

# 18.09.2023 Assembly: Democracy

Whilst the children came into assembly, I asked them to try and recall the 5 British Values and what they mean. Their recall was fantastic and they gave some very detailed answers about: The Rule of Law, Liberty, Respect, Tolerance and Democracy. One person even argued the case for 'celebrating diversity' becoming a 6<sup>th</sup> British Value!

Today we focussed on democracy and its importance in our lives. We examined the origins of the word democracy and how it plays a part in our everyday lives. I asked the children what democracy meant to them.



The word “democracy” comes from two Greek words that mean people (demos) and rule (kratos).

The children fed back about elections and what it means to vote. Our children spoke about voting to make things ‘fair’ and make sure everyone is ‘included’. The children were able to speak about parliament and how the MP’s there represent us.

We then watched a short video together; it was two children interviewing Emmeline Pankhurst’s Granddaughter. Emmeline Pankhurst fought for the right for women to get the vote, it was a movement she founded known as the Suffragette Movement. She won and as a result Pankhurst is widely regarded as one of the most important figures in modern British history.

We finished by thinking about the following points for reflection:

We can only be truly fair if we listen to other people's opinions, thoughts and feelings.

Voting only works if everyone has a voice.

Make time to listen to other people today and think about what they want too.