



## Global Action

St.Barnabas School is committed to promoting the children's understanding of global issues and causes. Our school vision is to provide opportunities to enable our pupils to become global citizens.

We are committed to promoting opportunities for our pupils to :

- explore similarities and differences between their lives and the lives of people in various communities around the world
- identify some ways in which their lives are connected with the lives of people in places across the globe
- explore 'big questions' about suffering, inequality and justice
- discuss concepts and issues of injustice and disadvantage, and exploitation of the natural world
- encounter relevant voices and stories that aid understanding of poverty and injustice

Throughout the school year pupils have the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment and 'courageous advocacy' to global issues in a range of ways including leading worship, developing fund raising opportunities and promoting global issues within their school community.

### **What is a courageous advocate?**

A courageous advocate is someone who champions a cause which is special and meaningful to them.

At St Barnabas CE Primary School we have a strong emphasis on encouraging our pupils to become courageous advocates, not just locally, but nationally and globally.

At some point in life we will all face challenges and need support to help us overcome these barriers. We teach our children that it is important to help others when we can no matter who they are, where they come from or what challenges they may face. We teach this through the teachings of the bible and learning about other courageous advocates. Our Christian values and carefully planned opportunities in our curriculum ensure that the children regularly discuss and debate the big issues, to challenge injustice and to engage in activities that can bring about change are always present.

**“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”** Proverbs 31:8-9

It is important for our children to appreciate their role as part of a community; to take responsibility, to be able to look after themselves & to foster an understanding of their importance, impact and influence in the world.

### **Opportunities to be a Courageous Advocate**

Throughout the year, the children have the opportunity both independently and within their class to demonstrate their courageous advocacy.

- Young Leaders Awards in Year 5
- Supporting a range of Local and Global charity events such as Christian Aid Week, The Children's Society, Red Nose Day, Children in Need, Local Food Banks.
- Whole school challenges such as the Coat of Hopes. [Please click here to find out more.](#)
- Fair Trade initiatives to support the work of Fair Trade Farmers and trades people.

