

Courageous Advocacy

Prayers from across the sea



The 'prayers from across the sea' project will involve our partner schools both in Tanzania (Moivaro Primary School) and France (Ecole Elementaire Marcel Pagnol). Children throughout the school will be involved in praying for people in other countries, including our friends and colleagues in Tanzania and France. This also links to our whole school focus of developing spontaneity in prayer, where the children and staff will develop confidence and ability in praying 'off the cuff'. It will encourage everyone involved to develop a deep understanding and empathy of the issues and concerns in those countries and what challenges the people are experiencing. It will offer support to those in

our prayers, knowing that they are not alone and that, although we might be many miles away, they are always in our thoughts and prayers. In addition, the 'prayers from across the sea' project will involve consideration of countries in current news and affairs, allowing our children and staff to learn about numerous countries across the world, the issues the people face, and in the knowledge that they can positively enhance empathy with different cultures and countries; for example, praying for those involved in natural disasters.



Dear God,

We pray for our friends in Tanzania and in France. We think about them during this difficult time of the pandemic and we ask that you keep them safe and well. Amen (Scarlett Y6)

Dear God,

We think of Captain Tom and all the amazing things that he has done. We pray that we can follow in his footsteps, always putting others first. Amen (Mrs Wilson)





Because of the impact of Covid-19 on the timetabling of the school, staggered lunchtimes are now essential as part of our protective measures. As such, since September 2020, Class 5 children (Y5/6) watch BBC Newsround as an active learning experience as they eat lunch. Over time, this has, and will continue, to provide a wide range of opportunities for learning about countries and people around the world in an age-appropriate and accessible manner, based on current affairs. The children will become much more aware of world and local issues, being able to compare their lives with those of the people involved in the news reports.

Each day, new reports raise new issues, and the level of the children's learning will rapidly build so they gain a wide and varied understanding of the world. Teachers will actively encourage discussions and further learning opportunities about the issues raised, with the children actively encouraged to develop a strong sense of courageous advocacy where they feel impassioned to act positively for the benefit of others. This project will also be linked with our 'prayers from across the sea' project, where the Newsround reports will act as the stimulus for the children and staff to pray for those involved in the reports.



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Dear God,
Thank you for our wonderful world and for our Queen. We pray for her at this sad time. Amen (Martha Y1)

Dear Lord,
We are sorry that we have done bad things to our planet. We need to look after it better. Amen (Charlie Y1)



Dear God,
Thank you God for making our world and I hope people keep our planet safe. Amen (Harry Y1)