

The Government emphasises that schools are required to ensure that key ‘British Values’ are taught in all UK schools.

The government set out its definition of British values in the ‘Prevent Strategy’ – values of:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect
- tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Roysia uses strategies within the National curriculum and beyond to secure such outcomes for pupils. Here are some examples of when British values are shared:

- Curriculum themes and topics
- Our curriculum prepares children for life in British Society; this includes developing the understanding and use of money, effective reading and writing skills, collaboration and discussion to research ideas and concepts.
- Curriculum themes include historical and geographical study in the context of the United Kingdom as well as national and international comparisons. Topic examples: World War II, English Civil War and democracy. Full details can be found in our termly curriculum plans.
- Our assemblies uphold traditional values of empathy, respect and tolerance.

PSHCE

Mutual respect is also taught within formal SEAL, PSHCE and RS lessons and on an informal nature throughout the Roysia. Pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms and advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety policy and PSHCE work on ‘keeping myself safe’. Pupils are taught about sex and relationships; they are provided with the facts, the law and different perspectives on it, including religious beliefs. It is made clear that in British Society, the law has primacy.

Religious Studies

Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs is promoted in RS as children gain a greater understanding of religious diversity and practices for those religions represented in the UK.

PE & Games

Promotion of the concept of “fair play”, following and developing rules, celebrating and rewarding success, accepting defeat and participating in activities that promote cooperation with others and inclusion for all form an integral part of the PE curriculum.

School Council

Roysia promotes democratic processes through the election of school councillors. This

fosters the concept of freedom of speech and group action to address need and concerns.

Involvement in key local and National events

In recent years, we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II and the Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton with special events, assemblies and themed lessons. Each year Armistice Day is remembered and children are encouraged to reflect on this. This year, we had our own 'Poppy Tree' in which every child in the school was encouraged to write down their reflections on their own poppy which was then displayed outside of the school – inspired by the Tower of London exhibition 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' in November 2014.

For further information of how the Roysia seeks to promote key British Values please feel free to contact us.

