

YSGOL GYNRADD



Collective Worship Policy

All maintained schools must provide a daily act of collective worship which is broadly Christian for all its registered pupils, section 70 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 ("SSFA").

A parent or guardian may withdraw their child(ren) from collective worship (section 71 of the SSFA).

The place of collective worship has been firmly established in the 1988 Education Act. Collective worship at Albert Primary School is wholly or mainly of a Christian character.

The Education Reform Act 1988 (ERA) requires that there should be a daily act of collective worship this "wholly or mainly broadly Christian" which the act defines as "reflecting the broad traditions of Christian belief without being distinctive of any particular Christian denomination." It is not merely an assembly: the law requires "an act of worship." It is not to be distinctively and divisively Christian but broadly "Christian." It is not to be the corporate worship of a body of believers of one heart and one mind, but the collective worship of many individuals thinking their own thoughts and free spiritually to make their own responses.

The aims of collective worship at Albert are :-

- To provide the opportunity for pupils to worship their own God
- To provide the opportunity for pupils to consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs
- To encourage participation and response, whether through reflection, active involvement in the presentation of worship or through listening to, watching and joining in the worship offered
- To develop community spirit, promote a common ethos and shared values and reinforce common attitudes
- To encourage respect and understanding of those with different beliefs and religious practices

Over the course of the year, collective worship should include :-

- The teachings of Jesus and other Bible stories
- Moral stories from other sources and world religions
- Reflection upon Christian and other religious symbols and their use in worship
- Prayers
- Songs and hymns, both modern and traditional
- Use of ICT presentations to provide visual stimulation
- Creative arts through children's dramatic, written, music and dance work

Collective worship takes place daily and in a variety of forms :-

- Whole school acts of collective worship in the school hall
- Class based worship

There will be a planned and coherent approach to the themes for collective worship. These follow the Values Education (see Appendix 1)

A typical week will be :-

Monday	Infant /Junior assembly
Tuesday	Visitors assembly
Wednesday	Infant /Junior assembly
Thursday	Singing assembly
Friday	Whole school assembly

Parents and members of the local community are invited to our acts of collective worship. A record of collective worship is available.

We encourage all children to attend collective worship. However, any parent can request permission for their child to be excused from attending religious worship and the school will make alternative arrangements for the supervision of the child during the period concerned. This complies with the 1944 Education Act and was restated in the 1988 Education Reform Act. The Head teacher keeps a record of all children who withdraw from collective worship/assemblies.

There will be an important link between Religious Education and collective worship. All staff will be responsible for implementing this policy with support from the Collective Worship TLR Leader

Appendix 1
Cycle 1 (2013 -2014) (2015 – 2016)
Assembly Programme

Date	Value	Religious Dates
2.9.13		
9.9.13	Respect	New School Year Yom Kippur Jewish New Year Sept 14
16.9.13	Respect	Harvest (school Oct) Sukkot Jewish Sept 19
23.9.13	Respect	
30.9.13	Respect	
7.10.13	Unity	Birthday of Guru Ram Das Sikh Oct 9
14.10.13	Unity	Eid Oct 15
21.10.13	Unity	
28.10.13 Half Term		*****
4.11.13	Peace	Light - Diwali Hindu Nov 3 5 days Al Hjira - Islamic New Year Nov 4
11.11.13	Peace	Armistice day
18.11.13	Peace	
25.11.13	Peace	Hannukah Jewish 27 th Nov
2.12.13	Happiness	
9.12.13	Happiness	Christmas Story
16.12.13	Happiness	Christmas Story
Spring Term 6.1.14	Hope	New Year Epiphany
13.1.14	Hope	Christian Unity week 18-25
20.1.14	Hope	
27.1.14	Hope	Chinese New Year - Year of Dragon - 10 Feb
3.2.14	Love	Nirvana Day - Buddhist 8/15

		Feb
10.2.14		
17.2.14	Love	
24.2.14 Half Term		*****
3.3.14	Patience	Purim March 8 th Shrove Tuesday 4 th March Ash Wednesday 5 th March
10.3.14	Patience	
17.3.14	Patience	
24.3.14	Thoughtfulness	Mothering Sunday 30 th March
31.3.14	Thoughtfulness	Passover - Jewish 15 th April to 23 rd April
7.4.14	Thoughtfulness	Good Friday April 18 Easter Sunday April 20
28.4.14 Summer Term	Thoughtfulness	27 th April Yom Hashoah Holocaust Memorial day
5.5.14	Simplicity	
12.5.14	Simplicity	
19.5.14	Simplicity	Buddha Day (Vesak) Buddhist 25 May
26.5.14 Half Term		*****
2.6.14	Trust	Pentecost June 8
9.6.14	Trust	
16.6.14	Trust	Summer Solstice 21 st June
23.6.14	Freedom	Change Ramadan 28 th June to July 28 th
30.6.14	Freedom	Change
7.7.14	Freedom	Change
14.7.14	Freedom	Change

Religious Dates / Festivals

Values Education

Cycle 2 (2014 – 2015) (2016 -2017) Assembly Programme

Date	Value	Religious Dates
1.9.14		
8.9.14	Responsibility	
15.9.14	Responsibility	
22.9.14	Responsibility	
29.9.14	Responsibility	Eid Oct 4-7 Yom Kippur Jewish New Year Oct 4
6.10.14	Co-operation	Sukkot Jewish Oct 9 - 15 Birthday of Guru Ram Das Sikh Oct 9
13.10.14	Co-operation	
20.10.14	Co-operation	Diwali (festival of light - Hindu Oct 23 5 days Al Hjira - Islamic New Year 25 Oct
27.10.14 Half Term		*****
3.11.14	Courage	
10.11.14	Courage	Armistice day
17.11.14	Courage	
24.11.14	Courage	Hannukah Jewish 17-24 Dec
1.12.14	Humility	
8.12.14	Humility	Christmas Story
15.12.14	Humility	Christmas Story
Spring Term 5.1.15	Appreciation	New Year Epiphany 6 Jan
12.1.15	Appreciation	
19.1.15	Appreciation	Christian Unity week 18 Jan

26.1.15	Appreciation	
2.2.15	Caring	
9.2.15	Caring	Chinese New Year - Year of Horse - 19 Feb Nirvana Day - Buddhist 15 Feb Shrove Tuesday 17 th Feb Ash Wednesday 18 th Feb
16.2.15 Half Term		*****
23.2.15	Caring	
2.3.15	Tolerance	Purim - Jewish March 5 th
9.3.15	Tolerance	Mothering Sunday 15 th March
16.3.15	Tolerance	
23.3.15	Tolerance	Palm Sunday March 29 Good Friday April 3 Easter Sunday April 5 Passover - Jewish 4 th April to 11 th April
13.4.15 Summer Term	Understanding	Yom Hashoah - Jewish Holocaust Memorial day April 15 th
20.4.15	Understanding	
27.4.15	Understanding	
4.5.15	Friendship	Buddha Day (Vesak) Buddhist 4 May
11.5.15	Friendship	
18.5.15	Friendship	
25.5.15 Half Term		*****
1.6.15	Honesty	Pentecost May 31

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