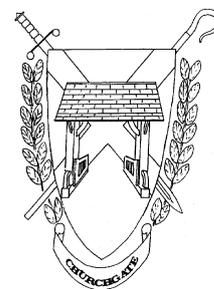


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Testimony for Prayer Space Day

We had the pleasure of holding a Prayer Space Day run by Great Open Door. It was a really inspiring and thought provoking day. First and foremost the children got so much out of it. The time, space and safety to think, reflect and pray was great. Our children felt comfortable to express their feelings and explore faith and prayer with a great deal of openness and confidence. All children were included and those children who may not have a faith had a great opportunity to look at avenues and ways that they can reflect and think about any worries, fears and concerns they may have.

The staff also got a great deal from the day. It has impacted on how we can use prayer across the whole school and in our curriculum. We have looked in to how it will fit in to the diocese RE scheme of work and our PSHE curriculum. We have also identified spaces in the classrooms and across the school that can be used for prayer and reflection and created new displays at the front of the school called A Prayer for Everywhere.

We have used the Prayer Space Day as a catalyst to develop and promote prayer both explicitly and implicitly across the school. It has had a real impact in a short space of time and we now look forward to seeing it grow year on year. Thank you to all of the team who gave us a great experience that we will continue to build upon.

Below are some quotes from the children who experienced the Prayer Space Day.

What was your favourite prayer station?

The chill out zone because you could relax and talk to God.

The plasma ball is the best because I could really feel God relating to me.

The electric ball. It taught me that no matter where I am God is with me.

Fizzy prayers helped me think about my worries and dissolve them. By the way it looked awesome.

Plasma ball was my favourite because it showed me how God is always with us. It helped me be more confident talking to God.

What did you learn about prayer?

I learnt that you don't have to keep your worries with you, you can give them to God or Jesus and they will sort it out!

I can give my worry away to Jesus so I don't worry about it every day.

That God listens to you wherever you are and thinks about you all the time.

It has changed my mind about praying. I never really used to, but now I will.

I learned that God is always there and will help you no matter who you are.

I have learned that I can pray more now about more stuff.

Overall, what did you think of the prayer space and craft session?

I have never ever in my life seen anything so brilliant and I'm not just saying that I loved it and that's a promise..

I think I liked it because you could express yourself.

I think it is a wonderful way to learn about prayer.

I think it was a great success and was loads of fun.

I think that the prayer space and craft sessions were really fun and exciting and helped me a lot.

Yours sincerely

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