



# Amadeus

Learning together 'Christ at the Centre' Learning for life

March 2023

## Amadeus is the Latin word for "loving God"

As we come to the end of this term and look forward to celebrating Easter, we thought it was a good time to reflect back on the Christian Life of the school over this academic year.

At Lady Boswell's, our values and vision underpin all aspects of school life. We want every child to receive an inspirational education designed to ensure they grow, thrive and learn in a nurturing environment.

We want them to :-

- Develop a positive sense of self and well-being; confident to make the right choices and keep themselves safe in an ever-changing society;
- Strive for academic excellence, developing a thirst for knowledge and a love of learning;
- Become effective communicators, collaborators and leaders;
- Be resilient, resourceful and courageous;
- Be curious, creative individuals and confident problem solvers;
- Grow in spiritual awareness and develop a strong moral compass and a deepening understanding of the Christian faith in a multi-faith British society;
- Become responsible and tolerant global citizens who value diversity, forgive readily, and have concern for the needs of each other, the school, the wider community, and the planet.



At Lady Boswell's, our 'distinctively Christian' ethos is evident in all areas of school life. In school, we live out our vision by putting 'Christ at the Centre' of our community.

In Early Years, there is an area for Early Years' worship where the children attend age-appropriate services, sitting on the wonderful prayer cushions created by their Year 6 buddies.

## Our School Christian Values



As a school community, we decided to express our ethos through 6 theologically rooted Christian values: Faith, Love, Kindness, Respect, Honesty and Forgiveness. We frequently refer to these in our daily community life and Acts of Worship. We have a focus on a different value each month, without forgetting to live out the other 5! Our values are clearly displayed in our main central hall, where our whole school family gather for daily acts of worship, and each of our classrooms has a dedicated prayer corner.



## Welcome to our 2022-23 Year R children

In September, we were delighted to welcome 60 new Year R children to the Lady Boswell's family. They joined us in church on Sunday 2nd October for a family service and were presented with a Bible as a gift from the Lady Boswell's Trustees. The Year R children started school by joining their buddies for a Teddy Bears' Picnic and really enjoying being with their Year 6 buddies once a week for 'Buddy Break'. This relationship provides a loving and supportive start to school life for our children. Our Year 6 buddies also thrive when modelling the best of our Christian ethos in their relationships with their young friends in Year R.

*'But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'* Luke 18:16.



## Welcome to our 2022-23 Worship Council



All Year 6 and Year 2 children are invited to apply to be Worship Councillors. They support our school in many ways, such as preparing and leading collective worship and leading their class and key stage in prayer. The following pupils make up the Worship Council:

Olivia Y (Chair), Tabitha S-M (Vice Chair), Hannah B, Zach N, Ella C, Emma P, Harry M, Lucy O'P, Amone J and Lucy A (Year 6). Alexa B, Zoe F, Jack S and Cody R (Year 2).



We asked our Chair of Worship Council, Olivia, what it is like to be in her role. She replied:

"It was a privilege to be chosen for the position of Chair of the Worship Council as there were so many applicants. I always enjoy making the assemblies with the Worship Council Groups and doing the openings and closings in collective worship. Although sometimes it is a bit overwhelming, we always have fun while doing it. For the openings and closings, I always make sure that we all have the same amount of turns every week so it is always fair. Every Wednesday, there is a Worship Council meeting and Sophie-Ann and Hannah come from the Church to talk to us about God which I find interesting and fun."



# Harvest

We were delighted to finally be able to hold our Harvest Festival services together indoors, for the first time in two years.

To be able to give thanks for our blessings together again in this way was wonderful. Our thanks to Hannah Blake from St. Nicholas Church who delivered the sermon in the KS2 service.



# Special Events and Services



For the first time ever, Year R performed their own Nativity



Left: Year 1 led our Mother's Day Service

Right: Year 3 led our Advent Service

Below Left: KS1 'Tinsel & Tea Towels' Nativity

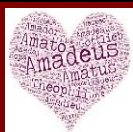
Below Right: KS2 Carol Service





## Lent Prayer Day March 2023

In March, we were delighted to hold our day of prayer. The children walked through the story of Holy Week by visiting the Stations of the Cross. In addition, time in a prayer labyrinth and a visit to a prayer tent gave everyone the opportunity for prayer and reflection. Our aim was to offer our children the gift of prayer, which we hope will bring them comfort and peace throughout their lives.



## Easter Service



March 29th saw our KS2 children lead a beautiful and reflective Easter act of worship at St. Nicholas Church.



# New School Prayer



Dear Heavenly Father,

This is our school. Let it be filled with **LOVE**: love of one another, love of the world, love of ourselves and love of God.

Give us the confidence and **FAITH** that you know what is in our hearts even when we can't say the words.

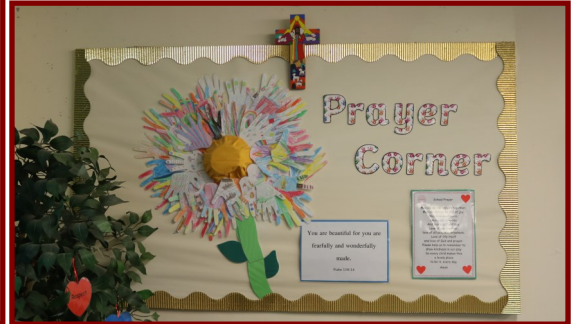
May we always treat ourselves and others with **KINDNESS** and **RESPECT** and make our school and our world a place of peace and happiness.

When we make mistakes, help us, Lord, to have the courage and power to apologise and the grace to **FORGIVE** both ourselves and others.

Help us to live our lives in your light and be **HONEST** and speak the truth.

Please let us always remember that we are unique children of God.

Amen



# Faith in Action



## OUR PARTNERS IN MOZAMBIQUE

Since 2014, we have supported an orphanage in Mozambique. Children and families at Lady Boswell's have been so generous in raising funds to support the children and leaders of the orphanage, and each year we celebrate Harvest in unison between our two countries.

**This year, prior to our Easter collection, we have raised**

**£1,556**

This year, we were involved with the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe box appeal, and raised money for the NSPCC and Red Nose Day.

