

South Hiendley's Value of the Month



Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of our on-going commitment to support the teaching of fundamental British Values: democracy, individual liberty, mutual respect, law and tolerance of those from all faiths, backgrounds and cultures, we have been developing a values based education. Every month we will have a "Value of the Month"; children will have the opportunity to explore these values in their classes to understand what they mean to us here at South Hiendley.

We already promote these values through our weekly 'Picture News' assembly when children have the opportunity to discuss debate and evaluate current events.

We believe that children should be taught a range of different values in order to develop self-confidence and self-assurance. Pupils are given time within the classroom for reflective practices, discussions and sharing ideas, qualities that we believe empower them to be effective leaders and good citizens. Staff within the school strive to model these values on a daily basis, whilst a well-rounded programme of assemblies, including a weekly current events discussion, and events promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, which enables them to develop their own moral and ethical compass to guide what is right and wrong.

To enable parents and carers to become more involved with our 'Values Based Learning', our school website and class blogs will be updated regularly to reflect the children's learning.

This month, our Value is 'Quality'. Please find attached a copy of this month's 'Values Newsletter' and a story to share with your children at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Miss Foster
British Values Lead

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March 2019: Quality

Definition: an essential and distinguishing attribute of something or someone. The quality of life.
To understand what a value is.

What does quality look like?

- ❖ Something valuable that we can hold inside us- respect, love, freedom, peace etc.
- ❖ Qualities - things of worth.
- ❖ Have an open-mind. Listen to other people's opinions and beliefs.

People who show quality realise:

- ❖ That it is more than just worldly possessions.
- ❖ The world is made up of different opinions, beliefs and cultural practices, which may be different from one's own.

People show quality to others by:

- ❖ People from the great religions had determination, patience, thoughtfulness and display the value of quality in their lives.
- ❖ The way in that they live.
- ❖ Their actions e.g. what they do and what they say.

Key vocabulary and phrases:

Quality
Thoughtfulness
Respect
Love
Peace

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A story about Quality

The Poor Man's Wealth

Ramchand and Premchand were neighbours. Ramchand was a poor farmer. Premchand was a landlord.

Ramchand used to be very relaxed and happy. He never bothered to close the doors and windows of his house at night. He had deep sound sleeps. Although he had no money he was peaceful.

Premchand used to be very tense always. He was very keen to close the doors and windows of his house at night. He could not sleep well. He was always bothered that someone might break open his safes and steal away his money. He envied the peaceful Ramchand.

One day, Premchand called Ramchand and gave him a boxful of cash saying, "Look my dear friend. I am blessed with plenty of wealth. I find you in poverty. So, take this cash and live in prosperity."

Ramchand was overwhelmingly happy. He was joyful throughout the day. Night came. Ramchand went to bed as usual. But, today, he could not sleep. He went and closed the doors and windows. He still could not sleep. He began to keep on looking at the box of cash. The whole night he was disturbed.

As soon as day broke, Ramchand took the box of cash to Premchand. He gave away the box to Premchand saying, "Dear Friend, I am poor. But, your money took away peace from me. Please bear with me and take back your money."

MORAL: Money cannot buy you everything.