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Prayer Space – Easter 2017

Aim – to encourage children to think about forgiveness.

Commentary

4 children from year 5 working with Mr and Mrs Blackaby (Family Trust) and Phoebe Cameron (Foundation Governor) designed and constructed an Easter Prayer Space focussing on Forgiveness and the 'Big Questions'.



Situated in the School Hall, the Prayer Space was accessible to all children and used as part of lessons and for children to use during lunch breaks. It was available for parents after our Easter Service and many took the opportunity to interact with activities and find out more about the rationale of Prayer Spaces.

Over the 2 week period the Prayer Space was in situ, every child in the school (From 4 – 11 years old) interacted with the activities, the large majority did this independently, but the younger children were supported by their teachers or teaching assistants.



After speaking to the children, they reflected very positively about the Prayer Space. They really liked the opportunity to think about the people who they love and who love them. Their favourite activities included: the 'Forgiveness Stones', the 'Tree of Love' and the 'Big Question Wall'. The 'Big Questions' have been used as part of RE lessons and assemblies to enable deeper thinking about the key questions about God, his creations and why certain events and actions occur in the world.

We are looking forward to developing another Prayer Space at Christmas and we will make it a focal point of our celebrations.

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Headteacher and RE Subject Leader.