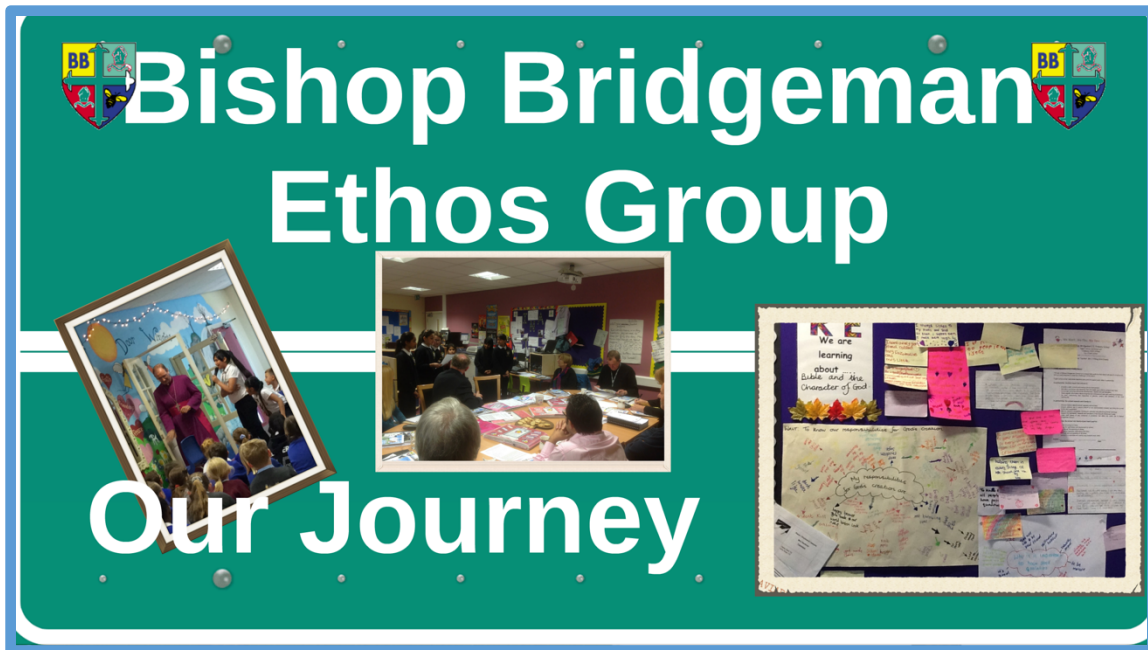


Bishop Bridgeman Ethos Group

A warm welcome to our Ethos Conference Presentation. We would like to tell you about our journey over the last 6 years and how we have developed our Christian character, embedded the Anglican ethos across our school community and the impact that has had.

We have used a road to symbolise our spiritual and physical life journey.

The first thing we did was to look at our core Christian values and decide which ones were more important to us. We consulted with children staff teachers, parents and Governors



The children, teachers and governors decided on twelve values initially, from further discussions with teachers, governors, children and the local the community we agreed on seven core values.



They are hope, friendship, respect, love, honesty, trust, forgiveness we live them in our everyday life. Even though we have seven core values we still reflect on other values, such as service and compassion.



we decided to look at our vision and really think what it means to be part of the Bishop Bridgeman family. Through consultation with children, parents, staff and Governors we wrote our own vision statement. Our school statement....

All - We work, we play, we care and we pray





Ethos Group - 60+ Members

Ethos group meet most lunch times carrying out various activities.

Junior Ethos Group

Senior Ethos Group

Ethos Group Leaders



We have two groups' junior ethos and senior ethos. In senior ethos group we meet up most lunch times carrying various activities. Ethos group leaders help Mrs Pilling decide on the activities that take place on lunchtimes, organise fundraising, plan our conferences and worship and help Mrs Pilling and the staff live out and model our values in all we do.

Values Days



We hold a values day each term to look more closely at a value or theme.

We held a hope values day and held a McMillan coffee morning. We invited another school and our friends from church.

The most recent values day and parish day was on Friday 10th June to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.



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An example of a values day we held was celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. As a school we looked at the values of service, responsibility and faithfulness. We carried out many different activities relating to the Queen and events that have taken place in the 90 years of her reign. In the afternoon the whole school held a street party out on the yard. We had our very own Royal Family (thanks to our staff and church volunteers). 90-year-old ladies and gentlemen came from our local residential home along with members of our wider school community.

