A week of Worship at St Mary's

ST MARY'S LEWISHAM
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

FAITH LOVE
COMMUNITY

Our Vision

To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words *'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).*

Mission Statement

St Mary's school serves our community by providing the highest quality of education and experiences so everyone can achieve their full potential. Faith is at the heart of our life together which celebrates our diversity. Christian values unite and guide our relationships based on respect, responsibility and forgiveness.

St Mary's School Values	
Autumn 1	Love
Autumn 2	Peace
Spring 1	Respect
Spring 2	Forgiveness
Summer 1	Responsibility
Summer 2	Faith

A week of Worship

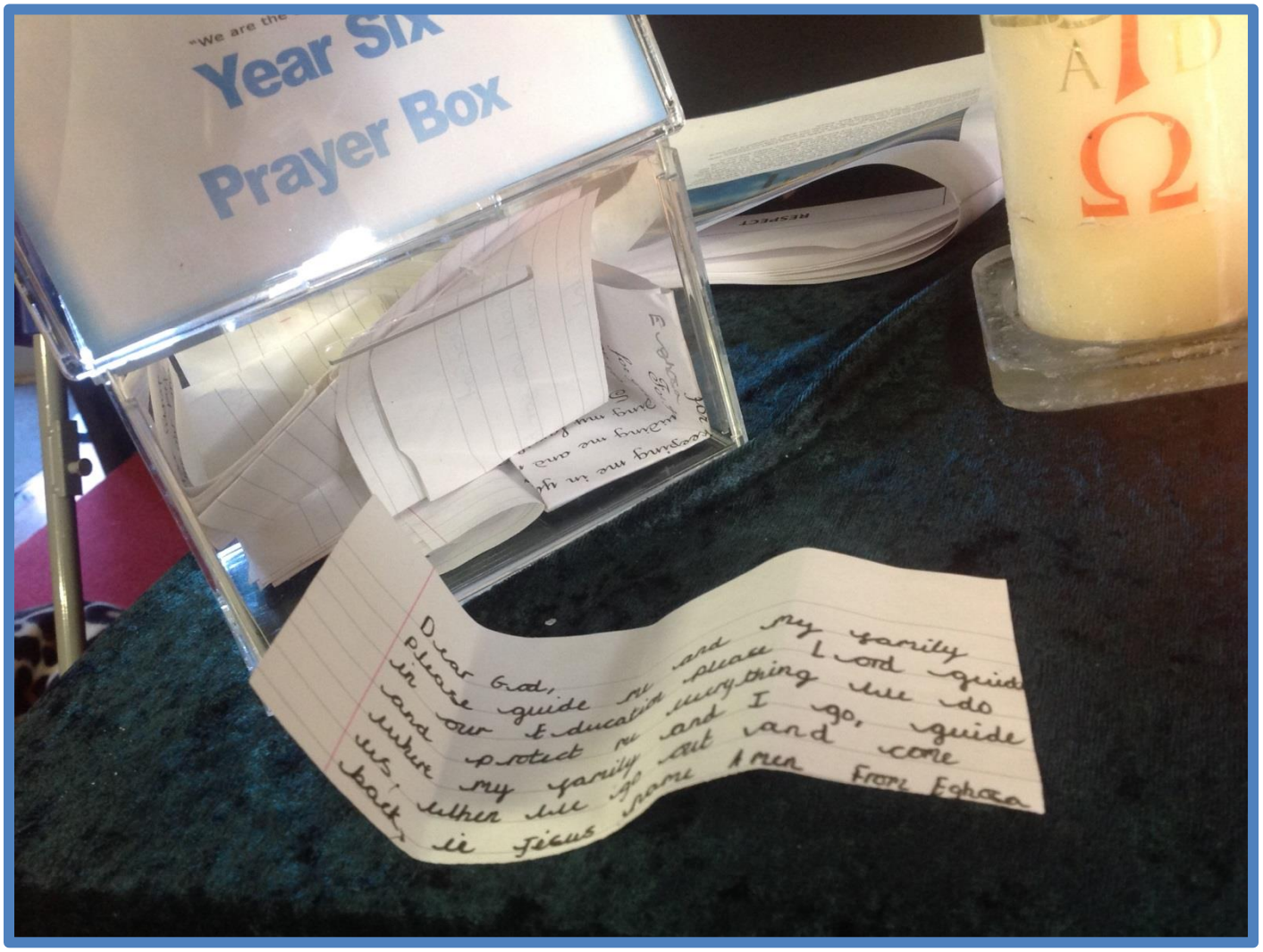
At St Mary's school we join together in collective worship every day. This can take many forms and this book has been designed to share some of these with you. Our worship is guided by our school vision and values. The 6 school values are rooted in the Bible and guided by the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the unique gifts and potential of each child by sharing their achievements. Wellbeing is promoted in worship through the school values and by providing a space for peace and reflection. Children make a full contribution to worship through planning, pupil voice, leading elements of the worship, drama, music, song, art, poetry and in many other creative ways.

