

The launch of our school values.

Last year the community of Cliftonville Primary School developed the new school ethos. The children, staff, governors and parents decided on **Independence, Safe and Settled, Resilience, Respect, Aspiration, Enjoying Learning and Community Unity**. These reflected what was really important to Cliftonville Primary School and what the school should be.

During the last two weeks, each year group has taken part in a ½ day workshop designed to highlight each of our seven values. Each value had a specific activity related to it. The children participated in all seven activities and then were able to discuss how these can be translated back into the classroom and their learning.

Independence



In this activity children learned how to tie their own laces and then more complicated knots. Independence is about being able to work something out on your own, to problem solve and not be dependent on others.

Safe and settled



Here, children were able to spot and discuss the differences between two classrooms and decide which one made them feel more safe and settled. This enables them to be better learners.

Resilience



To demonstrate resilience, the children had to learn and keep practising a number of tongue twisters. They had to show resilience by keeping on practising and never giving up even when they got it wrong. This value is important in the classroom. Making mistakes is part of learning. The important thing is never giving up.

Respect



To develop the idea of respect, the children in KS1 played 'Simon says'. This demonstrated the differences and similarities between us all and that we should all respect and be kind to each other. In KS2 this was developed into learning the 'RESPECT' rap- with actions. The concept of respect was discussed further to including respecting the environment as well as each other and how we can show respect during the school day.

Aspiration



For this value, each child had to think and discuss what they wanted to be or do when they are older. Having a dream or a goal to work towards is important. It drives us all to be the best that we can be.

Enjoying learning



To demonstrate enjoying learning, the children had to learn to say 'hello' in as many different languages as possible. When we enjoy our learning, we learn better and want to learn more. Some classes were able to learn to say hello in as many as 20 different languages in just 5 minutes.

Community Unity



In this activity, the children discovered our global community and where all the money that we raised last year went to in order to help. The children were then able to think about smaller communities – UK, England, Thanet, Margate, Cliftonville, school and home. Children then discussed who was in their community and how the people around them help them.

To finish, all the children were asked to think about each of these values in relation to their learning in the classroom and how they could be applied. This was then linked to the school's behaviour policy.