



Glen Hills Primary School Collective Worship Policy

The Education Act 1996, Section 385 Religious Worship, confirms that the arrangements for the collective worship in a school required by this section may, in respect of each school day, provide for a single act of worship for all pupils or for separate acts of worship for pupils in different age groups or in different school groups.

The words “assembly” and “assemblies” referred to in this document include acts of collective worship which are, in the main, based on Christian belief.

The practice at Glen Hills Primary School is as follows:

RECEPTION UNIT

- ❖ At morning registration and at the end of the day, in each group, there is time for quiet reflection and a prayer or thought for the day.
- ❖ One day a week all the children have a SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) assembly which is led by a member of staff. These are planned from the units in the scheme of work.
- ❖ On Fridays, the children take part in the whole school assemblies and those undertaken by the Head Teacher

INFANT DEPARTMENT

- ❖ In the Infant Department, children enter into a daily assembly with appropriate entrance music. This is followed by a story with a particular thought and/or moral. The assembly is concluded with a prayer and hymn or song.
- ❖ The infant staff lead these assemblies and one of these assemblies is designated for hymn practice which provides the opportunity for reflection about the meanings of the hymns.
- ❖ There is also an Achievement Award Assembly each Friday. This promotes positive praise, celebrates success, promotes school rules and positive behaviour and an ethos of co-operative and positive community life. This assembly always starts with a song and concludes with a prayer.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

- ❖ In the Junior Department, children enter into a daily assembly with appropriate entrance music. This is followed by a story with a particular thought and/or moral. The assembly is concluded with a prayer and hymn or song.
- ❖ The Junior staff lead these assemblies and one of these assemblies is designated for hymn practice which provides the opportunity for reflection about the meanings of the hymns.
- ❖ There is an Achievement Award Assembly each Friday. This promotes positive praise, celebrates success, promotes school rules and positive behaviour and an ethos of co-operative and positive community life. This assembly always starts with a song and concludes with a prayer.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

- ❖ Every week there is a whole school assembly which the Head Teacher (or in his absence the Deputy Head Teacher) generally leads. In addition each class presents an assembly once a year.
- ❖ There are regular SEAL assemblies to introduce a new unit of work and there are end of unit assemblies where success and achievement are celebrated.
- ❖ There are regular visiting ministers from different Christian denominations. Other outside speakers are also invited to assemblies to talk about a particular subject. There are special assemblies held throughout the year i.e. prize giving, charities etc. There are also other whole school assemblies to celebrate religious festivals.



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