

## Promoting British Values at Grove Park Hear Our Voices Project 2017

At Grove Park, our core values underpin the school ethos which is linked to our symbol of the TREE; Trust, Respect, Empathy and Enthusiasm. These are characteristics we foster in our children and which staff promote throughout the school. A personal growth model of teaching drives our vision, whereby we educate our children intellectually, socially and morally, providing them with the skills, knowledge and wisdom to be the best they can be.

As part of our commitment to our personal growth model, we promote the British Values of: democracy, individual liberty, rule of law and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. In 2017 we took part in the 'Hear our Voices' project. The project was centrally funded and its aim was to make children and their parents aware of the dangers and impact of bullying, isolation, extremism and e-safety. The project also addressed what to do if concerned about being drawn into any type of extreme or anti-social behaviours.

Year 5 took part in two drama workshops looking at British values and contributed to a poem which they then read out at a performance. The performance was a combination of three short plays devised, written and performed by students from Cranford Community College and the poetry readings of Year 5 here at Grove Park. Following the performance there was a brief Q&A session led by the Assistant Head from Cranford Community College, Alan Fraser.

The experience was really positive for Year 5 and they thoroughly enjoyed working with the theatre company 'Bounce' and learnt a great deal from the plays performed by the older students. It was also really fulfilling to work alongside a local school on such a powerful project.

