



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Kingsland CE (VA) Primary School



The Kingsland Times

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Let your light shine

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine on our vision:

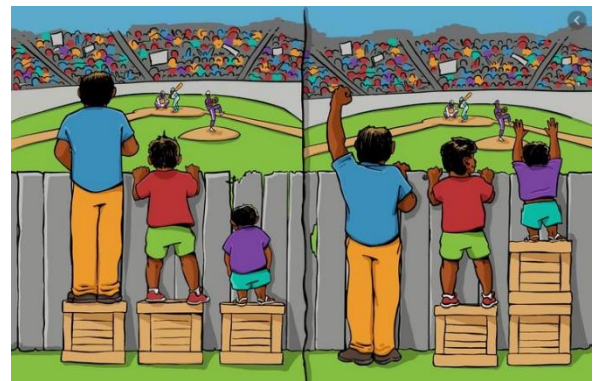
As God’s children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.

Our Christian value for this half-term is **JUSTICE**

Please help your child to reflect on the importance of this Christian value

Life at Kingsland CE Primary School: life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

New beginnings ... the start of a new year and a new term allows us a good opportunity to have a fresh start, whether that be with the determination to lead a healthier lifestyle, to work hard to achieve our aspirations, or to develop our understanding of core values. This half term’s Christian value is: **JUSTICE**. Over the next few weeks, we shall be considering this value, considering the ideas of **fairness, equality and equity**.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

WB 5 th February	Mental Health week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
WB 12 th February	Half term holiday
Tuesday 20 th February	Winter Concert
WB 4 th March	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival
Monday 11 th March	HAPF concert 5.30pm in church
WB 11 th March	Science week
Friday 22 nd March	Last day of term
Tuesday 9 th April	Start of summer term

Term dates can be found on the school website following the link:

<https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/term-dates/>

Big Question

We continue our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. This week's BIG QUESTION is:

Rev Rosie posed the question this week during Worship Time:

What present would God like to receive?



This week's attendance – well done Class 2!

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
97.0%	98.33%	97.14%	96.67%	97.94%	97.47%

Congratulations go to the following children who have received Headteacher's Awards:

Arthur and **Meghan** for super kindness towards others; **Leo** for articulating his ideas so well during a Pupils2Parliament session – well done!



An update from the school governors: a focus on Rev Julie Read, vice chair of governors:

As priest at Kingsland Church I am an ex-officio foundation governor of Kingsland School and I am very privileged to be so. My responsibilities cover the whole of the catchment area for Kingsland School as I look after the parishes of Kingsland, Eardisland and Aymestrey. I offer a chaplaincy role to the school bringing the care of the Christian Faith to children, staff and parents alike. I take a weekly school assembly and seek to help prepare the children for life in this richly diverse country. I have been a teacher myself of music and mathematics at secondary level and enjoy serving as a governor seeking to continue to uphold the excellence that this school enjoys.

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Ffion Thomas	Oscar Renee Harvey Sophia Imogen Ava Eve Bonnie	Syd Lilly Daisy Hattie Arthur	Alice Rosie Ruby Myla

Road Closure

Please note that Arbour Lane (the Fire Station road) will be closed next week, week beginning 15th January. Access to the Coronation Hall car park will still be possible, but only via the North Road end.

PTA Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Monday 15th January in the playground after school.

Congratulations to Miss Powis and Mr Powell!

Congratulations to Miss Powis and Mr Powell who have both successfully passed the National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership – well done! This is a huge accolade and demonstrates the staff's incredible commitment to excellence and professional learning.



This Sunday, 14th January

9.30am Eardisland Church for about 45 minutes

The Three Wise Men

iSingPOP is an interactive all-age Church service. Come and join us!

Our service includes lots of singing using I Sing Pop songs, a Bible story, prayers, games, craft and interesting discussion points.

Sun 11th Feb Jesus heals 10 Lepers

No I Sing Pop Service in March as Sunday 10th March is Mothering Sunday

Contact Wendy Maddocks for more information:

wendy@mortimerscrosschurches.com







Dear Families,

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week will take place from 5 to 11 February 2024, with the theme of **My Voice Matters**. This is organised by children's mental health charity [Place2Be](#) and shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.

We're excited to invite all children to participate in our special event, '**Dress to Express**,' on **Monday, February 5th, 2024!**

 **Theme:** Wear your favorite colour or a unique outfit to express how you're feeling. It can be as simple or elaborate as you like!

