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Brampton CE Primary School Article

A Fresh Approach to Collective Worship

This half term we have been developing Collect Worship through improving pupil participation and links with the community. Our overall aim has been to increase engagement.

Pupil Participation

Our collective worship has become more engaging by increasing opportunities for children to be actively participating. We have achieved this by;

- Opening and closing worship with a shared greeting, school vision and or prayer.
- Getting children to read the prayers
- Encouraging children to act out bible stories and carry out tasks and jobs.
- Asking deep questions that encourage emotional reasoning
- Placing an emphasis on reflection.
- Ensuring we relate the message, biblical story to real life.

Furthermore, our Year 6 Collective Worship Leaders have engaged children at the start of collect worship by playing a piece of music, which has been carefully chosen to link with the theme. This is also played at the end to encourage reflection whilst leaving the hall. The music often includes visuals (on the IWB), to help focus all children. This has helped to create an atmosphere for worship, introduced children to a wide variety of musical genres, as well as encourage them to explain how the music links to the half termly theme.

We have also developed our child led Collect Worships. KS2 children have led the **whole** act of worship or elements of it each week. This initiative has seen children in year 5 and 6 planning and preparing collective worship using our theme of perseverance- teaching others about how to be a bucket filler. The pupils themselves have responded positively and look forward to taking their turn in front of the school. It has provided the children with an opportunity to build their independence and confidence in public speaking before they move onto secondary school.



Community

We have welcomed some visitors from the local community to enrich the children's experiences and give them different perspectives on beliefs and values. These have included: a visit from our local foodbank who explained where harvest gifts would be going to help. Jonah and Bethany shared their culture with the other children and with the help of their mum gave us an insight into living in Ethiopia. We look forward to having more visitors soon.



Overall, our aim for collective worship this half term has been to create a space for an encounter where all children can reflect on who they are, their values and beliefs and see the world from a Christian perspective. By involving the children in collective worship, we have created a greater ownership, commitment and interest from them.

Relating the stories, verses or teachings from the Bible into their own lives or relevant world-wide news has ensured the messages the children receive during collective worship are age appropriate, relevant and purposeful.

