# Inter Faith Week 2017















### What Is Inter Faith Week?

Inter Faith Week is an opportunity to bring people with different beliefs closer together. It is a chance to learn about one another and build positive relationships. Events will take place all over the country.



#### It's Good to Be Different

Within society, people don't always get along, and sometimes people forget that it is other people's differences that make them unique and special. It is diversity that makes our world more interesting.



## Fascinating Religious Similarities

Different religions have more similarities than you'd think!

Most religions have a holy book

The Bible, the Torah and the Qu'ran have some of the same stories in Buddhism, Sikhism and Islam all forbid alcohol

Christianity, Catholicism and Judaism use alcohol in their services Christians, Jews, Sikhs and Muslims all believe there is one God.

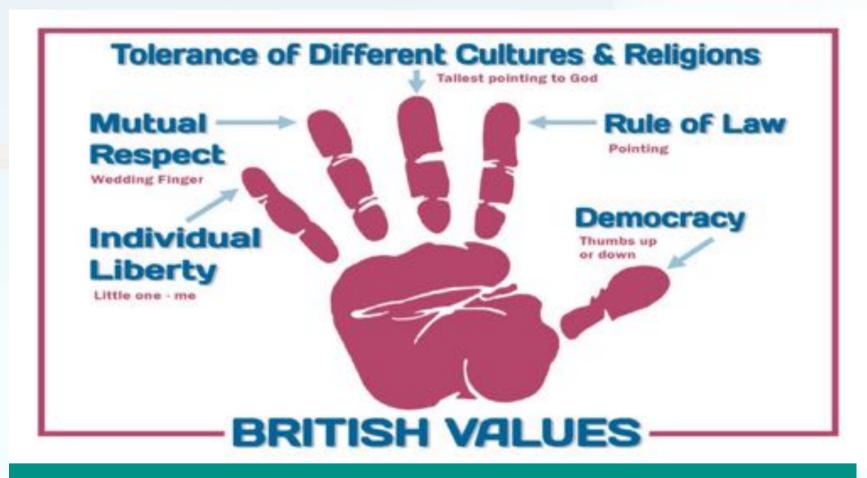
Hindus and Sikhs celebrate Diwali!

Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Catholics all fast to feel closer to their faith.



#### **British Values**

In Britain, we have five British values



When we celebrate interfaith week, we celebrate a lot of these British values!

#### **British Values**



Individual Liberty – Your right to practice whichever religion you want to (or no religion!)

Mutual Respect – Your right to be treated fairly and in return treat others fairly.

Tolerance – Allowing others to practice their religion as they wish and not discriminating against them.

Rule of Law – The Equality Act protects everyone from discrimination.

### Discrimination

When a person or group of people treats someone differently because of their beliefs, age or gender, this is called **discrimination**. At our school, we hold a variety of events to celebrate that we do not discrimate against others.



Inter Faith Week aims to reduce discrimination by celebrating diversity and teaching people to respect other people's beliefs.

## **Dealing with Discrimination**

If you thought you were being bullied or discriminated against at school, what would you do?

What events has we held in school to celebrate that we do not discriminate against others?

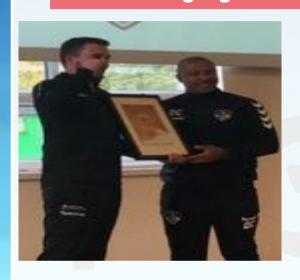


## **Alex Park against Discrimination**

Antibullying Week

Peace Week

Anti-Hate Week







Holocaust Memorial Day

Rock your Socks for Downs Syndrome Great Big Get Together







#### Alex Park's Interfaith Week

This week for Interfaith week there are a few things you could choose to do:

- 1) Ask your teachers for the religions information mat It will give you some key facts on the six largest religions, and you can see if there are any similarities. You could make a poster on one of the religions you didn't know a lot about!
  - 2) Look out for religious symbols on the playground There will be a set of different religious symbols on the playground. Ask your teachers for the treasure hunt sheet at break or dinner and see if you can find them all!
- 3) Have a go at the religions word search! Do you know all the religions there?

Religions can work together. In the news, there have been lots of different stories which show people of different faiths protecting places of worship, to allow those with a particular faith to celebrate it in their special place.



Jews protect a mosque Muslims protect a church

Catholic priests offer santury for Muslim families who were unable to go to mosque

Christians protect Muslims



Religions can work together. This picture shows a football team huddling around a Muslim player, to allow her the privacy to fix her hijab after it fell off during the game. The team was made up of people from various faiths.



"Women helping other women fix their crowns! What a beautiful act of respect and kindness"



Barb Kucera What a heart warming story!

Doesn't matter your religious beliefs to show compassion!



Religions can work together. In London there is a community group called **Religions Working** Together, which is a safe place for all religions to meet and help their community. They focus on keeping their community clean and safe!



Religions can work
together.
This is the House of
Religions, a building
in Switzerland which
has eight different
places of worship
under one roof
including Christian
church, Hindu temple.
Buddhist shrine and a
mosque.



#### Reflection

Can you finish these sentences for us?

Remember...

If someone looks, acts, behaves or sounds different to me, I will....

Everyone deserves to...

We all have the right to...

We are all special and unique in our own way and deserve to be treated with respect whatever way we choose to live our lives.