 **Creative Challenge:** Design a hat, wear your most eye-catching shirt, or show support for your favorite sports team!

This event is not just about fashion; it's an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. Let's encourage our children to express themselves freely! No monetary contributions are required.

We look forward to taking part!



Suitcases and bags

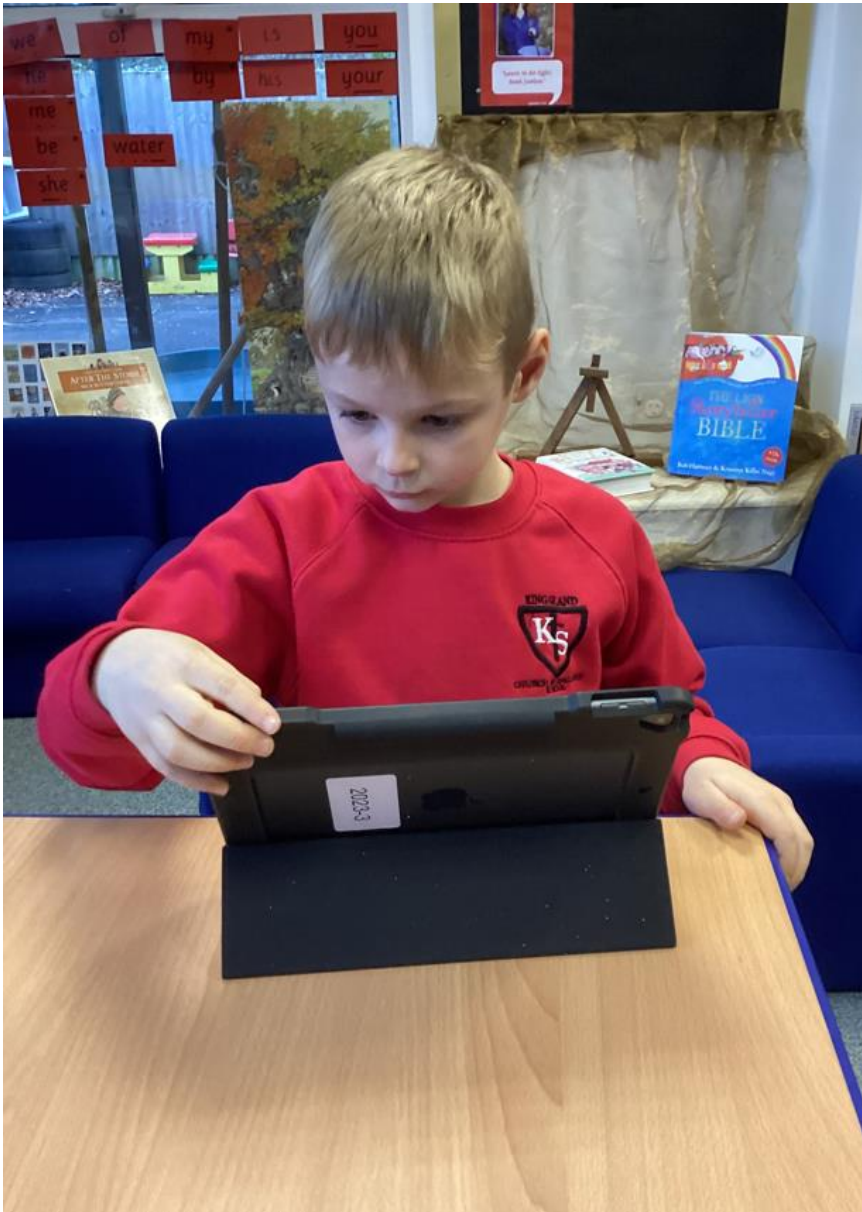
As part of our School of Sanctuary work, the school is keen to support the refugees and asylum seekers who have been residing in the Talbot Hotel in Leominster. The Talbot is closing on 19th January and all the asylum seekers are being sent to different parts of the country.

They are in need of suitcases and bags – if anyone has any unwanted suitcases or bags that they no longer need, please do drop them into school by Wednesday 17th January. Thank you for your support.



