

Broadmeadow Infant and Nursery School

Collective Worship

Introduction

At Broadmeadow we believe that Collective Worship plays a very important role in our school life. It is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of school life, support our curriculum and to provide an opportunity for coming together to reflect on what is very often a busy, active day for the children.

Aims

The central aims of collective worship at Broadmeadow are to:

- Provide children with spiritual, moral, social and cultural educational opportunities through collaborative and meaningful themes and relevant topics.
- Celebrate the values and worth of the whole school community and all who belong in it, including the sharing of the gifts and talents of our children.
- Help children understand both the nature and language of worship of the Christian faith and different World faiths.
- Help children develop respect and sensitivity to the beliefs and values of others.
- Support the broader curriculum through the use of art, music, dance, story-telling, drama and other visual and oral means of communication.

In our school, Collective Worship is seen as an educational activity which forms part of a structured and coherent curriculum linked to other subjects especially RE and PSHE. It will be of a broadly Christian character and take into account the pupils' needs, ages, aptitudes and faith backgrounds. It will also reflect notable dates and events within the year.

Procedures

Assemblies are held daily. Each week there is a value and a theme that will be the focus of the assemblies.

Each Friday (unless there is a class assembly) there will be a celebration assembly where two children from each class are chosen for good work/attitudes/effort. Parents are invited to attend the Friday assembly if their child is going to be chosen.

All assemblies should include the opportunity to listen to music from the specified era/genre and a moment of reflection or prayer.

Class assemblies are held once per year for each class and celebrate either the work they are doing in class, a festival or an event. Parents of children in the class are invited.

Right to withdraw

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from Collective Worship. They should inform the school in writing of their request for this to happen.

Celebration Assembly

On a Friday morning at 9am there will be a celebration assembly (unless there is a class assembly)

This will be as detailed below:

1. Class teachers to choose one 'Star of the Week' and one 'Special Mention' on a Thursday morning
2. Office staff to collect the names of these children from teachers each Thursday morning and then contact those parents to let them know that their child will be in the celebration assembly and they can attend.
3. Office staff will prepare a list of class attendance figures for the previous week and give to the teacher leading the assembly.
4. Class teachers prepare certificates for each child.
5. On Friday morning the chosen children will sit on a bench at the front of the hall.
6. The teacher leading the assembly will welcome parents and will then call each teacher in turn to explain why these children have been chosen (the children will stand while this is being said)
7. The star of the week will get a 'Star' badge and headteachers sticker
8. The special mention will get a 'headteachers sticker'
9. The teacher leading the assembly will announce the class attendance figures for the previous week. The class with the highest attendance will get extra playtime on Friday afternoon. They will also get a poster to put on their classroom door to say they had the best attendance.
10. There will then be a short period of reflection based upon the value for the week before dismissing the children and thanking parents for attending

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