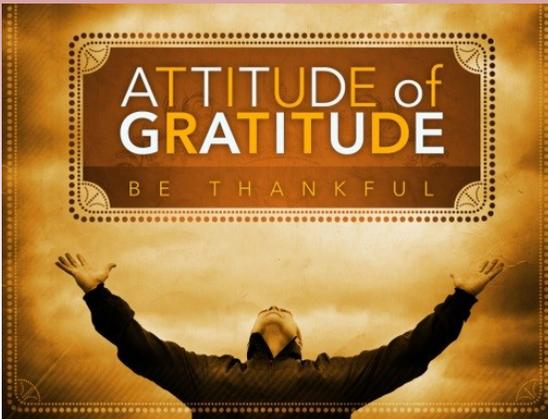


Our Christian Family Value for

May is ...

Gratitude



As May is our month of gratitude I would like to thank the people who help the school to be the great place that it is. Firstly the wonderful children of Mordiford CE Primary who make the school such a joyful place to work, the dedicated staff who's aim is to enable our children to reach their goals, the PTFA and Governing Body who work tirelessly to support school life, parents, grandparents and friends of the school who support us in so many ways and to my amazing family who help and inspire me every day.

Who are you thankful for? How many people help your family to be the wonderful unit that it is? If you write a list like mine how many people would be on it?

Remember to say thank you to people and smile to show your appreciation of them and all that they do for you. Best wishes, Miss Finney.

Read the Bible story of Jonah, it teaches us about obedience, willingness of spirit and gratitude for God's patience.



Family Values Activity

We have so much to be thankful for, the beauty that surrounds us, our good health, family and friendships and the list goes on. It is important that we take the time to express our gratitude for all that we have. We would like you to have a go at designing your own Wordle (like the one above) which displays the things that you are grateful for. We will display them on our values board. Each Wordle design will earn 10 Points for your House...remember the Family values house points really help the house point weekly totals and go towards the termly treat!

A Story With A Moral....Being Thankful.

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way. I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it."

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind.

Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral: Be thankful for what you have...Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile.

"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough."

— [Meister Eckhart](#)

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."

— [A.A. Milne](#), [Winnie-the-Pooh](#)