Welcome to our presentation today. We will be looking at children's spiritual development, what it means to us and what it looks like at our amazing school, Bishop Bridgeman Church of England Primary School. As an Ethos Group we have come up with our own definition of what we consider to be spiritual development. We feel spiritual development is "a way of getting to know yourself more, a way of getting to know others more and a way of getting to know God more." We feel this applies to all faiths in our school. It is important to look at what makes us human, looking at our imagination, expression, curiosity and how comfortable we are with ourselves as well as others.

When exploring spiritual development, we should allow children to ask questions, however big or small. No question is a silly question. We can grow and develop in our own spiritual development by trying to 'walk a mile in someone else's shoes,' to think how they might be feeling or experiencing things differently. We felt this was so important we developed an activity in one of our books to explore this. In Ethos we encourage all children and adults to think about, explore, express and expand their thoughts and questions about life and things that are important to them. Reflection, prayer and worship are vital tools to use in spiritual development. They provide a safe space, belonging and time to think through how we feel and how we respond to the world around us.

What does spiritual development mean to me? Here are a few personal examples...

What does Spiritual Development Look Like at BB?






Space



Ethos trip to Chester Zoo

WOW and OW



Relationships and Trust
Sharing in a safe, loving
environment.





Fun

So what does spiritual development look like at Bishop Bridgeman? Let us give you a flavour of how we approach a subject that adults find so difficult but actually it is quite simple! Firstly, we live out our core Christian values everyday, in all that we do. Our values provide the building blocks for our spiritual development, supporting us in the **WOW** moments of our lives and the **OW** moments too!

There are soooooo many WOW moments in our lives at school and at home! WOW moments can be found everywhere.... Our Ethos trip to Chester Zoo where Mr McPhail touched a giraffe. We experienced so much fun and friendship. We had a massive dinosaur visit our school (who we all thought had eaten Mrs Pilling!! That's a very funny story we can tell you later!) and recently the circus came to Bishop Bridgeman! Ethos Saturday school, all the activities we carry out and school residential trips provide opportunities for spiritual development.

The relationships we have with other children and adults are really important in our spiritual development, as we explore what it means to trust others, love others and develop friendships with others. We learn to forgive and hope to be forgiven and think about the responsibility we have when others put their trust in us. At school we have a safe, loving environment to explore, make mistakes and learn!



Finding peace within yourself.

Knit and Natter



Reflecting on life and the world.



Ask big questions

This is our second year of Ethos 'Knit and Natter' group. Children use Mrs Pilling's office every day at breakfast club, playtime and lunch time to learn to knit and talk to other children. This year we have even dyed our own yarn. We looked closely at the wonderful colours, how soft and comforting the yarn is and how each of us produced something totally unique. We feel our knit and natter group provides a space to chill, learn new skills and talk to other children. We talk a lot about the ideas we have for our ethos activities, have discussions around 'big' questions and lots of fun. "I always feel better when I have been to knit and natter."

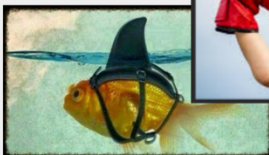
Believe in yourself



Ethos Cabin Fundraising and charity



Be Brave



Explore what makes us whole

What does Spiritual Development Look Like at BB?

Through spiritual development we learn to believe we can do anything! Just spend 30 seconds looking at the picture of the kitten. We see a tiger! There are times when we all have to be brave! Either in a difficult situation or being thrown into something that is out of our comfort zone (Mrs Pilling does that to us all the time!!)

We are very fortunate to have our own shop – The Ethos Cabin. The cabin opened at our ethos conference in July 2016, before that we had an ethos trolley. The money we raise supports our other ethos work such as developing prayer spaces, providing other experiences in school and supporting local charities such as the local destitute animal centre and Bolton Hospice.

Through spiritual development we can explore what makes us whole, the bit of us we can't see. In our second Ethos book we wrote an activity using doughnuts to think about the bit of us we can't see. The doughnut represents you as a person, mind and body, the part of you that can be seen. The hole in the middle represents the part of you that cannot be seen, the inner you or spirit.



Spiritual development is also finding extraordinary moments in the ordinary moments of our lives. From cleaning church to sharing a cup of tea and a cake. From drawing in the sand with a pebble to marvelling in God's creation.



We believe spiritual development is all about the things we experience. At Bishop Bridgeman the children were asked what things they wanted to experience before they left BB and moved onto secondary school. This is the booklet we came up with, here are a few of the 100 experiences we chose.

