

WELCOME TO THE RE NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM MISS BARISSAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our RE newsletter! I am Miss Barissal and I lead Religious Education across Beecroft Academy.

Over the academic year, our pupils have been exploring a range of religions and worldviews with curiosity, respect and enthusiasm. Through engaging lessons, thoughtful discussions and meaningful activities, they have developed their understanding of different beliefs, traditions and values while reflecting on their own ideas and experiences.

From learning about Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Hinduism to exploring important festivals, places of worship and inspirational people of faith, our children have been developing their knowledge and appreciation of the diverse world around them.

We are incredibly proud of the thoughtful questions they ask and the respect they show for the beliefs and experiences of others.

Learning this term

During the Summer Term, there has been lots of RE learning going on.



Early Years

Which stories and places are specially valued from Christianity and Judaism?

Year 1

What makes places sacred and special to believers including the Church, Mosque and Synagogue?

Year 2

Inspiring people and stories. What is the 'Good News' Christians believe Jesus brings?

Year 3

Where, how and why do people worship?
How and why do people try and make a place a better place?

Year 4

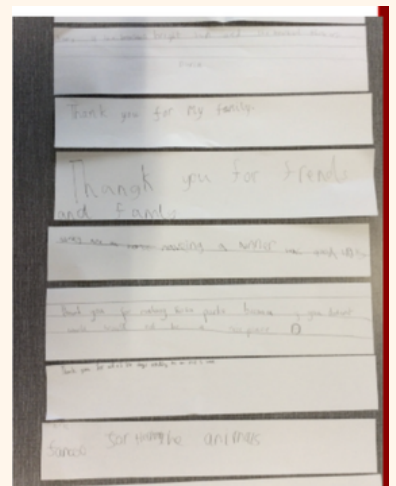
What are the deeper meanings in festivals? How is faith expressed in Hindu communities and traditions?

Year 5

How is faith expressed in Islam? What matters most to Humanists and Christians?

Year 6

Why do some people believe in God and others don't? Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?



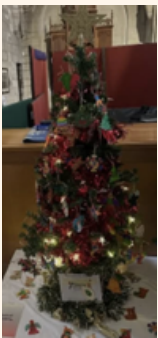
Enrichment opportunities in RE this year



This year, we have been fortunate to welcome Reverend Tim to Beecroft Academy to lead our Harvest, Christmas and Easter assemblies.

Reverend Tim commented on how impressed he was with the children's knowledge, enthusiasm and thoughtful contributions during the assemblies. It has been wonderful to see our pupils confidently sharing their understanding and engaging respectfully with the themes and messages explored throughout the year.

Once again this year, we collected donations for our Harvest celebration to support the Dunstable Foodbank. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity shown by our Beecroft Academy community each year and the Foodbank is always thankful for the kindness and support of our families. Every donation helps make a real difference to those in need within our local community.



We are also proud to take part in the annual Christmas Tree Festival, where our children decorate a Christmas tree to be displayed at Priory Church, Dunstable. This much loved community event gives our pupils the opportunity to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, showcase their creativity and share the festive spirit with visitors from across the local area. We are always incredibly proud of the children's beautiful decorations and the care and enthusiasm they put into creating them.

Year 5 and Year 6 also visited St Fremund's Church to take part in the annual Christingle service. This was a special opportunity for our pupils to reflect on the meaning of Christingle and its message of hope, love and giving. The children represented Beecroft Academy beautifully, participating respectfully and demonstrating their excellent knowledge and understanding throughout the service.



Year 4 enjoyed taking part in the Bedford Faith Tour, where they had the opportunity to visit a variety of places of worship and learn about different world religions. The visit helped to bring their RE learning to life, allowing pupils to deepen their understanding of different faiths, beliefs and traditions while encouraging respect for the diverse communities around us.

As part of our RE curriculum, we held a dedicated RE Afternoon, giving every child the opportunity to immerse themselves in the study of a different religion or worldview. Through a variety of creative, practical and discussion-based activities, pupils explored key beliefs, traditions, festivals and values. The afternoon was a great success, with children producing some outstanding work while demonstrating curiosity, respect and a genuine enthusiasm for learning about different faiths and cultures.



HELP NEEDED

At Beecroft Academy, we are proud to celebrate the rich diversity of faiths, beliefs and cultures within our school community. This diversity is one of our greatest strengths and provides wonderful opportunities for our children to learn from one another.

To further enrich our RE curriculum, we would love to welcome parents, carers and family members into school to share their faith or beliefs with our pupils. Whether you would like to talk about your beliefs, explain how you worship, or share traditions, celebrations, clothing, artefacts or other important aspects of your faith, your experiences would provide a valuable and meaningful learning opportunity for our children.

If you would be interested in visiting the school to speak with a class or support an RE lesson, please let your child's class teacher know.

We would be incredibly grateful for your support in helping to broaden our pupils' understanding and appreciation of the diverse faiths and cultures represented within our community.

