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Interfaith Week



Interfaith week is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to learn all about other faiths. We look at the 6 main world faiths and explore the similarities and differences between them. It is by taking the time to understand the values and beliefs of others, that we can truly appreciate the diverse community that we live in today. This week's newsletter has been written by the children from Year 5.

In Pre-School we are focusing on 'Celebrations' and this week we have been talking about how we celebrate birthdays. We discussed how people with the Sikh faith celebrate Guru Nanak's birthday and why he is so special.



Reception class made a lovely welcome banner for the Interfaith Exhibition. There were multiple faith symbols decorated with colourful tissue paper and patterns on the welcome sign, including: The Buddhist Faith, Sikhi, Hindu Dharma, Islam, Christianity and The Jewish Faith. It was wonderful and welcoming.



On Year 1's display, we saw some great facts about Christianity and churches. There were crosses with fabulous decorations on, and a model of St Michael's Church. They made their display look fun so people would like to visit it. The stained glass window was made from colourful tissue paper.



The Year 2's did a lovely display about the Islamic faith. We found out that Muslims go to a building to worship called a Mosque. We also saw a copy of the Qur'an under a black and white cloth, on a special book holder that it rests on. We also saw a real Islamic prayer mat, that had interesting patterns on it and a green background.

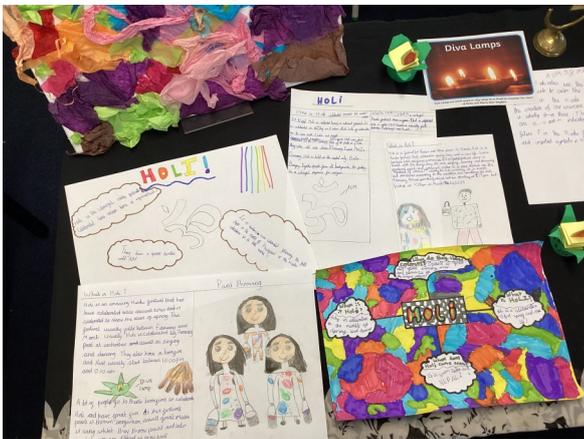




In Year 3, the children created a display based on the Jewish Faith. What was interesting, was they used real looking artefacts and they explained what they were. The leader of worships is a Rabbi. There was a picture of a Seder Plate and the children explained that they lit a special candle called a Menorah. The wonderful art they made used bright colours. Overall we found this table very inspiring and wonderful to look at. It made it stand out.



The Sikh Faith display was created by Year 4. There were many interesting artefacts. Some people wrote about the five Ks. Some people also made Rangoli patterns. They were all very creative and colourful. The children did some pretty pictures that made our eyes wide with delight. All the facts were well presented and we found out many new things.



Year 5 did a very vibrant display with loads of art work. We explored the Hindu Faith. Some people created some amazing posters of the Hindu Gods and described their roles. The artefacts were interesting to look at and the children worked hard to add information. Some of us wrote about the Hindu festival of Holi. It was wonderful.



Year 6 did an amazing display about the Buddhist Faith. It was interesting because it told us about the story of the Buddha. It also told us a lot of information about the religion and the importance of the Bodhi tree for the Buddhist people.

Thank you to the parents and carers that gave up their time to visit the exhibition this week. It is lovely to be able to share our work with you.