British Values Week

Monday 17th - Friday 21st June 2019

We will be holding our annual British values week next week. The children will be learning about key aspects of this including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of these with different faiths and beliefs. At Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Methodist Primary School, these link very closely to the culture and ethos of our school and to the Methodist values we promote through the wider curriculum.

Democracy

Our school aims to promote this British Value by demonstrating how democracy works by discussion, decision-making and voting. We aim for our pupils to know that their views count and that their opinions are important. We encourage pupils to make decisions together and to see their role in the school and wider community. We provide opportunities for the children to vote for members of the school council and for choices that affect the whole school community.

The Rule of Law

We aim to promote this British Value by demonstrating a need for rules and laws to help keep us safe. We encourage staff and pupils to work together to create rules for the classroom and playground. We teach the children about the need for rules and how to administer these fairly. We teach the children to understand their own, others' behaviour, feelings, and the consequences. We support our pupils to learn how to distinguish right from wrong.

Individual Liberty

We aim to promote this British Value by individual freedoms to choose faiths, beliefs and likes/dislikes. We provide opportunities for pupils to develop their self-esteem and confidence in their own abilities. We share achievements and successes and promote independence. We encourage children to try a range of different activities and opportunities and to discuss preferences. We attempt to challenge stereotyping and for the children to develop a positive sense of themselves.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs

We aim to work as a group to create an environment that includes, values and promotes different faiths, cultures, views and races. We provide opportunities for the children to make links with the wider community including working with charities. We encourage children to learn about other faiths, cultures, traditions, families, communities and ways of life. We encourage the pupils to recognise similarities and differences between themselves and others. We encourage pupils to learn about the world around them- both locally and further afield.

To kickstart the week, we are inviting the children to wear red, white and blue on **MONDAY** 17^{TH} **JUNE** for a suggested donation of £1. The money we raise will go to Madlug, a company that donate bags to children in care so that they move on from placements with dignity, not with their belongings in bin bags. They have agreed to ensure that the money we raise will be used to provide bags for children in care in the Canterbury and Faversham area.

