

Promoting British Values at Ouston Primary School

The DfE ask schools 'to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

At Ouston Primary these values are reinforced regularly and in the following ways:

Democracy

OPS is working towards the Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. As such two pupils from each class are ambassadors promoting the principles of the RRSAs forming a focus group. Each year the children decide upon their class charter and the rights associated with these. All the children contribute to the drawing up of the charter. Children have many opportunities for their voices to be heard. We have a school council which meets regularly to discuss various emerging issues and give their points of view. Two members for each class are voted in by their class. We hold weekly Rights Respecting Schools Assemblies which explore different aspects of the Rights of the Child.

The Rule of Law

The importance of Laws, whether they be those that govern the class, the school, or the country, are consistently reinforced throughout regular school days, as well as when dealing with behaviour and through school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws, that they govern and protect us, the responsibilities that this involves and the consequences when laws are broken. Visits from authorities such as the Police and Fire Service help reinforce this message.

Individual Liberty

Within school, pupils are actively encouraged to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. As a school we educate and provide boundaries for young pupils to make choices safely, through provision of a safe environment and empowering education. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our Online Safety and RSE/PSHE lessons or during Forest School and other outdoor adventure activities. Whether it be through choice of a learning challenge, participation in our numerous extra-curricular clubs and opportunities or daily school meal choices, pupils are given the freedom to make choices with support with this as needed.

Mutual Respect

As a Rights Respecting School, mutual respect is at the heart of our values. We teach respect for children's rights. Children learn that their behaviour can have an effect on their own rights and those of others. All members of the school community treat each other with respect. We support many charities throughout the year and take part in national events, such as Children in Need. We have 'Friday Fundraisers' where pupils organise their own event to support a charity of their choice.

Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs

OPS is situated in an area which is not greatly culturally diverse, therefore we place a great emphasis on the understanding of diversity with our children. Our annual One Britain Week teaches children about equality and diversity in Britain. During this week our pupils participate in the Show Racism the Red Card campaign and explore themes linked to a variety of faiths and communities. Assemblies are also regularly planned to address this issue either directly or through the inclusion of stories and celebrations from a variety of faiths and cultures. Our RE, PSHE and RRSAs teaching reinforce this. Members of different faiths or religions are encouraged to share their knowledge to enhance learning within classes and the school. Children visit places of worship that are important to different faiths.

Below are a range of events and activities that help us to promote these values throughout the school year:-

Ouston Primary School

(We are currently working towards the 'Rights Respecting Schools' Silver Award)

NB – ** Events for the forthcoming year are planned on the assumption that large gatherings in the hall/school grounds and various outings will not be possible due to the current COVID-19 situation, we can update event organisation as needed.

Autumn Term

Dates

September



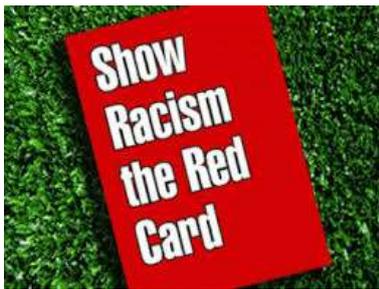
Events

Each class chooses 2 School Council/Rights Respecting School Representatives.

September

Yr6 & YR Buddies meet each other for the first time. Events planned across the year.

16th October



Show Racism the Red Card Fundraiser

W/B 12th October



Harvest festival - Our whole school will collect food for the People's Kitchen and celebrate Harvest with parents in a shared act of collective worship with Rev. Lintern from Holy Trinity Church, Pelton

22 – 25

October



Yrs2, 4 & 6 – Theatre Visits**

W/B 2nd November



Book Fair- an opportunity for children, parents/carers to browse/buy the latest books

Week beg. 9th November



Armistice day - Assemblies and one minute silence for Y2-6 Collective worship commemorating those who lost their lives in the service of their country. Yr6 attend service at local community centre

W/B 9th November



Parliament Week

W/B 16th November



Positive behaviour and Anti-bullying week.

Theme: 'United Against Bullying! Children will be engaging in a range of activities all week. Blue Monday (16th)



**Children in Need day (13th November)
Fundraiser -Pupils come to school in non-uniform/dressed as superheroes.**

November/December

The whole school will take part in a range of activities and acts of collective worship.

Advent/Christmas



Christmas fair (26th Nov) **

Christmas Lunch (4th December)

Key Stage Nativities for parents/carers**

Choir at Chester View Care Home**

YR & Y6 carols around the Christmas tree**

Salvation Army Toy Appeal

Visits from vicar & other members of Holy

Trinity Church, Pelton**

Spring Term



Yr 5 take part in samba or African drumming sessions and perform for the rest of school and parents/carers.

February



Safer internet Day.

On this day we will highlight the positive uses of technology and explore the role we all play in helping to make the internet a better and safer place for our community. Lessons will be based around this year's theme – 'making learning fun as well as educational'.

W/C B – 22nd February

'One Britain' theme Week.

Children take part in a range of activities to understand equality and diversity in Britain.

4th March



World Book Day. Anniversary to celebrate reading. Children participate in reading related activities and the 'best dressed' as a book character in each class is awarded a book of their choice.

12th March



Mother's Day Breakfast**

Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, carers and any female relation invited to celebrate with their family.

Easter Celebrations

24th April



Easter coffee afternoon**

Parents/carers invited to have a coffee (or tea) and see their child's entry for the decorated egg competition.

Assembly by Rev. Lintern or Grace from Holy Trinity Church, Pelton.**

Summer Term



Yr 6 – Rock & Pop – increase confidence, performance skills and enjoyment of singing**

Year5 Residential

W/B - 7th June



Science Week

18th June



Father's Day Breakfast**

Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, carers and any male relation invited to celebrate with their family.

14 – 18th June



Yr6 Residential to Weardale, Ireshopeburn.

W/B - 5th July



Careers & Enterprise Week

9th July



Summer Fair - Celebrating school community and enjoying activities together with the local community.**

15th July



Yr 6 Celebration night**

Awards, prize giving and recognition of achievements.

