



VISION PROJECT AT STANION CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our Vision statement:

We are a nurturing school with close links to our community where all are inspired to achieve their best. The school provides education of the highest quality; our children embrace every opportunity, enabling all to flourish.

Everyone is valued and loved for their individual worth; we are inspired by Matthew's gospel, to 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All develop mutual respect based on compassion, honesty and trust.

Stanion Church of England Primary School:

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace- LIFE

At Stanion Church of England Primary School we have been working so creatively on a project linked to our vision. Our vision is at the heart of all we do, and we wanted to ensure that it is a vision that all stakeholders within our school and wider community know and understand.

We began our project with a letter home, asking families to finish the sentence, 'In my LIFE I love...'. Everyone was asked to respond creatively, and we received so many thoughtful and creative responses. All of these were collated into a book and shared throughout the school.



With our Ethos Committee and Church Council we planned a collaborative project to bring our vision to life, with the aim of creating a shared display that shows what our vision means to all of us.

Each class had a specific focus on one of our core values: LOVE, INSPIRE, FLOURISH, EMBRACE, and we considered how each of these impacts on LIFE at Stanion Primary School.

Love

Inspire

Flourish

Embrace

LIFE

LOVE

Our school ethos is underpinned by the gospel of Matthew, and the core Christian value of Love. We encourage our children to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your soul', and 'To love your neighbour as yourself.' In our school community, love forms the basis of all that we do.

In Reception, the children had the word LOVE as their focus. They considered things that they loved in their lives- including people and things in nature. They created two shared hearts, full of LOVE.

The children also read the story of 'The Good Samaritan', and talked about ways in which we can show love and care for one another.



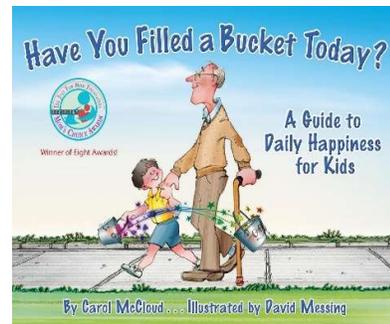
Their section of our shared display included all of their responses, and provides a visual reminder of the importance of showing and sharing LOVE in every part of our lives.

INSPIRE

Within our school community the word "inspire" is important to all of us. On one level, the word inspire means to encourage or motivate, which is something we aim to do with all children and adults within our community.

Inspire also means to "breathe life into" and this is especially relevant when it comes to children. We give them life but we need to constantly breathe meaning into their lives, and to inspire them to achieve to the highest level.

In Year 1 and 2, the children also talked about inspiring acts of kindness, and being inspired by others to be the best we can be. They read a story with the focus on filling an imaginary bucket with kindness and positivity, and they created their section of the display linked to being 'Bucket- Fillers'.



The children wrote kind words and thoughts, and filled their own 'buckets'- and those of others, too.



FLOURISH

Our school enables our pupils to grow as individuals, and to achieve to their full potential. We want our children to be adventurous, open-minded and caring. Flourishing in our school means that our children are confident, compassionate and courageous individuals who have opportunities to develop a whole range of skills and abilities, all of which are encouraged and valued.

In Year 3 and 4, the children considered the many ways in which they have flourished in LIFE since being at Stanion Primary School. They created their own 'Flourishing Tree', with illustrations on the 'fruit' to show all the many ways in which they have flourished. The tree is a visual reminder that all skills, abilities and achievements are valued within school.



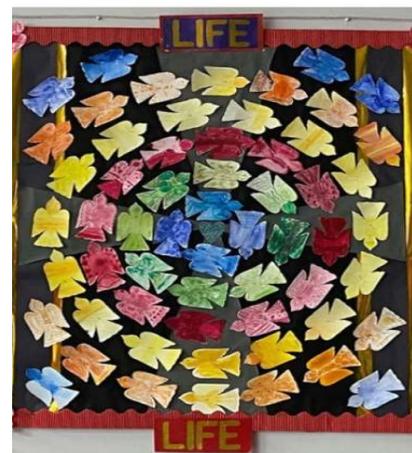
EMBRACE

Our children embrace those opportunities that are offered to them and they are supported by the community to excel as individuals. The school and wider community show care and understanding of each other, and embrace Jesus' promise of 'Life in all its fullness.' Our community show kindness and care towards each other, embracing and encouraging the unique achievements of each individual.

Year 5 and 6 looked at the symbol of the cross, as a symbol of God's love for us. We created 'Salvadoran'-style crosses, with illustrations to show all the things that we value and embrace in life, as well as our hopes for the future. All the children created a cross, and these are attached with Velcro, so that we can change the crosses that are on display.



The central part of the display includes a dove painted by every child. We talked about the importance of the dove within the Bible, as an embodiment of the Holy Spirit, as well as being a symbol of hope and peace. We use this part of the display as a peaceful and spiritual focus for reflection and calm during Collective Worship.



We feel very proud of all that we have achieved together, and our display shows the central importance of our vision as well as providing a visual focus for Collective Worship- and every part of our school day.



The display has already had a positive impact on our children:

"The display makes me feel calm and peaceful inside. I look at all the parts and I remember how important our values are. We are lucky to enjoy LIFE at Stanion Primary School."

"It shows how much we can achieve when we work together. LIFE at Stanion is good because we all work together and help each other to be the best we can be. The display shows all the things that we really value."

"Our project showed all the important things about LIFE in our school, especially caring about each other and showing love in all we do. It also shows you can do well in so many ways, it's not just about being good at one thing."

"The doves make me feel so peaceful. It is important sometimes to look at something beautiful and feel calm inside."

"I like to look at the doves when we have a prayer or reflection."

Mr Jones shared the positivity surrounding all aspects of this project:

“Children and staff thoroughly enjoyed reflecting on our vision and the impact it has on us all in our daily lives in school. As a result of the project, all stakeholders have a greater understanding of what to Love, Inspire, Flourish and Embrace means to us all. Using the creative responses from our children, Mrs Ettridge has created a beautiful display which will be used in our collective worship. Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported us to plan and deliver such an inspiring project.”

Amanda de Choisy, Chair of Governors, summed up the importance of the project:

“Once again, all the children enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of activities. In Reception Class we decorated two hearts which we stuck together with velcro; in the smaller one we drew a picture of someone we love, with the intention of giving it to them whilst keeping the larger one, which we decorated with our favourite colours and patterns. The children also drew their loved ones in the hearts for our new display, which is the vocal point in the Hall for everyone to view; The colours are so vibrant, and the doves give such a sense of movement, it feels as if it is coming to LIFE. This project has given us all a deeper understanding of the theological roots underpinning our School Vision and we will all continue to live out our Vision everyday but in a much more meaningful way.”

In our recent SIAMS report, the inspector noted that the school’s ‘strong Christian vision is embedded through the school’s core values of Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace’, and recognised that the vision is deeply embedded and lived out by the whole school community.

We feel that this project has enabled a deeper understanding of our vision for all stakeholders and we are delighted to share such a creative outcome with everyone.



Sandy Ettridge, November 2024.