

School Council Minutes

17th October, 2016

Gracie and Thomas led our school council assembly. They invited the children to join in to demonstrate the different Christian Values.

They chose Daniel and Cain from class 1 to demonstrate 'Hope' – Cain said that he hoped that he could go and play in the nursery yard. They demonstrated this. Gracie wrote on the board that 'hope means when you would like something to happen – you hope for it.'

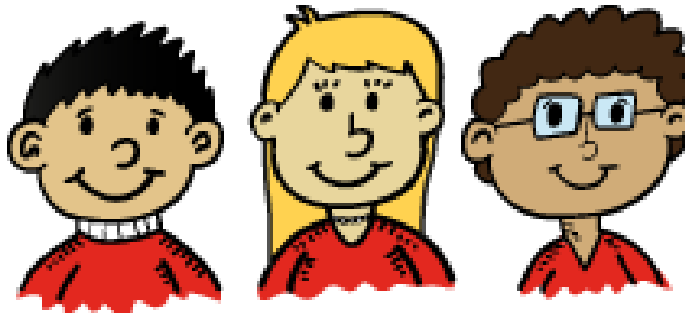
In class 2, Seth and Evie were chosen to demonstrate 'Service'. Seth wrote his name on the board and Evie showed him how to make it even better. The message being that service is about helping others.

In class 3, Matilda and Kieran demonstrated Koinonia. Kieran was playing on his own and was sad – Mathilda went to see if he would like to play with her. The message being that Koinonia is about kindness.

Gracie led the Lord's Prayer and Thomas led the lunchtime prayer.

Next week, Janae and Nikola are leading the assembly – they will be explaining what the Christian Values of compassion, creation and Peace mean.

Minutes prepared by: Chloe and Janae



To be displayed in the hall – The Christian Values with explanations:

Hope: The Christian understanding of hope illustrates how trivial our everyday use of the word can be. We hope that it will not rain for the picnic, or that the car will start or that the plumber will come tomorrow. At a deeper level, hope is a universal human phenomenon. People hope for peace in time of war; food in time of famine; justice in time of oppression. Where hope is lost there is despair and disintegration. Hope generates energy and sustains people through difficult times. For some people, hope is so strong that it inspires self-sacrifice to turn hope into reality. True hope is much more than a general idea that things will get better. It is more than a belief in progress, which sees the world and people as getting better all the time, growing away from violence, ignorance and confusion.

Service: 'Going the extra mile' involves sacrifice, putting ourselves out for someone else's benefit. It is precisely in a life of service that we become most truly free.

Koinonia: Koinonia: fellowship

The use of the original Greek word emphasises the strength and importance of this concept within the Christian faith.

Koinonia means 'that which is in common' and is often translated as 'fellowship' or 'community'. Other translations might include 'union', 'partnership', or 'being yoked together'. A yoke is a shaped piece of wood that goes across the shoulders, often linking two animals. By combining their strength, it helps work to be done and burdens to be carried. Koinonia expresses the quality of relationship within the Christian community. They are all members of the same family.

A central element of being a family is interdependence: all are needed and valued and each person is important to the whole.

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