Courageous Advocacy

What is a courageous advocate?

A courageous advocate is someone who champions a cause which is special and meaningful to them. Here at St Hilda's CE Primary School, we have a strong emphasis on encouraging our pupils to become courageous advocates, not just locally, but nationally and globally. Part of life is that we all face challenges and need support to help us overcome these barriers.

We teach this through the teachings of the bible and learning about other courageous advocates. Our curriculum promotes Christian values and has planned opportunities to enable children discuss and debate the big issues, challenge injustice and engage in activities that bring Our Christian values and carefully planned opportunities in our curriculum ensure that the children regularly discuss and debate the big issues, to challenge injustice and to engage in activities that can bring about change are always present.

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."
Proverbs 31:8-9

It is important for our children to appreciate their role as part of a community; to take responsibility, to be able to look after themselves & to foster an understanding of their importance, impact and influence in the world. We support a range of charities in our local area, nationally and globally. The school council work with staff, governors, parents, pupils and St. Hilda's Church to identify worthy causes to support.

In recent years we have carried out a range of different fund raising to support many good causes, some of which include:

- a local food bank
- Sports Relief
- Comic Relief
- Harvest food festival donations
- Children in Need
- The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
- WW Remembrance Day readings at the cenotaph
- Collective worship planning
- Equality & Culture Events – Black History Month, Diwali, Eid, Mental Health Awareness week
- Christian Aid
- School Council

Our children have an excellent grasp on the meaning of belonging to a local and global community and the sense of responsibility that comes with belonging. Thereby developing their ability to empathise and make a small sacrifice to benefit others.

Together we consider the beauty and fragility of our environment, the actions we take, and the impact these actions may have on the well-being of everyone. Our school community and curriculum actively embrace a responsibility for the world in which we live.

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We actively demonstrate our commitment to caring for our world and the people within it, as shown through the following actions

• Links with the local care home (reading; Christmas carols; learning about life in the past…)
• Charities of significance to our children
• Student Council who seek the views of pupils as to which causes we want to support
• Strong PTA with community events such as Christmas and Summer Fairs, discos and film nights

Within our community our school is a beacon of light that stands up for what it believes in.

Our Christian values and British values ensure that opportunities to discuss current world issues, to challenge injustice and to engage in activities that can bring about change are always present, such as:

• Anti-Bullying Week
• Safer Internet Day
• British Values Day
• Equality: learning about people from different cultures who have faced adversity
• Remembrance activities
• National days of commemoration i.e. VE Day
• Recycling
• Curriculum topics including rainforests, deforestation, and endangered animals

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