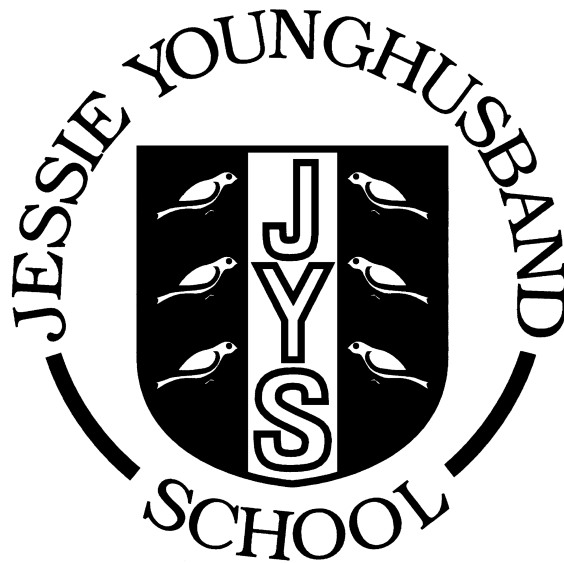


Jessie Younghusband School



Assembly and Collective Worship Policy

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INTRODUCTION

At Jessie Younghusband School we believe it is important to meet together daily as a community to reinforce community values.

Assemblies are coordinated by the Headteacher and a variety of themes and activities are used to ensure a high quality experience for all the children, regardless of family background.

AIMS

- * to provide an opportunity for pupils to meet together as a whole school;
- * to provide an opportunity to reflect on life;
- * to encourage and develop a sense of community in the school reinforcing the aims and ethos and celebrating the ideals and values of the school and wider community.

ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

The school holds daily assemblies where pupils meet together with others. These assemblies have a variety of aims, content and experience. They are closely linked with our RSE programme and the themes in assembly are followed up by teacher in class discussions.

This programme includes special occasions such as Remembrance Day, harvest and Easter. These themes are under-pinned by the school's commitment to SMSC including British values and the RSE curriculum. The school draws upon several schemes of work which reflects these areas and makes links across the curriculum. Assemblies are also a time when attitudes to learning and characteristics of good learners are discussed. We also weave the school values throughout our two- year programme.

Any collective worship that takes place in the school is of a broadly Christian character while the content will vary and will be more explicitly Christian on some days and less so on others. We call this time to reflect.

Assemblies will vary in the content but will normally contain a song, time for reflection and a story or information which will encourage personal and social development, understanding of communities, moral and spiritual aspects of life and a sense of awe and wonder about the world. They also promote our school values.

Weekly Programme

Monday	Whole school assembly led by the Headteacher or Deputy which introduces the theme for the week
Tuesday	Staff led assembly - continuing to develop the weekly theme
Wednesday	Singing assemblies for Key Stage 1 and 2
Thursday	Staff led assembly - continuing to develop the weekly theme
Friday	Whole school assembly is led by a member of SLT to celebrate children's achievements over the week.

Time Allocation

Assemblies are planned for about 15 / 20 minutes each day, including time for reflection and other matters of school interest.

WITHDRAWAL

When parents request that their child be withdrawn from assemblies, we ask that they meet with the Headteacher to clarify the beliefs and practices that they wish their child to be withdrawn from. In practice, for most assemblies a child would not need to be withdrawn, it may only be when specific visitors or themes are being covered. We aim to make assemblies inclusive for all as it is our belief that the most important element is coming together as a school community.

COMMUNITY

The school works with local Churches where appropriate and where their values reflect those of the school. Fundraising and charity events are often included in a whole school assembly. Visitors and new staff and pupils are always welcomed into assembly and introduced to the school community.