Monday

Whole School Worship

Worship is led by the Headteacher, Ms. Bernard and focuses on the School values. There is always a Bible reading and a hymn and Bible stories are brought to life through drama. Children take an active role in leading elements of the worship. Children contribute their ideas and they are challenged to reflect on how to live our School values at school and at home.

Year Six
Prayer Box


Year Six
Prayer Box
Dear God,
Please guide me and my family
in our Education please Lord guide
and protect me everything we do
where my family and I go, guide
us, when we go out and come
back, ie Jesus name Amen From Eghosa

"If you don't focus on the target, you won't reach your target. Use perseverance. I enjoyed the football video – it was perfect." Year 5

"You have to stay focused on your target. When we are struggling with our work, you need to focus. I enjoyed it when you ran up and down, it was funny." Year 5

Tuesday

Reflective Worship

Worship today is an opportunity to build on the themes explored on the previous day. This can be in another whole school worship, or class based worship, led by teachers. Sometimes we have a reflective worship, where we sit in small groups around candles, giving us a peaceful space to reflect in more depth. Our reflections are supported by Bible readings, with prompts to guide us.

"It made me feel relaxed and have peace." Andrew Year 4

"It felt like Jesus was with us when you were reading the story. The nice silence helped me to think about all my value words and now I can use them in my everyday life."

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"I felt calm because I could reflect on how I was doing and how I can make things better." Libby Year 5

We welcome a range of visitors to join us in Worship. The children were inspired in Reflective worship by a visiting group performing Sacred Music. The group performed several religious songs and chants and encouraged the children to reflect on the meaning.

"We sat in a circle and we were still. We had time to calm down and think about peace." Year 6

"I loved it because we got to concentrate on Advent and we can think about what is coming next – Jesus." Year 3

"God is peaceful and loving, I like these value words because they encourage me with my learning. Because it's about Jesus leading us to the shining light, the candle leads us because it's God's message that he's there with us." Year 3

"It was fun and I really reflected on the candle and I saw the light that Jesus was showing me. When you were reading all of the things, I closed my eyes and imagined that it was me." Year 5

Wednesday

Church Worship

We are blessed to work closely with the Clergy from St Mary's Church and on Wednesdays they often join us for Worship. This could be in St Mary's Church or in school. We celebrate the main events in the Christian calendar together, as well as special days like Prayer Day and the Easter Journey. A big thank you to Father Steve, Father Steffan and Marion, as well as Mr Stringfellow who plays the organ in Church for us.

Children, staff and parents are invited for an 'ashing' to help us to prepare for Lent, a time of reflection and repentance.

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We welcomed Father Steffan from St Mary's Church to lead our worship, the focus was our school value of Peace, and how we can find peace in our own lives. Father Steffan shared prayer beads from a range of Religions (Islam, Buddhism and Catholic) and discussed how people with these faiths use them to reflect, pray and find inner-peace. Father Steffan then led the children in a period of stillness, silence and reflection.

Thursday

Class-led Worship

Today is a special day as the children lead the Worship. Parents are invited to join each class as they share their learning using art, dance, song, music, poetry, storytelling and many other creative ideas. The children's Faith Group sometimes plan and lead the worship. Every half-term, each class also share their learning about our School Values.

Our Faith Group led a whole school worship on the Bishop's Lent call. They spoke to us about the importance of the work that he is doing in Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka and how it is helping families to flourish.

We are the dawn of peace

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Welcome to Year 1's
Class Worship

BREAKING
NEWS
BBC
NEWS

PERSEVERANCE
NEVER
GIVE
UP!
EXIT
Once
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Geological Period
Deep Time
Calendar

GIFTS AND POTENTIAL

Fire exit keep clear

Peace

NYC
KEEPING IT REAL
peace

Children from Year 3 collaborated with a group of artists to produce 'Sparks of Faith'. This colourful and reflective artwork was exhibited in a local art gallery. The children enjoyed sharing their learning with the rest of the school in Worship.

Friday

Achievement Worship

At the end of the week, we celebrate the children's amazing achievements. Ms. Bernard gives out the awards and the Year 6 Young Leaders prepare and lead the worship. Children from each class are chosen by their teachers for following the School values. There is also an opportunity for children to nominate each other using 'Recommend a Friend' cards. We also celebrate children who achieved something special such as a sporting award or winning a competition. Classes can win awards for the best attendance, recycling and lining-up!

FORGIVENESS
LENT

STAR OF THE TERM
FORGIVEN
LENT
JESUS

STAFF
STAFF

STAR OF THE TERM
FORGIVENESS

JESUS
ISAAC

We were joined at Achievement worship by our friends from Bentley Court, a home for the elderly. They helped to judge the Easter bonnet and Easter egg competition, as well as celebrating the children's achievements over the spring term.

The school choir lead the singing when we worship together.

The school choir perform at St Mary's Church as part of Women's World day of Prayer.

Parents and friends of the school join us to worship together.

We share a sign of peace with each other.

Time to reflect and pray is an important part of worship.