Achieve through Belief
Friday 20th November 2015

Interfaith Week

'Interfaith Week' is an annual initiative organised by the Interfaith Network. It is celebrated across schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland from Sunday 15th to Saturday 21st November. It is a time when people in communities around the country highlight the significance of faith and the contribution that faith communities make to society.

The children this week as part of the Religious Education curriculum have had the opportunities to learn about faiths and beliefs and to discuss, debate, learn and contribute together. They have been able to share what matters to them, ask questions and explore different faiths.

This week the whole school participated in Inter-Faith week. On Monday and Tuesday we went in the Kerygma bus. Year 6 really enjoyed going on the bus and learning about the bible story 'The Lost sheep.' On the bus, we watched a fun cartoon about the Good Shepherd and his 100 sheep. On Tuesday we also learnt about the Islam religion. We got to look at notice boards that had information on them about one of the five pillars of Islam and we also got the chance to dress up in Islamic prayer clothes and everyone enjoyed doing it. We got to show other members what we had learnt and we learnt how Muslims pray and that they only pray when it is clean, they have to wear clean clothes and do it five times a day. We also did a recipe for peace and we could do pizzas, cakes, sandwiches, etc.

By Hannah and Millie (Year 6)

Quotes from Year 3:

"I really enjoyed the Kerygma double decker bus and singing songs to Colin's accordion." (Tommy)

"I have learnt so much this week about what other people think and believe, it has really made me think about my own values." (Amira)

"I enjoyed learning about different faiths and beliefs and asking our visitors questions." (Grace)
I think I really got thinking about different faiths. I also think it was very educational and taught us an awful lot. We are really grateful that we are a safe country and we have really brave people to keep us safe. I worry about the world but if we work together we can fight all of the bad things that are happening. *(Megan Year 4)*

Thank you for a great week on ‘Interfaith week,’ we learnt lots about different religions. On Monday we went on a bus and learnt about the story of ‘The Lost Sheep’ and on Tuesday we learnt about the Five Pillars of Islam. *(Grace Year 4)*

This week in Year 5 we have been lucky enough to have special guests coming into to teach us all about Islam and Christianity as part of Interfaith week. We have been onto the Kerygma bus where we have heard all about how to be a good Christian. "I really enjoyed going onto the bus because we got to take part in activities and songs" - Athena & Sydney. Later that day we were able to participate in an ‘Explore Islam’ activity in the hall. It was here we all got the chance to learn about the 5 pillars of Islam in small groups. "Learning about one of the pillars of Islam was great because we got to dress up in traditional Muslim outfits and show everyone what we had found out at the end" - Lucy & Hazel. The following day we taught one another in the class what we had found out, sharing our knowledge and discussing each element of both Islam and Christianity in our feedback. We hope to have similar opportunities like this again soon! *(Year 5)*

On Monday we went on a bus and learnt about Jesus and ‘The Lost Sheep.’ We played lots of games and a quiz. *(Rachel Year 1)*

Reception thoroughly enjoyed meeting the Muslim dolls and learning about the importance of the 5 Pillars of Islam. *(Reception)*

Year 2 were really excited to go on the bus and learn about Christianity. We sang lots of songs and learnt about ‘The Lost Sheep’ story.

“I really enjoyed trying on the special clothes Muslims wear when they pray” *(Theo Year 2).*

"I loved learning about why Muslims fast during Ramadan". *(Lucy Year 2)*

*Miss Lea (Religious Education leader)*