

Learning About and Sharing Our Faith

Mrs Mason, Mrs Duckworth and Mrs Murray had the privilege today to bring together a group of year 6 children from three schools, our own Childwall CE, St Silas CE and Croxteth Primary to join in a discussion about their faith, their beliefs and rituals and practices from their own places of worship. Some of the children were Christians, from a variety of different local churches, some were Muslim and some of the children didn't practise any religious faith or belief. What they all demonstrated was a genuine interest and shared respect for one another's beliefs and values that was truly wonderful to see! With very little prompting needed, the children confidently asked and responded to questions, identifying similarities in some of their beliefs and experiences and increasing their knowledge and understanding of one another's religions.

All of our children were able to clearly express what they had learned from each other; for me, Yasmin from St Silas summed up beautifully when she declared, "All of us, Muslims and Christians, learn from our faith to be good to one another and to look after other people."

We went on a trip to St Silas and talked to Muslim children and to children from Croxteth Primary who said that they have no faith. Children from St Silas told us about the 5 pillars of Islam and about the Quran and how they fast. We learnt why the girls wear their head scarf. They said that they knew some of the stories from the Quran and we talked about our favourite stories from the Bible. Some of the children who said they were not religious still celebrate Christmas and Easter.

The Muslim children go to the mosque every Friday and pray to Allah. They asked about our God and how he helped people in the Bible. We told them about David and Goliath and about how we believe God sent his only son, Jesus, to teach us how to live and to show that he forgives us when we sin. It was really fun and everyone loved going.

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