



Area News – Philosophy, Religion and Ethics

What have we been up to?

Year 1 students have been exploring lots of different types of ethics in lessons. We have debated decision making in medical issues such as organ donation and euthanasia, and we are now having deep diving in to whether Kant has all the answers to ethics, or whether most people actually use a utilitarian approach.

In Year 2 earlier in the year we went on a visit to the British museum to see real life examples of the Buddhist ideas we have been studying. This was an amazing visit which Year 2 loved. This week we have been exploring the genius of Wittgenstein and having amazing discussions about whether language has any value. It has been fun exploring whether it is possible to describe a concept whilst only explaining what it is not, rather than what it is!



Something you can look forward to ...

Next in Year 1 we will be starting to look at Buddhism by finding out about whether the stories of the life of the Buddha were just stories, or whether he really existed. In Year 2 we will be exploring the world of meta ethics. We will be having deep discussions about whether it is possible to define the word 'good' and then trying to apply that to gender roles in society.