

School Council met to discuss our vision statement and think about what this means to them as School Council members and members of our school community.

School Council members felt that our school welcomes all, every morning adults will open the door and say good morning on their arrival to school. They commented that adults in school greet them with a smile which helps to make them feel welcome. The children considered how their unique talents and gifts are celebrated and developed throughout school. They emphasised that we all have lots of different talents which are nurtured through prayer and praise, clubs such as orchestra, sports clubs and having the opportunity to perform and show these talents during Mass, ensemble, plays, concerts and sports fixtures to name a few, School Council members felt there was a great variety in what they are taught in school which also helps to nurture talents in subjects such as History and Design and Technology. As well as providing Arts Week and Science Week to further enhance our talents and skills.

School Council acknowledged that we have many ways in which we can come to know Jesus better through our RE lessons, Collective Worship, Mass and daily prayers to name a few. We have very close links with our church and have regular opportunities to visits as well as Father Jude coming to school. We even had the opportunity to meet the Bishop last year!

The children within School Council could name a variety of different ways that school and home connect in order to build strong relationships with parents and carers. Throughout the year parents have the opportunity to attend celebration assemblies, Mass, concerts, parent share afternoons, Fayres that link with our wonderful PTA group Friends of St Mary's (FOSM). We learn about

nurturing our relationships through our regular PSHE and RSHE lessons, encouraging positive play and friendships with the support of play leaders and improving our relationship between school, home and church to become one large community with our faith at the centre of what we do.

We believe our school to be inclusive as we accept everyone regardless of their faith, culture and background, we accept and nurture everyone! We celebrate neurodiversity through our assemblies, links within our lessons and dedicate a week to learn more about what it means to be neurodiverse.

With God at the centre of all we do, we have regular opportunities to learn about the Gospel Values during Collective Worship, Mass and RE sessions. This allows us to grow closer to God.

School Council felt that this Vision Statements reflects our aims and goals as a school, driven and motivated by our faith.