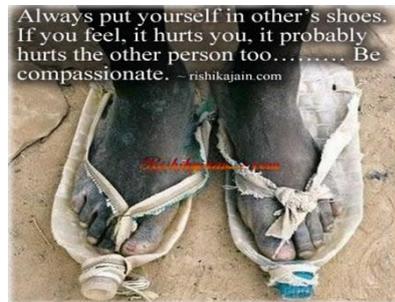


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Justice

A reading from Hebrews 13:1-6

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Dear Parents / Carers

We are celebrating a great day.

Bishop Rose visited the school on Monday 5th October.

The pupils and staff were all thrilled to welcome Bishop Rose. It is a great honour for such an eminent person to visit our school.

On arrival, Bishop Rose was given a guided tour through the school by two of the pupil worship team. During this tour she stepped into every classroom (maintaining social distancing) engaging with the children, talking to them and addressing each class with generous smiles and kindness. The children were invited to ask questions and show their curiosity and excitement.

In preparation for the visit, each class created bunting with a theme taken from our Christian Values. These were hung up throughout the school which made it a very joyful and spiritual school.

The pupil worship team have been working with me and Ms Watson preparing a service that focused on the themes of Justice and compassion towards Refugees. They chose Bible readings, wrote prayers and designed activities as well as offering thoughts for reflection.

I WAS SO PROUD of the pupils and cannot say this loud enough!!

All pupils took part in the collective worship that we now stream through to all classrooms from Year 6.

The pupil worship team led from start to finish. Bishop Rose was invited to stand and give her reflections and prayers as part of the service. The pupil worship team are:

Ruby, Leilah, Safia, Dorothy, Joshua, Finley and Lydia.



They worked hard on our project the week before, practising and polishing their loud speaking voices demonstrating both courage and pride. They then held an audience with Bishop Rose in our library where a special cake was cut and refreshments were served as part of our school's welcoming hospitality. Bishop Rose thoroughly enjoyed the children's conversation and questions that followed. She spoke at great length about her own experiences and faith. The children asked her about racism and making interfaith connections, about how to empower young people to find their voice. She was highly inspirational and left us all with a buzz.

Our year 6 class also wrote a persuasive letter addressed to Bishop Rose, asking her for advice and further compassion to be directed towards Refugees.

As we approach the topic of Black History Month it was so fitting that all pupils had the opportunity to meet such a successful, deeply wise and prominent leading black figure. We need more positive role models for our pupils to learn from. Next term each class will be looking more closely at this topic.

You can find the collective worship that the team created and led on our school website. It is called Justice & refugees. We will be posting up photographs of this important event as soon as we can process them.

It was one of those special days when I couldn't have felt more grateful for the job I have. The children were all so marvellously well behaved and respectful. Thank you and well done to everyone!



A moment for reflection



Dear Almighty Father

Thank you for giving us Jesus who taught us how to show kindness to others no matter what their culture.

We are sorry for our sins and for the times when we don't help someone just because they are quite different to us.

Please help those who are still suffering, like refugees.

Give us courage to act up more and fight for everyone's rights so that we have equality, and justice.

We want to make the world a better place for everyone.

We want all humans to live in the hope that Our Father in Heaven gave us through his son Jesus.

Amen

By Lydia

