



British Values

At Furzedown Primary School we take the opportunity to actively promote British Values, defined by the government as:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and belief

Actively promoting also means challenging pupils, staff or parents expressing any intolerance or lack of respect.

At Furzedown the values of tolerance and respect permeate all areas of school life. This creates a climate within which pupils feel safe and secure. Pupil voice plays an integral part in driving the school forward and school and class charters co-constructed with the children are the foundation upon which this can be achieved.

The following are a selection of activities and external accreditations that are evidence of our commitment to British values.

- Year 6 take part in 'Magistrates in the community' project, looking at the law and how we keep it.
- Year 6 take part in the Team London 'Young Ambassadors' programme.
- We have an elected school council and each child is encouraged to take on an area of responsibility.
- A broad and balanced curriculum that teaches elements of democracy, civic responsibility, rules and laws, the monarchy, equality, values and virtues, environmental awareness and understanding of other faiths.
- In Year 6, pupils undertake debates of current issues and take part in MUNGA. They are part of junior amnesty international and write letters in support of equality and fairness.
- In Year 5 we focus on the Ancient Greeks and how they introduced 'Democracy' to the world and how that impacts on our lives.
- In Year 2, pupils study significant people in British History with a strong focus on British Kings and Queens and the impact that they have made on life today.
- Yearly planned visits to different places of worship.
- Regular scheduled visitors from other faiths come to talk to the children.
- We have an Anti bullying policy and regular assemblies on safety and individual liberty.
- Our 'Positive behaviour policy' encourages tolerance and mutual respect.
- The school holds daily assemblies which are planned around a weekly theme which incorporates values of empathy, respect and tolerance.
- Every class also has at least weekly PSHE and RE lessons which focus in on areas of British values.