



St. Francis Church of England Primary School

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School Newsletter

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Collective Worship - This week...

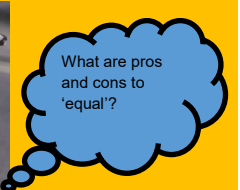
We continued with the Blackburn Diocese resource and this week there was a really difficult question. This led us to thinking about questions and what questions we may have about life. Christians believe that answers to their life questions can be found in the Bible. In our Worship, we like to explore how our thinking connects to our school vision jigsaw and the fundamental British Values. How can you use the four British Values in your house?

Talk to your child(ren) about...

How does a difficult question make you feel?
 What 'life' questions do you have?
 Who can help you to answer your life questions?
 Is there anyone you would like to think about or pray about?
 How can you live a fulfilling life this week?



Picture News: (<https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/picture-news-at-home/84388>)



Mutual Respect and Tolerance
 Seagulls are known for stealing food and can be a nuisance! Not everyone will feel this way. We can show respect to people who have different beliefs and opinions.

Click here for more information on British Values

As a church school, we aspire to live life in all its fullness, Loving Faith, Loving People, Loving Learning. - following the footsteps of Jesus.

'I have come to give you life in all its fullness' John 10:10

British Values

- Individual Liberty**
When do you make your own choices? When are you encouraged to have, and share, your own opinion? When are you able to be YOU?
- Mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs**
When do you learn about other faiths and beliefs? How do you challenge others if they do not show respect and tolerance?
- The Rule of Law**
What are our school rules? Why do we have rules for outside play? How does it feel when not everyone follows the rules? Should you follow rules even if you don't agree with them?
- Democracy**
How is your voice heard when decisions are made? How does it feel not to be heard? Do you accept decisions when they have been made democratically?

Protected Characteristics

A person's religion or belief can impact their regard for certain animals. This should never cause us to be treated unfairly.



Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday 19th May - Year 6 Christian Aid Fun Run - 9-10am
 - Wednesday 24th May - Year 3 maths lesson visit - 2:45-3:30pm
 - Friday 26th May - Dare to Be Different Day
 - Friday 26th May - Krsipy Kreme Doughnut sale - after-school 3:25pm
- For more dates, please go to: <https://www.stfranciscep.co.uk/page/parentcarer-partnership/128152>

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

You may have noticed the field is changing! This is because of the OPAL programme that we have joined. As part of the programme, we have to follow a specific schedule of training and having had another session today we are excited to report that we are firmly on track to becoming a recognised OPAL school. Charlotte Derry, our OPAL mentor, is guiding us through the process and ensuring our development plan and risk benefit assessments are in place prior to each new activity being launched. Already in place...

- Garden area including, potting bench, greenhouses, bug hotel, potion making and sensory area
 - Mown-in grass track for wheeled toys and fast legs
 - A developing large loose parts area for children to construct
 - Digging area
 - Netball/basketball hoops
 - Tent
 - Wheeled toys - bikes / scooters / tricycles / go-karts
- Coming soon...
- Line markings for football and running track
 - Outdoor stage area - currently mapped out by lots of tyres!
 - A large sandpit - currently mapped out by lots of tyres!
 - A large tunnel made from lorry tyres



Save the date!

Tuesday 12th July 2:30pm - parent/carers OPAL play session led by Charlotte Derry.



- Our school rules:
- We listen to each other.
 - We follow instructions given by safe adults.
 - We treat each other as we want to be treated.
 - We know and celebrate that we are all different.



On Friday 9th June, straight after school and/or Saturday 10th June, 10am-1pm could you come to school to help us to further develop our field?

Jobs needed:

Stage building, bench building, wood & tyre painting, digging, hill making, planting etc...

If you think you can help, please call in or ring the office to add your name to the list.

Thank you!

Our children are already telling us that playtimes and lunchtimes are better because of the changes made. Staff have noticed greater engagement in play and fewer accidents and friendship fallouts.