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The words of Jesus: Our Christian Value this week is perseverance



Many of us make new year's resolutions – a change to better ourselves – why not start to read more or try different types of stories or books. Here are some that might inspire your children:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/the-read-down/kids-and-young-adult-coming-soon/>

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/blog/2024-preview-brilliant-childrens-books-to-look-forward-to-next-year-6567>

Remember you can always recommend a good book to us – we can then share it here in book corner.

## Enrichment clubs

Any clubs that didn't start this week, will start next week. Athletics club will begin on 2.2.24 due to availability of staff in the next 2 weeks. Clubs lists and letters should be emailed to you by the end of the day. If your child is continuing at an after school club, you don't need to fill a letter in.

## Primary admissions

The application process for primary school places for September 2023 closes on 15 January. Please remember you need to apply online even if your child attends Pre School or you already have an older child at school.

To apply use this online form, please [click here](#).

## Y6 trip to London

On Thursday, our Y6 children took part in a fantastic trip to London as part of our drive to enrich and enhance our curriculum and deliver cultural capital opportunities to all our children.

The children travelled by train to Euston, then caught the public bus to Trafalgar Square. We then walked down the Mall and spent some time in front of Buckingham Palace where the flag was flying. After having lunch in St James' Park, we walked past Churchill's war rooms and number 10 Downing Street to the Palace of Westminster (Houses of Parliament). Here, the children got the chance to sit in the House of Lords and the House of Commons and listen to debates about housing and education funding. They also took part in a workshop where they set their own laws.

This was an amazing day and something that we would hope to repeat in years to come. Thank you to all the staff who made this possible and well done to the children who were brilliant.

## Sporty stuff

Our Y5/6 football team competed in freezing conditions on Tuesday at Heysham sports centre. They won 2, lost 2 and drew 1, playing some wonderful football on the way. We continue to work hard to offer sporty opportunities for all of our children – there will be plenty more competitions for different sports and children in the coming months, with all children given a chance to represent school by the time they leave Y6.



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## Change to lunch menu

There will be a change to the lunch menu on Thursday 18 January as we will be having our 'Jump into January' lunch. The menu is BBQ meatball slider with crispy paprika wedges, garden peas and sweetcorn or homemade cheese and onion slice with creamy mashed potatoes and baked beans followed by iced chocolate traybake. Lunches can be ordered daily and are £2.40 per day for key stage 2 children. Please ensure payment is made in advance on Parent Pay. Key stage 1 children are entitled to free school meals

## Staff vacancy in kitchen

There is currently a job vacancy in the school kitchen for a general assistant. 2 hours a day from 11.30am to 1.30pm. 10 hours a week. The details can be found on the Lancashire County Council website.

## VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPs this week.

**Diamond** - Betsy for being such a kind and caring friend to everyone!

**Ruby** – Ralph for giving excellent answers in Maths and sharing good ideas to help others to count up to 100.

**Topaz** – William for always being an excellent role model to others because of his fantastic attitude and enthusiasm for all his learning. Well done, William!

**Emerald** - James for great work in English, an excellent attitude towards his learning and always trying his hardest. Well done!

**Sapphire** – Annabelle for consistently demonstrating kindness and always persevering in her maths. You are an exceptional role model Annabelle and a pleasure to teach.

**Amethyst** – Harriet S for consistently working hard and for always being a polite and considerate member of class, thank you.

# What Children & Young People Need to Know about

# FREE VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

## Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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