



## Newsletter - February 2019

I have great joy in introducing the Religious Education Ambassadors as:-

Yr 6 - Eddie, Harriet

Yr 5 - Charlotte, Molly, Oliver S, Will A,

Yr 4 - Hannah, Isaac, Tarun

Yr 3 - Alex, Ethan and Maisie, with the hope that children from Year 2 may join us soon!

Our first job was to design a badge for ourselves and decide on a name! One out of two is done.

### **MAF Afternoon tea – ‘Bake off to take off’**

Thank you for all your kind donations of ingredients for the children to get baking at school. I think this shows what a great team we are, with some classes providing flour, others eggs, etc. We intend to make seven different types of cakes with the assistance of parents. If you're free Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> at any point we would be grateful, especially from those of you who love to bake!

We hope to have our ambassadors serving the other children and members of our community during the afternoon of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Please do come along. Each class will have a time to visit if you can make this time great – if not your child can come with you when you're able.

1.30 - 2.00 pm Reception and Year 1

2.00 - 2.30 pm Year 2

2.30 - 3.00 pm Years 3 & 4

3.00 - 3.30 pm Years 5 & 6

Open to all until 4.30 pm

If you would like to bake at home and donate the results, this would be much appreciated and will add to our afternoon tea experience. Please send in any cakes on Friday morning. Naming tins etc. with names and classes will help us return them to you.

### **What is MAF?**

For over 70 years, MAF has been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts. They enable over 2,000 aid, development and mission organisations to bring medical care, emergency relief, long-term development and Christian hope to thousands of communities.

Every four minutes an MAF plane is taking off or landing somewhere in the world to help eliminate the barriers to physical and spiritual transformation. Enabling partners is at the core of what they do. You can help make it possible for them to continue this valuable service through donating at the afternoon tea.

Find out more at :- <https://www.maf-uk.org/>

## Love @ Lent!

Lent starts on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and a 40 day challenge card will be coming your way shortly. All the challenges link to British Values (Democracy, Individual Liberty, Tolerance, Mutual Respect and Rule of Law) as well as the good old fashioned values of gratitude, school community and kindness to name a few. The RE ambassadors would love to see what you do so please return your chart or maybe keep a diary of the ones you manage to complete.

All those that are returned will receive smileys or house points.

Challenge card summary						
Write or draw a list of things you are grateful for.	Get out to someone you don't normally get with at lunchtime.	Have a check swap in your class.	Let people go ahead of you all day.	Check to carry someone else's bag into school.	Check to bring paper for drawing to your folder.	Leave out encouraging notes for someone.
Write a thank you note to the caretaker or receptionist.	Walk to school or park your car further away.	Ask your grown-up about their day on your way home or at bedtime.	Find out the names of three people you haven't met before in school.	Line up around the school.	Leave your grown-up a surprise sticky picture before you leave for school.	Try to chat to someone you haven't spoken to in a while.
Say thank you to your teacher for teaching you.	Compliment others when they do well.	Help others but properly to the right owner.	Leave the classroom as tidy and clean as you can.	Make a class introduction pack in one episode, new starts during the year or for next year's class.	Clear somebody's nice comment.	Get the best in any sport.
Be brave by trying something you find hard.	Find the star sign for someone.	Say a nice thing about someone to somebody else.	Open a window by turning off the lights when you leave a room.	Follow instructions without complaining.	Say thank you to someone in your class.	Don't eat until you're really hungry.
Try to read a book, the picture that you throw in the bin, the album.	Play with a child from another year group.	Find out how your class could help a local charity.	Find out something new about somebody.	Give someone a nice surprise.	Talk to people in your class about their favourite thing about school.	Ask how you can help out at school.
						Make posters about important values to display.

If parents/carers want a challenge visit - <https://40acts.org.uk/>

### Year 2 SACRE Visit

Elijah, Dan, Isla, Anja and Amelia were lucky to visit three places of worship in Loughborough. They visited Emmanuel Church, Geeta Bhavan Hindu temple and Shah Jalal Mosque. The children behaved impeccably and learnt a lot about the three religions and why they do certain things.

In the Mosque a child asked 'Why did we take our shoes off?' The Iman explained that because they pray by kneeling and at times placing their heads on the carpet, it's just nicer to have a clean carpet to pray on.

At the Church the children hunted for certain items, one of which was a prayer cushion. They then saw some similarities and differences between religions and prayer.

Following on from the visit, we have been asked to write an article for RE today on the importance of visiting different places of worship!

### VISIT MY MOSQUE DAY - <https://www.visitmymosque.org/about/>

Shah Jalal Mosque are taking part in the above project and invite anyone to go and take a look – there will be henna, food as well as a range of activities. All are welcome on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 12 – 4pm at:

Shah Jalal Mosque, 80A Rendell St, Loughborough, LE11 1LL

Please be prepared to cover your hair and remove your shoes.

### Christian Bear

Christian Bear loves to visit places of worship or take part in festivals that might be going on. He has recently been to Coventry with Dhanya and her family to help feed the homeless with Daljit. Daljit came into Gilmorton to talk about how Sikhs celebrate Diwali in November.

If you would like Christian to visit somewhere with you please ask your class teachers.