



As part of our 'British Values' Curriculum, we would like to encourage children to discuss issues; these will be mainly, but not exclusively, school based issues. We may also discuss current news events that effect children's lives.

We would like to hold these circle times during one assembly time each half term or depending on how much we feel that it is needed.

These assemblies will also be an opportunity for 'houses' to get together and have a cross-year circle time. Each circle time will happen in a classroom and will happen instead of assembly that day. The class teacher will be responsible for 'leading' the circle time and explaining the agenda. The same agenda will be discussed in all classrooms. The class teacher will take notes of what the children have agreed and any comments that they would like to be heard by other staff / leadership / governors of Whytemead.

This year, the topics discussed and some of the things children said have been;

Autumn 2 2016

Keeping yourself safe at school

"Our friends keep us safe, if I fall over, my friends get a teacher to help me" Y5

"Safety Squirrels remind us to make safe choices" Y3

"Visitors wear a special badge so we know that they are allowed in here" Y2

"If someone does something you don't like, tell them to stop and tell an adult" Y1

"the person who keeps you safest is yourself, by making the right decisions" Y4

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Thinking of others - wants and needs

"We don't need to have fast food, but we choose to have it. You don't need it to live" Y3

"Needs are the basics, wants are not needed to survive" Y5

"Some people are too poor to have everything that they need, we can donate to charity to help" Y4

"You need education, without it, you won't find it easy to get a job so you won't get money. So you need education." Y2

"We could sponsor a child to help them to go to school" Y4

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Equating success and doing well with effort

"I almost gave up on art as there were so many people to draw, but my partner found a way around it and I felt extremely well when we'd finished" Y5

"Success is... when you feel good after trying really hard at something" Y3

"If you make mistakes, you learn from them" Y4

"Before I give up I look around at the resources on the walls to see if they will help me" Y4

"I felt successful when I came 8th because I had tried my best" Y4

"People who are successful say in their heads - I can do this!" Y1