

Values Education



Newsletter — FAIRNESS

As most people know, we follow a programme of key Values, throughout the school year. These values are an important framework for helping to define the work of the school 'beyond the curriculum'.

This term's value is Fairness.

Fair play is a very strong instinct in most of us. We tend to become upset when things aren't fair and we or others get a raw deal.

So far we have considered personal justice - 'playing fair' with others; respecting others' rights; acting responsibly and fairly with the people we meet each day

We have touched upon social justice - speaking up on behalf of others, recognising that others have the same rights as ourselves, and we have given some thought to FAIRTRADE and campaigning for a fairer world.

We have talked about several stories from the Old Testament, which spoke out against corruption and injustice in the society of their day, because this is something that God hates.

The children were given the opportunity to think about:

- Do I always act fairly?
- Am I fair to other people?
- What unfair things make me cross?
- How can our school / home be a fairer place?



We advised the children that a simple 'rule of thumb' on what is fair or just behaviour, is provided by the so-called 'golden rule', taken from Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount:

'Treat others as you want them to treat you' (Matthew 7:12)



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