



Callands Community Primary School



At Callands, we are a Bucket Filling School. We have used the book: *Have you filled a bucket today?* By Carol McCloud to develop an ethos of kindness. The children know various ways that they can fill each other's buckets with kindness and that being unkind is dipping into each other's buckets. It also forms the basis of our Anti-Bullying Policy.

Every child has a little, colourful metal bucket and throughout their day, and during one allocated session of Collective Worship, they write messages of kindness to each other.

As a staff, part of our inset day usually involves Bucket Filling and each staff member across the school has a bucket too - both in the class and in the staff room or office etc. We regularly write notes of kindness, as well as showing kind acts towards each other.

The children collate their Bucket Notes over the year in a Bucket Filling Book and can keep them to reflect on their year of kindness.

We also have Bucket Filler of the Week as our focus for celebration/ Star of the Week in Summer - where a child from each

class, who has shown exceptional kindness, is awarded the Bucket Filler of the Week certificate.

We celebrate and acknowledge World Kindness Day in November, we have a week of collective worship in at least two half terms, dedicated to kindness, as well as random acts of kindness. Kindness is one of our core school Community Values. As a Bucket Filling school, kindness is rigorously promoted and the comments in our OFSTED report commend the way it is promoted in our school.

Each class has a kindness book, where they share kind things they have done for others or what other people have done to/for them.

We also have a kindness display board so that they can take suggestions about being kind and also write their name next to the kind acts they have done for others.

As a school, we have a charity annual plan where each class has a charity which they raise money for - both national and local charities. These take place on specific days over the year.

Children regularly visit our local care facility for the elderly to read them stories and sing songs.

Kindness is a key part of our whole school reflection (prayer) and because it is intertwined into everything we do at Callands, I wanted the staff and children to have some recognition for this. So, while trying to find if there was an award etc for being a kind school, I came across Kindess UK.

We would be thrilled if you think we would be able to have a Kindess UK Award.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our school.

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