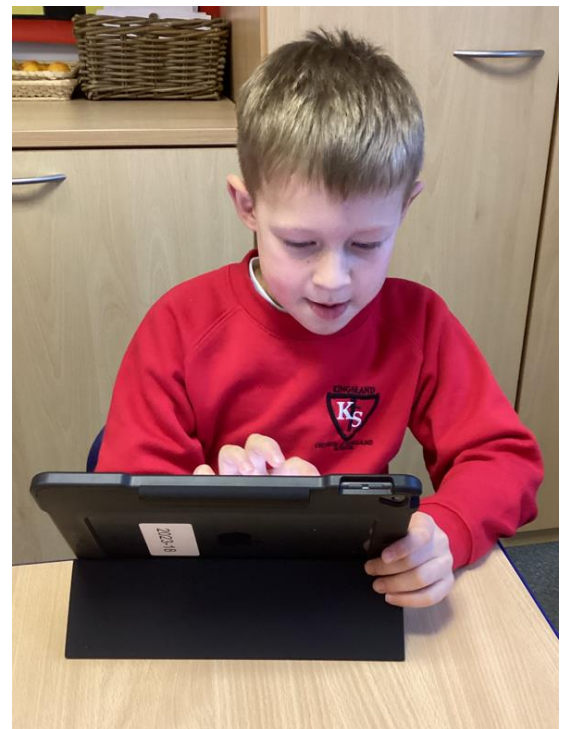
School of
SANCTUARY AWARD
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

Class 2 children enjoying using the new iPads:



iPads

THANK YOU to the school governors who have funded a new set of 20 iPads. The school now enjoys enough iPads for children to use one each when classes do their Computing lessons.



Don't forget the
deadline for online
applications is 15th
January.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2024-2025

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2024
(to commence September 2024)

Applications can be completed from
11 September 2023 online
(scan QR code) or visit:



www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not
guarantee a place at the associated primary
school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school
admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or
schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

MOMENTS MATTER,

ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

The DfE are launching a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. Did you know that, nationally, 20% of children are categorised as **PERSISTENTLY ABSENT**, with attendance less than 90%? This equates to a day's absence every two weeks, which equates to a lot of lost learning across the school year. This is equivalent to 19 school days, or almost 4 whole weeks of school absence.

Here are some more stark facts about school attendance:

Attendance: the top facts to know & share

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The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹

And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

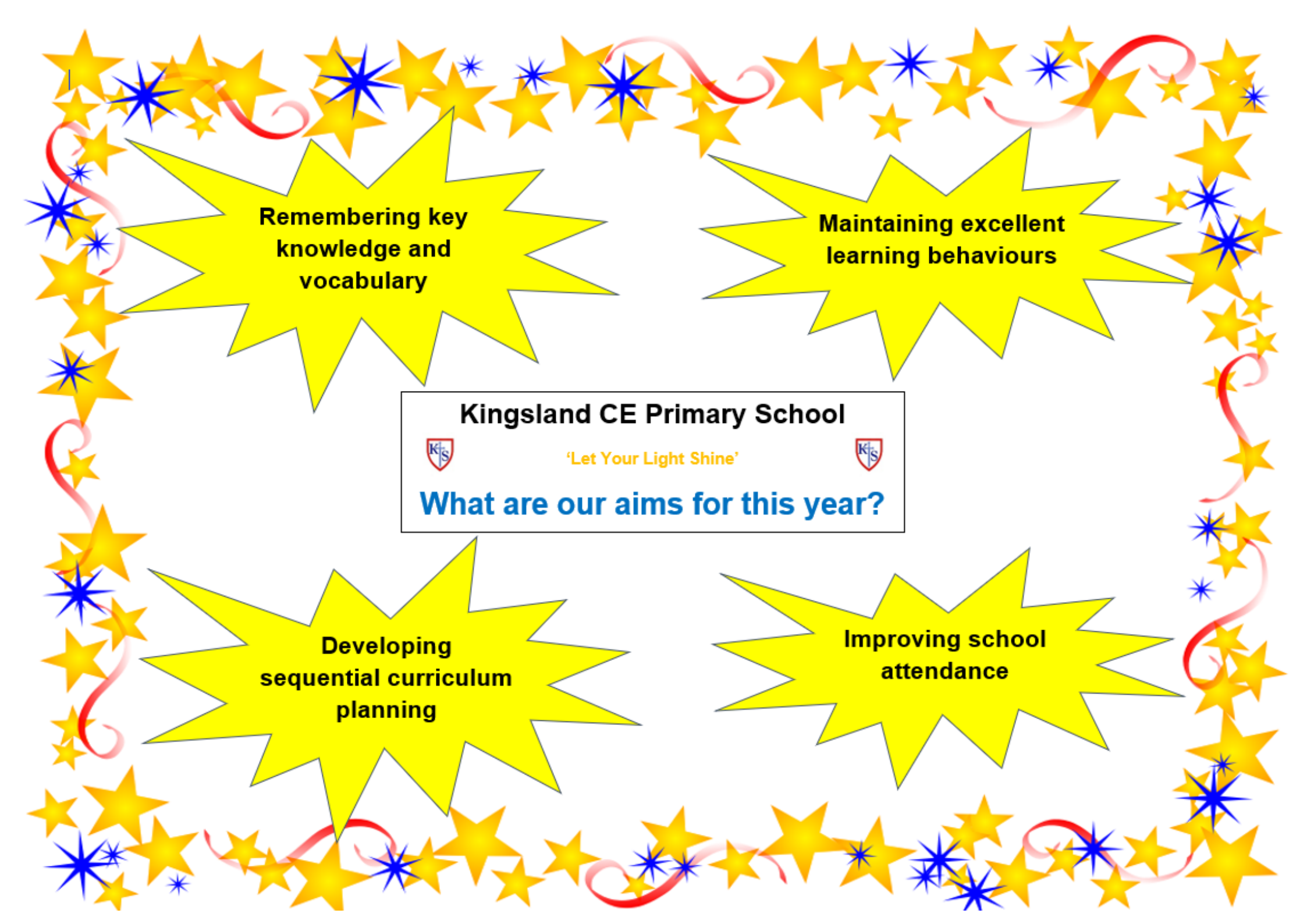
- **More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.²

