



British Values at Abacus Primary School

British Values are promoted in a wide variety of ways at Abacus Primary School.

Below are just some aspects of school life that enable children to get a sense of these values.

Democracy

We have a School Council where each class is represented by two elected class councillors in Foundation to Year 6. Weekly school council meetings provide a way for children's voices to be heard and for their opinions to influence important decisions made in the school. Our House captains and Pupil council members are elected solely on pupil's votes. This year we have introduced opportunities for pupils to vote on different decisions including which animal to adopt from the WWF.

In turn, Class Council representatives hold Class Council meetings where their peers can discuss key elements of school life including those issues they wish to be raised in School Council meetings. They visited the Houses of Parliament and share their understanding of democracy with the school during our whole school assemblies.

Mark Francois, our local MP has visited the school and taken an assembly.

We carry out regular pupil perception questionnaires, giving pupils an opportunity to air their opinions. We have also held mock elections link to real life issues e.g. Brexit.

As part of our PSHE lessons children have the opportunity to share their opinions on different matters and take part in circle time sessions. Our Years 5 and 6 pupils have the opportunity to take part in debating sessions as part of their class curriculum and also alongside other schools at the CLC.

Our Parent forum is in its seventh year, each class has a parent representative, we have a chair and Vice-chair who co-ordinate the agenda for each meeting.



The Rule of Law

The importance of laws and rules is taught throughout the curriculum. These laws and rules that support class, school or country are reinforced through learning in PSHE, through regular assemblies and whole school days. Children are given opportunities to carry out a number of roles of responsibility across the school e.g. office duty, assembly monitors, snack monitors etc...

Our children understand that actions have consequences and it is their responsibility to behave in the right way and to make the right choices. We therefore have a clear and fair behaviour policy that enables children to put right any inappropriate choices, our pupils are currently helping us to rewrite our behaviour policy.

Visits from the local police and fire service also help to reinforce these messages.

Upon entering Abacus Primary School, children and parents sign home/school and e-safety agreements which set out the expectations for pupils' learning and behaviour.

All pupils at Abacus Primary School take part in safer Internet day each February.

Children in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to be taught how to safely ride a cycle, ensuring that they follow the rules of the road, through the Bikeability programme. Basildon council

support us in delivering road safety sessions, learning to ride a bike sessions and cycle safety across the whole of Key stage 2.

Individual Liberty

We believe that everyone is entitled to a voice Children are taught about rights and responsibilities in our PSHE curriculum and also as part of our assembly programme. Children are given opportunities to express themselves through regular arts, music and dance sessions as well as discussions in our weekly whole school assemblies focused on current affairs issues (Picture News- e.g. should we give money to the homeless? Should we help people who we do not know in the street?)

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Children's achievements are celebrated in assemblies which instil in them a sense of worth and create ambitious pupils who believe in themselves and their self-worth. Out of school achievements are celebrated and communicated on

Children are taught about making 'good' choices and have a full understanding that they are the ones that make choices about how they act, whether those choices are well made or not.

They have a number of extra-curricular activities that they can choose to be part of.

Children can take on roles and responsibilities which help to make the school function well. They apply for the roles and so freely choose the way they will contribute to our community.

Children at Abacus Primary School know their boundaries and are encouraged to make choices safely. They are not afraid to ask or answer questions and will happily stand up for what they believe in. Lessons regularly provide opportunities for children to work in groups. They are happy to agree and disagree with their peers and give reasons why.

Years 5 and 6 take part in debates within their Literacy lessons and recently attended a debate masterclass at the CLC.

Children in years 5 and 6 are encouraged to make the correct choices by choosing their own challenge in lessons and recently had the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in a Plato's people session at the CLC.

Our school council supports our weekly parking patrols as part of the 3PR parking initiative, rewarding children whose parents have parked outside of the parking zone or families that have walked to school.

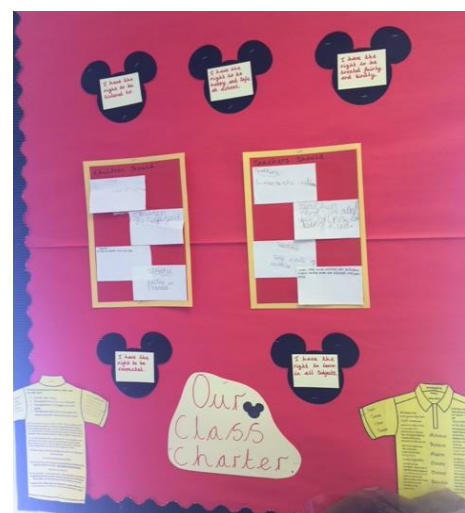


Mutual Respect:

Respect is one of the core values of our school. Children are taught to respect others regardless of their individual differences.

Bullying of any kind is not tolerated and our Anti Bullying Ambassadors promote this across the school.

All classes have a class charter, where they agree the rights of pupils and adults within the class, these are displayed within classrooms.



We take part in Anti Bullying week and hold assemblies that celebrate difference and other cultures. These help to build understanding of different people and their belief systems which may hold both similarities and differences to our own. As a school we also take part in a number of national events, including Fairtrade fortnight, Macmillan coffee mornings and charity days. Our Learning Mentor is on the playground every morning break and lunch time to support any friendship issues.

Some pupils carry out the role of 'Play leader' at lunchtimes where they help to organise activities with other pupils to enable them to have enjoyable playtimes. This fosters a mutual respect between all parties across a range of ages.

Children at Abacus Primary School are allocated a house on arrival. Each year, the house captains and Vice Captains choose a charity which they raise money for. This supports children in developing a respect for others whilst also supporting the development of their role as active citizens in the wider society.

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

This is promoted through every aspect of school life. PSHE and RE lessons equip children with an understanding of different faiths and beliefs and the values which different religions hold. Children are taught to respect each other and welcome differences and learn from them.

These lessons are supported by regular assemblies, visitors and visits to learn about different faiths.

Our local vicars, Visit the school and delivers regular assemblies to the whole school.

Our school kitchen provides a range of theme meals throughout the school year to celebrate different traditions including Chinese New Year, Mother's day, Father's day, and Christmas. Our Anti-bullying policy supports children learning to celebrate differences and work together.

Our Headteacher and Learning Mentor are Stonewall Champions.

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