British Values Assembly-April 2022

**Let’s play a game of ‘Put your hand up if.....’**

* You have brown hair
* Wear glasses
* Have a brother or sister
* Like football
* Can speak another language
* You like swimming in the sea!

All theses things make up your identity.

What other things make up our identity?

* Groups or clubs that you belong to - scouts, rugby, choir....
* What your interests or talents are - film, dance, ....
* What things are important to you.
* What your hopes are for the future.
* Which people are important to you.
* Your religion
* The languages that you speak.

We’re going to play another game now. The school council children are going to hold up some word cards . You can put your thumb up if you think this is a good value to have or you can give a thumbs down if you don’t think it’s a good value to have.

Honest , hard work, caring , resilience, laziness, kindness, fun, rudeness , hurtful, ambitious

Your choice of what to put your thumb up and down for are your personal values. It’s what you think is important to be a good person.

So we’ve talked about personal values but can a country have values? We’re going to tell you now about British Values.

There are 5 British Values…

I want everyone to learn the 5 British Values so that if a teacher asks you what they are you can say them. To help I’m going to run a little competition over the next week. If around school myself or Mr Travis or Mr Haworth ask you what the British values are and you can say all 5 you will get a focussed flamingo sticker.

I’m going to tell you about each of these British Values in a little more detail now to help you understand and remember them.

Democracy

In our democracy most people over 18 get a vote. This means they get a say in who runs the local government and who runs the central government in London.

Who is our Mayor? The mayor is chosen from all the local councillors .

Who is our MP? Christian Wakeford was elected as the Bury South MP in 2019. He was then a member of the Conservative party. In 2022 he did something really dramatic does anyone know what that is? In the Houses of Parliament where are the new laws are debated the two biggest parties sit across from each other. So at the moment the Conservatives sit opposite Labour and the other small parties. Christian crossed over to the other side of the chamber to sit with Labour. That’s a really unusual event.

Next week the local council elections are taking place. You’re going to be learning more about this in class and everybody is going to get the chance to vote for the party they think should represent their local area…Radcliffe West.

Rule of Law

The politicians that we choose through voting in our democracy makes the laws in the house of commons. Who helps to make sure these laws are upheld? The police.

What can happen if you break the law? Fines, community service, prison.

* **Individual Liberty**

In Britain, as long as we do not break the law, we can live as we choose to and have our own opinions about things.

Mutual Respect

We might not always agree with other people, but we try to show respect for their thoughts and feelings.

We can give respect to others and we can expect other people to show us respect. We respect people who dress differently to us, members of the LGBT+ community, those with disabilities…the list is endless.

* **Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs**

In Britain we accept that other people might have different beliefs than ours and they may believe in different religions.

This week we are all learning about Islam. Learning about different religions helps us to understand them and be tolerant of them.

So our 5 British Values are…

Democracy

Rule of Law

Individual Liberty

Mutual Respect

Tolerance of those with other faiths and Beliefs

Remember I’m going to be asking if you know them!