

Spiritual development at Etchells

Here are some examples of what happens at Etchells to facilitate our children's Spiritual development...

- Bible Encounter assemblies
- Visits from those who practice a range of faiths
- RE lessons
- Recognition of major world religions' holidays, e.g. Eid, Easter and Diwali
- Visits to local religious buildings, e.g. Heald Green Mosque and Long Lane Church
- A traditional Christmas service at the local church for UKS2 children
- Circle Time and Show & Tell
- Class reflection time on Modern British Values
- Meditation CDs and a range of relaxing music played in class
- Through PSHE, children get to understand themselves – as people and as learners. They know their own special qualities, develop their self-esteem and understand their strengths and weaknesses
- Teachers provide opportunities for children to be imaginative and creative
- We encourage a sense of awe and wonder in the beautiful world around us

Moral development at Etchells

Here are some examples of what happens at Etchells to facilitate our children's Moral development...

- Circle Times in class to provide a forum for discussing issues and sharing children's ideas of right and wrong
- Watching BBC Newsround in classes to equip children with information about world events to allow them to reflect
- Our school's High 5 Rules help our children to think about which behaviours are right
- Golden Time reinforces children making good, moral choices
- Children face age-appropriate consequences for their choices; this may mean being restricted from areas/activities in EYFS to detentions in KS2
- Classes have areas where children can calm down and reflect before acting
- KS1 children have access to a Compliments Board to reinforce making good choices
- Pupil Voice—such as through the Teaching & Learning Council—gives our children responsibility and ownership
- Celebration assemblies
- Bronze, silver and gold merit badges
- MP visits to our UKS2 children
- Our school Eco Team care for our environment

Social development at Etchells

Here are some examples of what happens at Etchells to facilitate our children's Social development...

- Playground squaddies
- Reading buddies
- PTA events
- Talk partners, Speaking & Listening exercises and class debates
- Residential trips, e.g. to Robinwood and Castleton
- Manchester City disability awareness training
- Drama, such as: role play, hot-seating and conscience alley
- Children give out fruit snacks at playtime
- Trips and visits
- Charity events, such as Red Nose Day and Macmillan coffee mornings
- Links to Kingsway School, e.g. the spelling bee contest, French lessons, visiting Kingsway to use their D&T facilities
- Extra-curricular activities
- Sharing homework completed with class
- Inviting parents in to make Eid cards, to help with gardening and to hear readers
- Friendship skills and anti-bullying covered through PSHE lessons and consistently reinforced by all staff in school

Cultural development at Etchells

Here are some examples of what happens at Etchells to facilitate our children's Cultural development...

- Celebration of current events, e.g. Queen's birthday and the Olympic Games
- Exploring the values which underpin our society through Circle Time
- Learning about those who have helped shape our nation: William Shakespeare, Winston Churchill and Dr. Barnardo, to name a few.
- Our accepting and friendly school ethos supports cultural development
- Children learn History to understand who we are today
- Geography, RE and PSHE lessons give children knowledge of global cultural differences; our school ethos supports children in being curious, open-minded and accepting of these
- Sharing food from different cultures and countries around the world
- Music and Art lessons allow us to explore our own and other cultures; visiting artists have enriched this aspect of our cultural development
- Parents have come into school to share aspects of their cultures, e.g.: Mendhi hand painting and Eid celebrations
- Children are encouraged to share their experiences of other cultures and countries through Show & Tell sessions
- In EYFS, parents even donated clothing and other items to illustrate different cultures, which are on display for all to see!