

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Values including British Values

At Horsley Woodhouse Primary School we recognise the multicultural, multi-faith nature of the United Kingdom and understand the crucial role that schools play in promoting these values.

As a community we embrace the Government's definition of British Values:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Respect for those with different faiths and beliefs

Examples of the ways that the various values are promoted include:

- An active school council promotes democracy and include all pupils in decisions made about their school
- Staff from other countries, and visitors from other faiths, share their language and culture with pupils
- At school, children are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment

We value the diverse ethnic backgrounds of all pupils and families and undertake a variety of events and lessons to celebrate these. We have found this approach to be enriching for all parties as it teaches tolerance and respect for the differences in our community and the wider world. Underpinning all of this are a range of curriculum topics which have strong links to the British Empire.

All year groups study festivals, key events, inventions, developments and undertake a separate study on our locality.

The school has appeared on the BBC National News as part of Sex and Relationships Education in primary schools.

The whole school celebrate the annual Poppy Day. This is linked with the annual Poppy Day celebrations where children purchase poppies and a minute's silence is held in specially created assemblies for the school. Pupils in Years 3/4 made their own poppies and one of our teaching assistants knitted poppies for staff, parents and children.

We have a musical professional theatre company who visits school to perform for the children.

We have recently had a theatre company promote a cyber-bullying initiative in school.

The whole school visits the pantomime annually.

As a whole school, we have celebrated the Olympics, with Olympic themed sports days, and a retired Olympic weight lifter, Louis Martin, came to school to show the children the Olympic torch which he carried. More recently we have had Sarah Holt, GB hammer thrower, in school to work with all the children at a sponsored sporting event.

In September 2015 the whole school cheered on the Tour of Britain Cycle event waving British flags they had made.

Nigel Mills, our local MP, came into school in September 2015, he held a question and answer session in assembly and then spoke in more detail to Classes 3 and 4. He revisited school in 2016 to talk about deforestation.

The school has close links with the local community and every term we have a 'luncheon club' in school where we invite the older generation to come in to school to have a meal served by the children and listen to songs sung by the choir or various classes. More recently we have invited them into school for an afternoon tea.

Between 2000 and 2013 the school produced a well dressing. Well dressings are local to Derbyshire and depict some event that the school is celebrating e.g. the school's centenary. The public are invited to attend the well dressing blessing which is usually held in the centre of the village and this take place in the summer.

The school was 100 years old in October 2013 and this flyer was sent out to the community:

It looks like another busy few months ahead for the school as we are planning our summer activities which will include preparation and organisation for the school's centenary in October.

We would like to invite everyone in the village, our past and present staff and pupils to our school's centenary on Saturday 12th October from 12 noon to 4pm. The school will be opened up as a museum that day and also the following week and we hope very much that the school can look forward to welcoming you to the exciting events we have planned.

Light refreshments will be served on the day including jacket potatoes with fillings, tea, coffee and cakes will be available all afternoon. The children will run the whole event on the day and old fashioned games will take place in the bottom playground. There will also be a raffle, fancy dress competition and all sorts of interesting attractions.

The school is looking for any memorabilia or old photographs you may have to be part of the museum display. Please contact the school office on 01332 880403 or email: info@horsleywoodhouse.derbyshire.sch.uk if you are able to help with this exciting project. If you are able to include any relevant details, especially with items such as photographs, this will help the school maximise the potential for learning

This was a very successful day attended by hundreds of people from far and near.

The school celebrated the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and the birth of Prince George with special assemblies and open days. The Queen's Golden Jubilee was a huge event for the school, with parents invited to a 'garden party' event held on the school field.

The school undertakes daily assemblies which uphold traditional values of empathy, respect and tolerance. These are also taught within formal SEAL, PSHE and RE lessons and on an informal nature throughout the school days. The children take part each year in anti-bullying week. One of the governors led two very informative e safety presentations for parents and staff after school.

In 2016 the children from each class presented a successful anti bullying assembly to parents and governors. Class 4 made a video about cyber bullying.

The local reverend regularly delivers assemblies in school and the children invite parents and friends to the neighbouring church to watch our annual: Harvest Festival and Christmas Carol Concert and nativity play.

The Key Stage 2 children perform a play each summer in the Church Hall to the parents and community.

Valley Cids regularly come into school to take assemblies and every Monday they run an after school 'Discovery Cub'.

The school follows the 'Derbyshire All Our World Syllabus'.

The school has an active School Council which meet regularly with a class teacher and a governor. The classes hold Class Councils which the School Council lead.

School Trips:

In November 2016 Class 4 revisited Harry Potter and Class 2 visited Think Tank in Birmingham.

In September 2015 Class 3 went to Murton Park in York to experience the life of a Roman Soldier. Class 4 visited Toyota to experience an engineering day.

In the academic year 2014/2015 the school took its Year 2 and 3 class to the National Space Centre and there was a Year 5 and 6 class to the Warner Brothers Studios for a Harry Potter experience.

Other recent school trips include visiting Newstead Abbey for a Victorian Christmas where all our children dressed up in Victorian clothes.

The children all dressed as evacuees from WWII and went to Nottingham Castle Museum to experience this.

Fund raising for charities include:

Action Aid – to sponsor a child –Iqra in Pakistan

MacMillan coffee mornings

Cancer Research

Great Ormond Street

Children in Need

Comic Relief

The school is an eco-school and have obtained our silver award and is currently working towards the green flag. We have a clothing bank on site and this is accessible to the whole village.

The school was fortunate to take part in the Derbyshire Music partnership wider opportunities scheme. Children in Class 3 took part in brass lessons and performed to the parents at the end of the programme.

The children also have the opportunity to have peripatetic drumming lessons on Friday mornings in school.

Prevent Duty

- The school assesses the risk of children being drawn into terrorism.

- Governing bodies ensure that their safeguarding arrangements take into account policies and procedures of Local Safeguarding Children Boards.
- The Head teacher has attended an introduction to Prevent Awareness training led by Seamus Carroll, senior community safety officer from Derbyshire police, and can provide advice and support to other members of staff on protecting children from the risk of radicalisation.
- The school ensures that our children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in schools. Suitable filters are in place and on line safety is taught to our pupils and is also highlighted to our parents.

See the link for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>