

Across the federation we now have some brilliant work on display, showing the fabulous talents of all of the children. Do pop in and see it!



We hope you agree that we have made an inspiring start, launching our new vision statement:

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire"

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As a federation we now have a new vision statement:

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire"

(St Catherine of Siena)

This vision statement reflects the direction in which we aim to lead our school communities.

Our recent vision launch events were so fabulous that we wanted to share them with you.

The Vision

We recently considered how we could demonstrate our aims and Christian values by using a catchy strapline which will inspire pupils, staff and the wider school community.

We have chosen the following quote, initially written by St Catherine of Siena, to be our vision statement:

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

We felt that this encompassed what we want for our children – to encourage them to have aspirations and, through our broad curriculum and by valuing their many talents, allow them to succeed in whichever direction their life takes them.

We also felt that this vision statement supports the Church of England Vision for Education which is based on John 10:10 'Life in all its fullness'.

Our vision will help us to think about who God wants us to be, make good choices guided by the wisdom of the church, and consider how we support and serve others.



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The children used their baking skills to produce some delicious sunflower cakes. They measured, mixed and baked the ingredients to produce the cakes. The sunflowers were used in the recipe as the children had looked at one of St Catherine of Siena's quotes where she compared her faith in God to a Sunflower: *'since its gaze is ever fixed above and turned towards the glorious sun of divine truth'*.



At the end of the week, the children worked towards a display, which shows the world surrounded by flames. On yellow flames, the children recorded in words and drawings some of the skills, talents and interests that they feel makes them who they are. On orange flames, the children wrote about some of the beliefs and values that are important to them. On red flames, the children expressed some of their hopes, dreams and aspirations for the future. They thought of ways that they might influence the world around them for the better or to inspire others.



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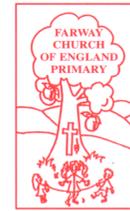
During the day, children carefully sculpted either a clay candle holder or tile using a selection of clay tools. They decorated their tiles or lamp holders and etched the new vision statement onto them.



The clay pieces are to be glazed in different colours, and fired in our kiln. A few of the pieces will be selected to go on display in the Collective Worship Area - as a reminder to the children to always strive to be the best that they can be!



Some of the children considered how their fingerprints and hands are unique and special. They cut out the shape of their hands and wrote on the fingers about the special things that make them unique creations of God. These are part of our display in the entrance hall of the school.



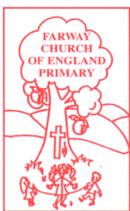
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In mixed age groups, the children unpicked the vision statement and considered what God means us to be - and exactly how we might set the world on fire.

After some very detailed and informative discussion and reflection, the children soon reached the conclusion that God simply wants us to be the best version of ourselves.



Also, whilst we might not literally be burning down buildings, we can use the different and unique gifts and talents that God has so graciously given each and every one of us, to make our mark in the world and be the best that we can be!



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Through a series of creative activities, the children have been carefully considering what gifts and talents they have and how they might use them, to be the best that they can be!

The children made Modroc figures of themselves, showing off their talents - be it running, jumping, dancing or playing football.



They also made models of the world in a jar, with fire glitter to show how they could set the world on fire.



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At Branscombe we had a fabulous action-packed time, celebrating the launch of our new Vision Statement!

First the children thought about a quality or skill that they have and want to develop, so that in the future they believe they could 'set the world on fire'. The children drew their designs onto paper before drawing them onto the large piece of fabric.

The children used a mixture of fabric paints and fabric pastels to add colour to their designs. Some of the older children helped to cut out flames from felt to decorate the 'world' which is at the centre of the wall hanging.



Although the children were working on their own design they had to co-operate well with their friends as they were working in close proximity to one another and had to negotiate using the space. The final piece is both colourful and eye catching and shows the variety of skills, qualities and aspirations that our children have.

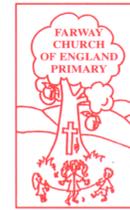


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St Catherine compared her faith in God to a sunflower '*since its gaze is ever fixed above and turned towards the glorious sun of divine truth*' so the children talked about this and decided to plant their own sunflower seed, to watch it grow in the Summer as a sign of their faith in God.



As this is a whole-school vision, we invited parents to share in our day. At the end of the day, the children performed a new worship song that talks about our new vision strapline, and they told the parents all about St Catherine. They also had the chance to enjoy a delicious 'flame cupcake' made by the children to remind us to 'set the world on fire' with our talents!



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The children made fire stained glass windows to represent the fire they could create if they were '*who God meant us to be*'.



They also decorated candle jars with images of St Catherine of Siena, these will hold a battery tea light. The children will look at the candle flickering inside the jars and reflect on the meaning of the words of St Catherine.



Broadhembury Church of England Primary School

To begin the new year, the children and staff of Broadhembury came together to launch our brand new vision statement which we believe should be in our hearts and minds each and every day at school –

'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire' (St Catherine of Siena).

We talked about the statement and what it really meant to us, that each one of us has a passion, talent or skill that God gave us for a special reason, these are all different as we are all individuals and we can use these to 'set the world on fire' by sharing them and helping others.

The children were lucky enough to receive a wristband with our new vision statement on to remind them every day. They were very excited about these!



Throughout the day, the children worked together in mixed age groups to do a variety of activities to celebrate the new vision and understand it further.



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The children learnt a special song 'Set The World On Fire' by Britt Nicole, with actions, which talks about following your dreams and using God's strength and power to do good for others.



They also created a beautiful textile representation of St Catherine and her life using lots of different materials which now hangs in our collective worship area.

It was important to us that the children understood why St Catherine said *'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire'* and the life she led in accordance with this. The children learnt about

her lifestyle, how she used her gifts of helping those in need and serving others and linked many of her lifestyle choices to bible verses, for example: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* 1 Peter 4:10.

