



Schools of Sanctuary NEWSLETTER



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What is Schools of Sanctuary?

Schools of Sanctuary is an initiative which aims to:

- Promote positive attitudes within schools and their communities around people seeking sanctuary.
- Support schools to take positive steps and to be proud of being places of safety and inclusion for all.
- Recognise and celebrate schools that are committed to welcoming and supporting people seeking sanctuary.

Why are we becoming a School of Sanctuary?

Within Woodton and Ellingham Federation, our vision is to 'Love your neighbour'.

Part of this vision is to strengthen our links with the community and increase student voice and active citizenship. We want to create a sense of safety and inclusion that is beneficial to all members of the school community.

To support us in doing this, we feel that becoming a School of Sanctuary supports our vision and ethos.



A DAY OF WELCOME

How are we becoming a School of Sanctuary?

Within school, we have been celebrating a special 'Day of Welcome' for 3 years, many of you will have helped us celebrate it during lockdown. We teach what it means to be seeking sanctuary and how to be a welcoming school. We will be celebrating Day of Welcome and Refugee week in June again.

We have learnt about Amal, a puppet who represented a refugee child walking from Syria to Manchester. From this we are creating 'Trees of Welcome' in the schools' foyers where we will display the children's words and artwork of welcome.



We are working with a charity in Norwich, New Routes, who will be delivering an assembly to support our learning about refugees and what we can do to show that we are safe and welcoming schools. We will also be holding a sponsored walk to raise money to support New Routes in their work. Information for this will be sent out after half term.

