

LOUGHTON CURRICULUM: BRITISH VALUES

Welcome to the latest edition of the Loughton curriculum newsletter for British Values. The promotion of these values in schools is part of the government's efforts to create a more cohesive and integrated society. British Values underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain valuing our community and celebrating diversity of the UK. These values are **Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance** and **Individual Liberty**. We have been busy this year embracing these as well as continuing to follow our own school values of **independent, respectful, resilient, creative and inspired** which we celebrate every half-term in our Loughton stars assemblies. We continue to celebrate the children's successes outside of school and encourage them to share their experiences and cultures.

Autumn term

In year 6 the children begin their learning with an in-depth study of fascism in Europe, anti-Semitism the impact of the diverse allied nations working together. Across the school we observed Armistice Day. Everyone was involved by writing a message of thanks for the sacrifice made for our freedom of people of all creeds, nations and religions who gave their lives for our freedom. These were incorporated into our wreath which was laid at the war memorial in Coffee Hall.

We elected our student voice representatives. All candidates experienced a class hustings and were asked searching questions by their classmates before a ballot was taken.



Spring term

In year 4 we began the term introducing our parliamentary system for deciding 'feel good Friday' treats. All VIPs for the week gather and, considering carefully the wants and needs of their constituents (their classmates), they vote on which treat the year group enjoys as a whole.

We were lucky to experience Hinduism day: learning about dress, gods and goddess and some ceremonies. We also learned how to cook Indian food with the help of our amazing, patient parents!

Recently, we were able to be a little naughty on "Break the Rules Day!". It is a great day where the significance of the rules of the schools (and law) are reinforced by fundraising whilst breaking a rule or two!

Summer term

This next term is going to be busy at Loughton! We have our multicultural day booked in with lots of activities: a national dress fashion show, food tasting, dance show case and much more. In year 5 we will host a careers day where members of our wider community come in to talk about their work and opportunities. We will also be introducing a celebration of "language of the month". Loughton School have been invited by the Mayor to be part of the Armed Forces Flag Raising to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day. Finally we hope to unveil a commemorative map showing the country of birth for each of our current pupils (and staff) and those still to come - celebrating our exciting diversity in Loughton School!

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Marcus, who is now 27, grew up in a family home in Manchester where his mother worked multiple jobs and regularly skipped meals so that her children had enough food to grow. He began his first team success at Manchester Utd in 2017 and still starts on the wing in top tier and international football.

At the height of his success, in 2019, Marcus started the 'In The Box' campaign to ensure that homeless people would have items they needed during the Christmas period. He visited homeless shelters with his Mum and sent boxes to St Kitts his cultural home. During lockdown and beyond he teamed up with FareShare to deliver lunches to children who were not in school and so could not receive free school meals.

Marcus continues to champion lower income families, working to raise awareness of and eradicate child poverty and supports literacy projects throughout the UK and beyond.



Focus on Marcus
Rashford MBE: British
Values champion

What next?

We are always keen to broaden our learning in our immersive curriculum and to involve our wonderful community. Here are a few ideas we have I would welcome your thoughts on:

- Whole community Iftar evening - communal bring and share breaking of fast at sundown
- Local community faith visits to different places of worship
- Kabaddi club
- Language clubs offered by parents and supported by staff

Please email office@loughton.school for the attention of Mrs Lai-Kit should you wish to share your thoughts.



Finally, if you're looking for some great reads to: broaden experience, ignite curiosity, encourage discussion, affirm belonging and most of all have fun - try these!