

Our Learning Values Journey

The beginning - how we started to develop our values

Our work on our core values began towards the end of the Autumn term 2015 when leaders at DBJA consulted with our school community to develop a shared vision for our school. After consulting with children, parents, Governors and staff we created 7 Learning Values which have underpinned everything we have done at DBJA for the last few years. These values were: **Honesty, Pride, Love, Kindness, Determination, Tolerance and Respect.**

The review - where did we want to take our values?

We live in an ever-changing world and it seems fitting that we refresh our values to ensure that they support the evolving needs of our school and reflect the kind of world we want the children to live in. Therefore, using the principles of Values Based Education we have recently updated our learning values in consultation with the children and staff.

Values-based Education (VbE) is a successful worldwide transformational movement for positive change. VbE empowers educational settings to underpin their life and curriculum with universal positive human values such as respect, integrity, honesty and compassion.

<https://www.valuesbasededucation.com/>

The outcome of developing such an ethical vocabulary is ethical intelligence. VbE encourages children to be vibrant, to be successful and able to grow from the challenges they meet with increasing resilience. We will be celebrating a new value each half term but we will integrate all our new values into the children's learning.

Our new learning values are:

Kindness, Teamwork, Acceptance, Trust, Independence, Respect, Honesty, Determination, Forgiveness, Happiness, Self – Worth and Resilience

So far we have:

Celebrated Kindness by participating in World Kindness day and looked at random acts of kindness.

Celebrated Teamwork by working together in all of our lessons.

To celebrate Acceptance, we incorporated this into our Spiritual and Cultural week and looked at different cultures across the world.

We celebrated Trust and our teachers have even shown this by allowing us to walk in from playtimes without lining up.

The learning values for the academic year 2021-22 were:

Autumn 1 - Honesty

Autumn 2 - Determination

Spring 1 - Forgiveness

Spring 2 - Happiness

Summer 1 - Self - worth

Summer 2 - Resilience