- Build a den
- A belief that I am amazing
- Experience different cultures
- Bake a cake
- Realise my talents
- Sing
- Paint
- Go pond dipping
- Present to others
- Feel comfortable to make a mistake
- Conquer a fear
- Believe in your dreams
- See magic every day
- Laugh
- Feel valued and loved

In school, as part of our worship sessions, we use a spiritual development technique using a mirror, window and door. We have a large mirror, window and door in our school hall. The mirror represents looking inside yourself and exploring inner thoughts and feelings.

The window represents looking onwards out into the world, towards others.



Window

The window represents looking out into the world. Looking out at situations and others, how we interact and how others interact with us.

Door



The door represents traveling on a new path or dealing with a new situation in our lives

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We introduced a prayer space as an additional activity at our 2 day Ethos Conference in 2017. We wanted to create a prayer space to provide a safe, reflective space for children and adults to explore spirituality through prayer and quiet time. Our prayer space took the theme of pom poms as pom poms are unique and individual, each one special and beautiful just as we are in God's eyes. The prayer space was such a huge success at the conference we made prayer spaces our main project for last academic year. We planned a prayer space for each month of the year. The prayer space was set up in church for our family service on the second Sunday of the month. We talked about the prayer space and the theme during the service and invited the congregation to use the prayer space after the service to have their cup of tea in, write a prayer, talk to a friend or just experience some quiet time. Once the prayer space had been launched in church we then had a 'pop up prayer space' in school. The pop up prayer space is up for 2 days only and can appear anywhere inside or outside school.



Here is a short video of our prayer spaces last academic year.

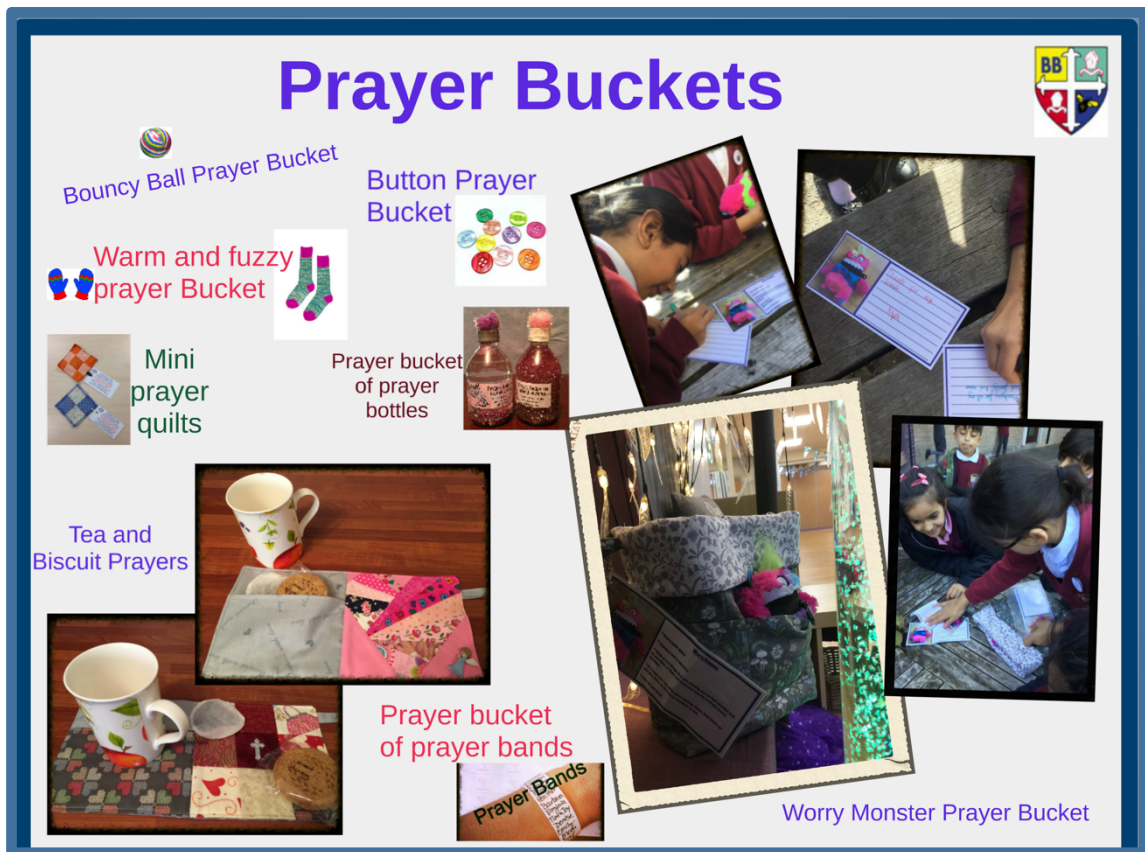


Prayer Spaces



We measure the impact of our prayer spaces by some of the children's and adult's responses.

