

Promoting British Values in St Joseph's Primary School

St Joseph's Primary School, as a Catholic school promotes the basic British and Christian values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs.

Through our curriculum we provide varied opportunities to explore and live out our Community and Christian values: MFL, Geographical Locational Knowledge, Cultural Art, Music, Poetry and Stories, our global links through the Comenius project, our Assemblies and our very actions we teach;

- an understanding of how citizens can influence decision-making through the democratic process
- an understanding that the freedom to hold other faiths and beliefs is protected in law
- an acceptance that people having different faiths or beliefs to oneself (or having none) should be accepted and tolerated, and should not be the cause of prejudicial or discriminatory behaviour
- an understanding of the importance of identifying and combating discrimination

To promote British values, the school:

- engaged the help of the Parliamentary Outreach Service, who through role-modelling the debating process, underlines the strengths, advantages and disadvantages of democracy, and how democracy and the law works in Britain, in contrast to other forms of government in other countries.
- has extended debating and discussion sessions, and demonstrate a knowledge of how democracy works by listening to how professionals in public life can get points across meaningfully.
- holds elections for our School Council whose members are voted for by the pupils and ensure that all children within the school have a voice that is listened to,
- holds discrete debating and discussion sessions throughout the year that provide pupils with the opportunity to learn how to argue and defend points of view
- hold a variety of faith assemblies, promoting tolerance and understanding of different faiths.
- hold assemblies linked to RRSA
- work towards becoming an RRSA school
- participated in a cultural event promoting British folk music, dance, art and story telling