



Bentley CE Primary School Peace Poles

July 2020

What is a 'Peace Pole'?

- Watch Mrs Pinchess' Collective Worship on 7th July to see some examples
- We have combined two ideas – one from the diocese and one from our link to The Gambia
- We would like you to make your own Peace Pole
- You can decorate it however you wish!
- All you need is a stick – about 1 metre long



The History of Peace Poles



- The idea of peace poles was first created by Japanese philosopher and spiritual leader, Masahisa Goi in 1955. The first Peace Pole to be constructed outside of Japan was in 1983. The Peace Pole Project today is a world wide society. There are over 250,000 around the world.
- A Peace Pole is an international symbol and monument to Peace. They are created to remind us to think, speak and act in the spirit of peace and unity.
- You can look up Peace Poles on the internet to see some amazing and beautiful designs from around the world!
- Each Peace Pole has “May Peace Prevail on Earth” written on it.

Peace pole examples around the world...



Gambian inspiration

- Mrs Pinchess was really inspired by the Gambian creativity when she visited Sitahuma. People there are so creative in using all sorts of materials to make fences. Using sticks is a free resource to make a fence and the Bentley gardening team and I have been thinking how we could use this idea at our school...



COVID Lockdown 2020

- The diocese wanted the Year 6 Leavers to create a class Peace Pole to bring to Winchester cathedral in the summer term.
- Sadly this event had to be cancelled and, even more sadly, our Year 6 class were not in school.
- Mrs Pinchess had a big think...we are a COMMUNITY who works well together. We are creative and COURAGOUS in thinking up new ideas. We are best together reflecting our school values and showing God our LOVE in what we do with pride. So, what could we do about this as a school???
- The ideas merged...Let's create Peace Poles made of sticks and get **everyone** involved!

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- We need YOU to create your own Peace Pole (or Peace Stick?)
- You could make your own one

OR

- Your whole family could make one each
- Bring them into school and we will use them to create a beautiful fence around our wild flower garden. It will become a Peace Garden and remind us of how important it is to be and think and be at peace **together.**
- We hope you will all get involved 😊

Step no. 1

- Find a good stick or piece of wood. You could look out for a stick on a family walk – it doesn't need to cost any money!

OR

- You might have a friend or someone in your family who enjoys woodwork who could help you make a Peace pole.



Step no. 2

- Think about your design. You might want to do a sketch.
- Decide how you will write 'May Peace Prevail on Earth' on the Peace Pole – what pen or paintbrush will you use? Which font do you want? Will you write it in capitals or lower case letters?
- You might see what paints and decorations you have. Think like a Gambian and try to be creative with what you have got, rather than buying anything. Bottle tops, buttons, ends of paints, wool or ribbons would all work really well.
- How will your Peace Pole reflect you and what does your design mean to you about Peace?

Step no. 3

- Start working on your stick
- You might need some adult help to cut off nobbly bits or sand it down with sandpaper
- You might need to paint on several layers of paint
- Add on your decorations and Peace designs – you might need some adult help with the glue
- Don't forget to write on "May Peace Prevail on Earth"
- Once it is finished let it dry

Step no. 4

- Show your Peace Pole to someone in your family and explain your design and what it means to you
- Take a photo of you with your Peace Pole
- You will keep this photo and memory forever but you will give your stick to school to create our wonderful Peace garden fence
- You can drop your Peace Pole off at school on Wednesday 22nd or even after the holidays (we will put out a bin in the staff car park if you'd like to drop yours there on a school day before the end of term – please remember to socially distance when you drop it off!)

Good luck and enjoy your creativity
We can't wait to see your Peace Pole!