Prayer Spaces	Impact
<i>"Being in the prayer space makes me feel calm and peaceful."</i>	"It is a safe place."
<i>"Prayer spaces make me feel happy."</i>	<i>"I like the prayer spaces because I can think more about things."</i>
<i>"Prayer spaces have helped me to be calm and get to know who I am more"</i>	"I feel better when I have been in the prayer space."
"I enjoy going in the prayer spaces because it is a place where I can go if I am worried and ask God for help."	<i>"I made a prayer space at home and me and my sister go in it and relax. We like talking to God."</i>



This academic year we will continue to use our prayer spaces. One of our initiatives this year will be to produce prayer buckets that our prayer space leaders can take out onto the yard, in classrooms and even take them home to use with our families. We have produced a new prayer space in the hall at school which will be permanent for the year but there will be a different prayer bucket every 2 weeks. We have had a prayer bucket of worry monsters and at the moment we have pom pom prayer bucket.

You can see from the slide the many ideas we have planned for prayer buckets as we go through the year.

Bouncy ball prayer bucket – focusing on the fun God brings in our lives.

Tea and biscuit prayer rug mugs – focusing on being still and just talking to God.

Warm fuzzy prayer bucket – gloves and socks focusing on the warmth and love God and our families provide for us.

Prayer bottles prayer bucket – focusing on all the many things that shine in our lives.

Mini Prayer quilt prayer bucket – focusing on the things we may need help with and comfort with.

And many, many more ideas – perhaps we have a 3rd book in the making!

**Bishop Bridgeman Children's Interfaith
Ethos Conference
5th July 2018**



Our 6th Ethos conference in July 2018 took the form of an Interfaith conference. We were privileged to have Bishop Stephen Conway as our guest for the day. We are passionate that our Ethos work, our mission and discipleship promote collaboration and love between all. We will play our Ethos Conference video for you now.

**Bishop Bridgeman Children's Ethos Conference
5th and 6th July 2017**



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Our 5th Ethos Conference took place on 5th and 6th July 2017. We devoted 2 days to the conference that year to celebrate 5 years of carrying out a children's Ethos Conference. You will see many, many moments where children and adults shared in WOW moments and carried out experiences that enabled them to travel further on their spiritual journey.

A few years ago decided to create a piece of art that children of all faiths could reflect on and every time you look at it you find something different. We used a whole variety of beads and buttons to symbolise where you can find God; in animals, in the seasons, in new life, in values, in children, in sports, in sea creatures, in people being creative e.g. baking, sewing and art, in colour and texture, in celebrations such as Christmas and Easter, in people who help us such as doctors and nurses.

In other words, God can be found EVERYWHERE. We made our treasured cross in our Saturday Ethos School and in our Thursday Ethos after school club. This is a practical example of how we can express our spirituality and is still used in many ways in everyday school life.





Our Projects for 2018-2019



Deliver worship training to the staff and Governors.



Continue with charity fundraising

Carry out research into the impact of our Ethos work and conferences over the last 8 years.



Prayer Bucket every 2 weeks.

Ethos Super Learning Day December 2018

Continue with prayer spaces at St Philip's church, Bolton Parish church and in school.

Interfaith Ethos Conference
3rd July 2019



This year is going to be as busy as ever! One of the main things we will be working on is research into the impact of our work over the last 9 years. We have produced a questionnaire that we would like to send out to all the schools that have been to our Ethos Conferences and hopefully visit some to interview children and adults. We would like to celebrate with other schools how they have taken our ideas and have developed their own. Also to discuss ideas of things we can carry out in the future.

We are delivering a staff meeting after school on 19th November for our teachers, teaching assistants and governors on how to lead effective worship.

We have a small gift for you to take on your Christian Leadership journey. We hope and pray that you will take some ideas back to your schools and continue on

We have also brought copies of our books. Book 1 - £10, Book 2 £15. If you buy both books they are £20 – A bargain! We will leave some with Mr Norcross.

Thank you for listening to our presentation today. Have you any questions for us?

