

Llangrove CE Academy



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Our Vision

At Llangrove CE Academy, our **Roots** are in the values of faith and knowledge that enrich life's journey. We value the world we share, working together as a family to achieve our best; learning with confidence to fulfil our dreams.

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As a school and community, we are known and characterised by the children we serve. And just as our school is known by our **Fruit**, the children are known by theirs: expressing who they are as individuals; contributing to society, with dreams of a bright future in modern-day Britain and beyond.

"A tree is known by the kind of fruit it bears." – Matthew 12:33

At Llangrove CE Academy we aim for our fruit to be born through:

Achievement
Creativity
Opportunity
Resilience
Nurture
Service

Achievement

Root: 'And whatever you do, do it heartily, as for the Lord and not for men' (Colossians 3:23)

The Bible reminds us that we are made in God's image. Through him, we are equipped with many gifts that we should nurture. By aspiring to the highest standards in our work and celebrating our achievements we are thanking God for blessing us with our talents.

Fruit: Within our school, we celebrate our pupils through numerous displays that showcase their work and achievements as well as newsletters and online learning platforms that allow family and members of the community to share in the pupil's accomplishments.

Creativity

Root: 'By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.' (Hebrews 11:3)

The writer of Hebrews tells us that the invisible is the source of everything we see. We were created to be creative creatures. Everything that we see in our world was first seen in the imagination. Our imagination has no bounds and therefore we should not place restrictions on bringing these thoughts to life – in whatever medium a child may wish.

Fruit: Through immersive topics, the pupils at Llangrove CE Academy play an active role in helping shape our creative curriculum; driving the progression of the topics through a wide variety of engaging and thought-provoking tasks.

Opportunity

Root: 'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.' (Romans 12:2)

This passage, from Paul's letter to the Romans, mentions not conforming to a norm. By changing the way in which you think through new opportunities, Christians believe that you will know how best to walk through life with an understanding of the will of God.

Fruit: In modern day Britain, there is a lot of pressure on young people to conform and follow what they may witness online. By giving our children as many different opportunities to best learn and flourish, we aim to encourage them to forge their own individual opinions and passions. By doing this, we hope they will grow into well-rounded people with a better knowledge of what they wish to fulfil in their lives.

Resilience

Root: 'Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1:9)

Part of being strong and resilient means trusting in the Lord as our true source of strength. In Joshua's case, he did not have all the answers for the challenges before him. But he was encouraged, nonetheless, to move forward, acting in faith. Like Joshua, we seldom have all the answers to all our personal challenges and we will be met with disappointment. Success may not be immediate but it is achievable when we turn to God for his guidance.

Fruit: At Llangrove CE Academy, we aim to prepare our children to be resilient within their learning, their friendships and their extra-curricular activities. Through the implementation of a well-structured and creative curriculum, we aim for positive mental health and resilience to permeate all aspects of school life and learning. We will help the children to develop problem solving skills so that they are able to solve their own problems rather than being provided with solutions. We provide opportunities for children to discuss and manage their emotions and fears with their peers and trusted adults within an environment where the mental health of pupils and staff is prioritised.

Nurture

Root: 'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.'
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

In this passage, the apostle Paul uses the prospect of spending eternity with Jesus to motivate followers to encourage and help one another grow. Paul acknowledges that the Thessalonian believers were already helping one another, because after giving the call to encourage one another, he added, "just as you are doing." He simply wanted his readers to keep on encouraging one another.

Fruit: At Llangrove, we encourage nurturing of all our children through providing an environment in which the children feel comfortable to express themselves, emotionally as well as intellectually. We instil a strong culture of togetherness and support both towards and between our children.

Service

Root: 'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.' (John 13:14-15.)

Serving God means serving others. Meaning is found in service rather than in self-centredness. It runs counter to the idea that life is all about competition, or that freedom simply means doing what suits me, or my group, best.

Fruit: At Llangrove CE Academy we Serve; each other through working diligently to ensure our school is an enriching and fun place to learn; our Church through in-school worship, our worship council and our close links with Christchurch; and our local community through fundraising, links with local community groups and initiatives such as our Pupil Post.