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.³

Class 4 Canopic Jars, linking their Art and Design learning to their History learning ...





**Remembering key
knowledge and
vocabulary**

**Maintaining excellent
learning behaviours**

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'Let Your Light Shine'



What are our aims for this year?

**Developing
sequential curriculum
planning**

**Improving school
attendance**



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This half term's Christian value is:

JUSTICE

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for JUSTICE

Father God, You take care to listen well to people, especially those that are vulnerable. You are passionate about seeking JUSTICE for everyone. Give us wisdom when we need to make decisions. And when we get it wrong, give us the humility and courage to say sorry. Amen.

Christian Value Family Reflection

Welcome to our Christian Value Family Reflection which offers some suggestions, thoughts and ways into exploring and reflecting on the value of this half term: **JUSTICE**

A reflection on JUSTICE by Wendy Maddocks, Foundation Governor, Kingsland Church

It's not fair! It's not fair that I have to go to bed first just because I am the youngest. It's not fair that my friend finds reading really easy but it takes me half an hour to read a page. It's not fair that she always gets picked for the football team but when I kick a ball my football boot comes off and goes further than the ball ever does! It's not fair!

We all feel injustices in our everyday life and sometimes they are just because we are impatient to grow up or we want to be good at everything.

I want to remind you about a girl called Malala. She was born in Pakistan and when she was 11 years old, new rulers took over in her region of Pakistan and decided that girls could no longer go to school. She spoke out, doing a blog to tell everyone how unfair it was. In 2012, when she was just 15, a masked gunman got on her bus and shot her. These are Malala's words:

'I woke up 10 days later in a hospital in Birmingham, England. The doctors and nurses told me about the attack — and that people around the world were praying for my recovery.'

We sometimes feel as children that nobody listens to us and we can't do anything to change things. But Malala spoke out about injustice. Even though she was just a child, people all over the world listened to her. In fact, BECAUSE she was 'just a child' it made her message even more powerful.

We read a story in Mark's gospel in the Bible of people bringing children to Jesus:

'... the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said, 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them'.

God hates injustice, as these verses in Psalm 82 remind us:

'You must stop judging unjustly. Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans, be fair to the needy and the helpless'.

Brave people all over the world stand up for JUSTICE. Men and women, black and white, rich and poor, old people and children. Never think that your voice will not be listened to because you are not the right type of person. From local things, like someone being bullied in the playground, to global things like animal cruelty, we all have a voice and need to speak up if we see things that are unfair. Malala's actions changed the law in Pakistan. **How will you be a change-maker today?**