



Ethos Group - Minutes

Minutes of meeting 13/3/26

Present: Mr Thomas, Mrs Leach, Rev Huntley, SC (Y6), SK (Y5), HJ (Y4), PE (Y4)

Absent: Mrs Kryviak and Mrs Joy (apologies given), TM (Y5)

Spiritual Development

Mr Thomas reminded the children of the concept of ‘spiritual development’ – The idea that there is more to life than meets the eye; things around us that fill us with awe and wonder; things that connect with our heart and soul. A short discussion was had on this topic where children and adults gave valuable ideas.

The group then went on a learning walk to identify anything in the school that could answer the following to questions:

‘Where is God in this place?’

‘What is there in this place that helps to connect to our spiritual selves?’

The children were very good at spotting all sorts of things around the school that answered these questions. This list below includes many of the things that they spotted and commented on.

Heads’ Office	Staff Room	Corridor
3 x crosses School photos Vision x2 Prayer Bible verse The rug with ‘friends around the world. Family pictures.	Plants Vision	Bible verses Prayers Values notes Vision journey display Urafiki poster Star of the Week Pictures of staff



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Playgrounds Vision Friendship stops Flowers Quiet areas Prayer chairs Poppies for remembrance The church and graveyard over the road	Ash Class Prayer space Plants Singing Lots of new and 'awesome' experiences Togetherness (all on the carpet)	Willow Prayer area Seasons Feelings display A rainbow Science
Meadow Quiet corners Willow structure/dome Connection with our senses A feeling of 'home'	Beech Globe Prayer corners Bibles Singing History and science displays	Oak Prayer space Singing Rewards Class agreement Flowers
Woods Trees (linked to growth) Change Life cycles Calm/relaxing walks Connection with nature Creation Time with friends	Cleave Farm Animals Life cycles Nature Produce	Curriculum PSHE History Science NB. Discussion was had around the fact that every area of the curriculum CAN connect to our spiritual selves.

Areas for development (some agree with children present)

- The staff room is lacking in much that answers the two questions and stands out significantly compared with everywhere else.
- Talk to teachers about how to make connections in different areas of the curriculum
- Rev Stuart suggested that the Vision could/should form part of the various displays in the classrooms. This would aid teachers in being able to make those connections.



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Prayer Spaces in schools

The event planned for the last week of term is in progress and Mr Thomas shared some of the resources with the children who will help prepare them.



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