

Women's World Day of Prayer – Visit from Mrs Liz Crozier

As part of our commitment to providing rich cultural and spiritual experiences, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Liz Crozier, who worked for Wycliffe Bible translators in Nigeria for 50 years to lead a special Collective Worship in celebration of this year's Women's World Day of Prayer, written by the women of Nigeria.

Mrs Crozier spent many years living in Nigeria as a missionary and brought with her a wealth of knowledge, stories and lived experiences that deeply enriched our pupils' understanding of global faith, language and culture.

Bringing Nigeria to Life

Dressed in beautiful traditional Nigerian clothing, Mrs Crozier immediately captured the children's curiosity. She spoke vividly about:

- everyday life in Nigerian communities
- colourful fashions and traditional garments
- delicious foods and family celebrations
- the warmth of the climate
- the joy and energy of local church services
- and even the unforgettable experience of travelling on Nigeria's roads!

Her enthusiasm filled the hall, helping pupils experience a vibrant culture far beyond their own day-to-day world.

Language, Faith and Community

One of the most inspiring aspects of Mrs Crozier's visit was her work translating the Bible into local Nigerian languages. She explained how this helped:

- strengthen communities
- preserve cultural identity
- connect generations
- and ensure everyone could participate fully in worship and education

This resonated strongly with our school values of inclusion, aspiration and respect.

Pupil Engagement and Cultural Capital

Our pupils listened with great focus and asked thoughtful, mature questions that showed genuine curiosity about life in another country. Many children commented afterwards on new things they had learned about language, culture and faith, demonstrating the significant impact of the session.

This experience contributed meaningfully to our pupils' cultural capital, broadening their understanding of the wider world and helping them appreciate the richness of global diversity—key elements of our school's personal development curriculum.

Growing Together Through Enrichment

Mrs Crozier's visit was a joyful, uplifting and memorable opportunity for our children to grow:

- in knowledge of global cultures and traditions
- in empathy towards lives and experiences different from their own
- in spiritual understanding
- and in appreciation of the power of language in connecting communities

We are grateful to have welcomed such an inspiring visitor who helped us continue our journey of **Growing Together** as informed, respectful and outward-looking global citizens.

