

<p>Week Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</p>	<p>Core Value Focus Justice and Equality</p>
<p>Scripture Link “Learn to do right, seek justice and defend the oppressed” Isaiah 1:17.</p>	<p>Message from the Principal The events of recent weeks have made us all reflect on our role in creating a more equal society. The practice of Jesus makes clear his way of relating to all people without prejudices or discrimination and we work hard to model this at QEA. At Queen Elizabeth’s we are proud to be a diverse, inclusive academy where equality and equity are at the heart of our practice. When our pupils leave us we aim to have instilled within them a desire to fight for their own rights and for the rights of others, and to play a full part in creating a future society that delivers justice and equality for all.</p>
<p>Message from the Chaplain</p> <p>Equality is the equal value of every person and justice can be seen a the right treatment based on their value. Justice often also carries with it the idea of putting right a wrong.</p> <p>Today more than ever we need these Core Values. In a world where there is perfect justice and true equality each individual feels of equal value and treatment whoever they are and whatever their background. We all know what it feels to be around people who value us and treat us fairly. This is the world in which God wants us to live.</p> <p>The obvious fact is that we do not have this world today. That’s why we pray thy kingdom come! We don’t have that perfect world for 2 reasons to do with justice and equality. One reason is because of hate and lack of love towards that which is different. We can see people put in different categories such as race and nationality, religion or gender or what class we are from.</p> <p>The second reason is hate and lack of love towards that which we disagree with. I believe the first one is possibly more evil but the second one is more subtle. We all want justice for those we disagree with. Often this desire for justice can make us forget the equality we started out wanting. Jesus said love your enemy. What was he talking about?</p> <p>Jesus taught that everyone was equally created by God and that he loved everyone equally and taught that we should ‘love others as we love ourself’. However, what many people disagreed with Jesus was that everyone equally needed a Saviour. He taught that everyone needed forgiveness and that he was the only way. He claimed to be the Son of God that would give his life for our sins. Some thought he was not in his right mind, some thought he was a magician, some thought he was demon possessed some were offended he said he was the son of God, some were offended that he said they had sinned. These all lead up to Jesus being killed, for being different, for speaking out, for disagreeing.</p> <p>But God had a plan. Christians believe Jesus dying brought justice and equality together. Christians believe Jesus was punished for all our sins- justice and that the forgiveness he paid for with his life was for all the world – equality.</p> <p>Christians believe that the good news is that Jesus rose from the grave. That all the weight of the sin of the whole world even death itself couldn’t hold him down. Christians believe he is alive now and wants to fill us with his love to defend, serve, love and share the good news</p>	<p>Discussion points</p> <p><b><u>What are justice and equality?</u></b> What comes into your mind when you hear these words?</p> <p><b><u>Why are they good?</u></b> How do you feel when others treat you equally and fairly?</p> <p><b><u>Why are they difficult?</u></b> Why do you think there is injustice and inequality in the world? Are there people you struggle to treat equally and fairly?</p> <p><b><u>Why are they Important?</u></b> What would the world be like if we all treated people as we would like to be treated ourselves?</p> <p><b><u>Where do they come from?</u></b> What is your motivation for treating others fairly and equally? What beliefs do you have about the value of others? Where do these beliefs come from? What steps in school and in society can we take to value those who are different and also those who we disagree with?</p> <p>How do you respond to what happened to Jesus? Why do you think he gave himself up to be crucified willingly?</p>

of Jesus with those who are mistreated and oppressed. With his love for us we can overcome our differences and disagreements.

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What was it about Jesus that made so many reject and eventually kill him?

What are your reflections on the idea that Jesus loves us all equally but that we all need forgiveness from Him?