for our peers, such as making sure everyone is included on the playground, being encouraging, saying positive and kind comments and listening to others. We also encourage our peers to seek help, support and advice from us or adults when they need it.

Well done School Council

We have an active school council and the class representatives have worked very hard this year on so many projects. The children are taught to listen carefully and with concern to each other, respecting the right of every individual to have their opinion heard at meetings. They have shared the views of other children using their class pupil voice books, held fundraisers and been part of different school events. The children have demonstrated British Values in meetings and lived our School Values throughout the year; they have shown compassion, care and a real drive to make a difference within our school community and the wider world. We are very proud of them!