



# St Andrew's Academy

## Weekly Focus

### Anti-racism

#### School Prayer

Lord, Bless this day and all it brings,  
Bless our lives that we may grow in your love,  
Bless our work, that we use our gifts and talents wisely,  
Bless our hearts, that we never forget to look to the needs of others,  
Bless our community, that we continue to prosper by your Spirit,  
Bless our prayer through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

On the 5th May 2020, George Floyd, an African-American man, died in Minnesota while in police custody. This injustice has caused outrage and torn the hearts of millions of people around the world, resulting in many people protesting to have their voices heard. You may have seen some of these on the news.

Pope Francis denounced the "sin of racism" and twice identified George Floyd as the victim of a "tragic" killing.

He said, "We cannot close our eyes to any form of racism or exclusion, while pretending to defend the sacredness of every human life."

#### What is the Black Lives Matter Movement?

Black Lives Matter began with a group of students in Houston protesting. It is now an international movement of people who are making a stand against racism in **all** its forms by taking on the challenging topics of injustice and inequality **everywhere**. Black Lives Matter is working to end violence and racism towards black people and raising awareness of what we all can do to make society **anti-racist**.

#### Taking a stand against racism

It is important that we all take the opportunity to make changes so that the world we live in is more equal and just. There are many ways that we can all help to make the world better and **anti-racist**.

#### Be an Ally

A powerful way to help is by being an ally. This means you help and support those suffering injustice. It is important that you stand up for these issues, even though they may not affect you directly. To be a **good ally** you can **educate** yourself about the struggles others are facing. You do this by reading, watching or listening. **Remember, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."**

#### Find out more

Here are some good starting points to help you become a good ally.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A7EZWBIPUUQ>

#### Dear Ally

Our school prayer has the lines:

Bless our hearts, that we never forget to look to the needs of other

Our community needs to work tirelessly to end the sin of racism.

*Be the change you want to see in the world*

