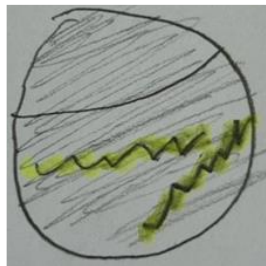


'Wow, Ow and Now'

To support with exploring and developing spirituality within Jennett's Park we explore a whole school approach of the language of spirituality, through 'wows, ows and nows' so it is easily accessible for all. It is invitational and every member of our school community is invited regardless of faith and world view making the experience relevant to all.

Most Christians believe that everyone is a valued creation, individually and uniquely made by God, like pots made by a potter-
'We are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand' (Isaiah 64:8).

However, a physical 'pot' can crack or break. Life experiences can make us feel cracked or broken and most Christians believe that whatever happens to them in life, God is with them and can mend the gaps, putting us back together, providing an experience of something 'beyond' the tangible and an opportunity to connect to the Divine Creator God.

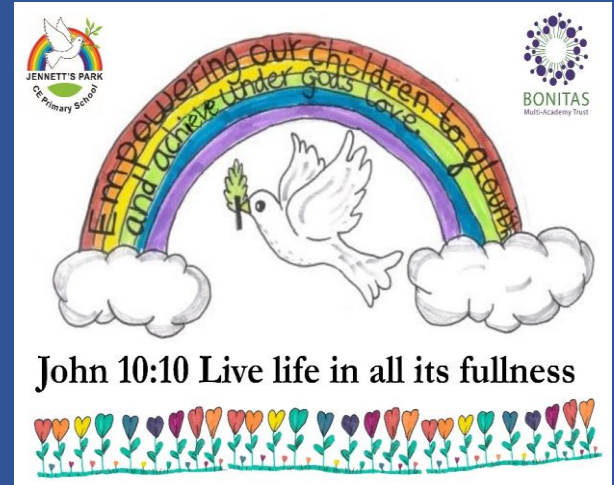


Spirituality

Jennett's Park CE Primary School is a community woven together to flourish and achieve. As a church school we are guided by the Christian faith and values, however, we are an inclusive environment that enables all children and adults to engage in spiritual development for all and to "live life in all its fullness". Spiritual development is interwoven throughout the curriculum, through prayer, stillness, worship and reflection. Spiritual reflection is not dependent on religious affiliation but aims to embrace fundamental questions about the meaning and purpose of life and to nurture ourselves, one another, the world around us and beyond.

These are some of the areas that contribute to our spiritual learning in school: -

- Collective Worship
- Candle Time
- SpaceMakers
- Mary's Garden
- Our Curriculum
- 'Wow, Ow and Now'



John 10:10 Live life in all its fullness

Jennett's Park Language of Spirituality

Take a 'Now' moment at Jennett's Park

To further develop Spirituality with children, staff and visitors (should they wish), we have created a dedicated reflection area where you are invited to be in the 'now' moment through stillness/ reflection and/or prayer.

Quiet and calm music can be played along with mindfulness activities if you wish.

TAKE A Now MOMENT

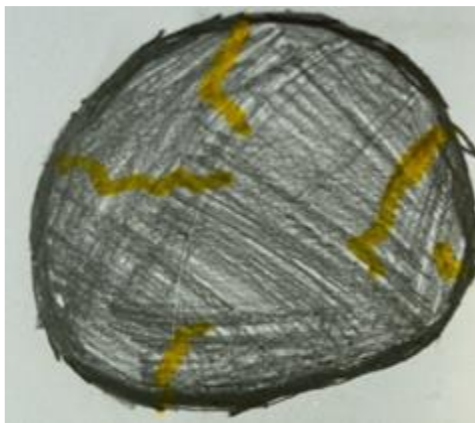


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The Golden Glue

Based on a pot and the cracks and meaningful moments, there is a spiritual opportunity. Kintsugi is a Japanese word meaning 'golden joinery'. It is the art of repairing and mending broken pottery and ceramics with golden glue creating unexpected beauty. The golden glue allows for the significant value of, the 'wows, ows and nows' of life by filling the gaps and repairing the cracks of life you are navigating your own spiritual journey.

We are all walking different paths in life and therefore our spirituality journeys are all different and unique to us. We are woven together at Jennett's Park to recognise different moments in our lives and to flourish on our spirituality journey.



The Wows, Ows and Nows

Cracks may be caused when something so extraordinary and breath-taking causing the pot to crack – the wows of life. Cracks may happen when difficulty and challenges arise which threatens the comfort of our 'norm'/ everyday life – the 'ows' of life. Cracks can also happen during the stillness and ordinary everyday – the 'nows' of life. In our physical everyday life, a moment of stillness or prayer can create a crack.

'WOWs, OWs and NOWs at Jennett's Park'

Finding the WOW Moments - These are the awe and wonder, breath taking moments. We ensure we have opportunities to share and celebrate achievements and excitement during our school day and week.

Helping with the OW Moments – Life is not always plain sailing and life can bring blows to both adults and children. Listening and talking to children about the 'ows' of life is important and ensuring children have the opportunity to be supported.

Noticing the NOW Moments – These moments are the everyday ordinary times, being present in the moment and being open and receptive to life. We value opportunities for stillness and reflection as part of our everyday life at Jennett's Park through Candle Time, SpaceMakers, assemblies and whenever the children feel and require a quiet time.