

Courage doesn't always roar, sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try tomorrow.

*Mary Anne Radmacher*



Can you remember a time when you thought I've just got to keep trying?



Courage is not the absence of fear. It is acting in spite of it.

*Mark Twain*

Everyone feels scared sometimes. Have you ever overcome your fears and achieved something that you are proud of?



If you have the courage to begin, you have the courage to succeed.

*David Viscott*



Do you need courage to make a start at something new?



A person cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.

*Andre Gide*



When did you last step outside your comfort zone to try something new?

Archbishop Dr Rowan Williams describes a school's Christian Values as

*'What is distinctive about a Christian based school. Something to do with ethos atmosphere and the way in which people feel valued.'*

At Kibworth these values are integral to all our daily lives, how we teach and what our children learn. Our school is a place where:

- \* Children and adults alike are engaged on a life-time's journey
- \* Each person is uniquely valued and their gifts and potential are nurtured and developed
- \* Each member of the school knows he or she belongs to all the other members and accepts the responsibility of caring for one another and for God's world.

Our aim is to provide a safe environment in which a child is valued and in which a child can find security, acceptance, reassurance and an opportunity to develop their potential. We aim to create a caring and happy community in which Christian values are upheld.

*We teach religion all day long  
We teach it in arithmetic by accuracy  
We teach it in language by learning to say what we mean—yea, yea or nay, nay  
We teach it in history by humanity  
We teach it in geography by breadth of mind  
We teach it in handicraft by thoroughness  
We teach it in astronomy by reverence  
We teach it by good manners to one another, and by truthfulness in all things.  
We teach pupils to build Christianity out of the actual relationships in which they stand to their teachers and their school fellows.*

# Courage

*"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. : Joshua 1:9*



## Our Christian Values



**Kibworth CE**  
Primary School

A place of discovery and friendship

# The courage of David

One day as David the shepherd boy was carrying lunch to his older brothers in the Israelite army he heard an angry booming voice thunder across the fields. "I am Goliath, and I dare you to pick someone to fight me." The voice was coming from the Philistine ranks and went on taunting the Israelites and their God. As David grew closer he could see the giant Goliath strutting up and down. He could also see the terrified faces of King Saul and his soldiers. This made David very angry and more than a little ashamed. He decided he must go and see the king. "I will fight that bully Goliath!" David announced. It was all that King Saul could do not to laugh out loud. "You are just a boy David, a small boy. Goliath has been a mighty soldier all his life." "But when the wild animals attack my father's sheep," protested David, "I fight them off with my sling and staff. I have killed many lions and bears and I will do the same to this wicked Philistine. Do not fear for God is on our side." King Saul was taken aback. "Well, I suppose you should be given a chance. At least let me lend you some armour and a sword." But the armour was heavy and David was not used to it. He returned the armour to Saul and instead picked up five smooth stones from the stream and marched out courageously to face Goliath. The giant laughed scornfully at the small boy and shouted curses at him.



David did not flinch. "This very day you will be defeated and everyone here will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save his people." As Goliath lowered his shield and aimed his spear at the boy, quick as a flash, David loaded a stone into his sling, spun it around above his head and sent it spinning through the air towards Goliath. The stone struck the giant on his forehead and he crumpled to the ground. Goliath was dead. There was a moment of stunned silence before the whoops and cheers from the Israelite army echoed around the hillsides. This was a day no-one would forget, when the courage of a shepherd boy saved a nation.

## What are we doing in school to learn about Courage?

We are encouraging our children to show bravery through trying new experiences and pushing themselves to achieve their potential.

### Children of Courage

Each year awards are presented to children throughout the country who have shown outstanding bravery and courage in overcoming huge challenges in their lives.

Collect a nomination form from the office and create a nomination for a child that you know and believe should be recognised for their courage.

Remember, there are different kinds of courage and different ways of showing bravery.

The nominations will be displayed in the Values Book at school.

## Courage at home

Think together about Words of Wisdom

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear."

*Nelson Mandela*

## Talk about COURAGE together...

Being courageous can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of courage to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find courage to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find courage?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the courage that they have shown?

