

Crayke Primary School Teams

Why choose these individuals?

This year we focused on leaders who come from different backgrounds. Each person embodies our values and put those beliefs into action in deep, meaningful ways.

As leaders, they left the world a better place and their spirituality was a huge driving force in achieving this.

Our leaders come from a range of backgrounds, cultures, spiritual paths and time periods. In each of them we can recognise our values and use this to take their inspirational messages into our own lives.

What can you discover about our
leaders?



Corrie ten Boom



Mahatma Gandhi



Queen Elizabeth II



Martin Luther King Jr.

Queen Elizabeth II

How did Queen Elizabeth II show respect?

As a monarch, you would expect Queen Elizabeth to command huge respect, yet it was her who was well known for the respect she gave to others. She said that “even with the most deeply held differences, treating the other person with respect and as a fellow human being is always a good first step towards greater understanding”. She continues to be remembered as a leader who showed great humility and care for others.

How did she demonstrate courageous advocacy?

Queen Elizabeth II demonstrated courageous advocacy through her steadfast commitment to duty and service during times of national crisis. Throughout her reign, she championed unity and resilience, particularly during World War II and the COVID-19 pandemic, using her platform to inspire hope and continuity for her people.



How did spirituality guide her?

“Billions of people now follow [Christ’s] teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives, I am one of them.”

Queen Elizabeth II

As defender of the faith, Queen Elizabeth was a committed Anglican.

Mahatma Gandhi

How did Mahatma Gandhi show friendship?

As a young teenager in India, Gandhi led a rebellious life and went against his parents' values. But as a young man, he started to form beliefs of his own that harked back to the Hindu principles of his childhood. Gandhi began to dream of unity for all peoples and religions. Inspired by this idea, he led peaceful protests to free India from British rule and unite the country—ending violence and unfair treatment. His bravery and free-thinking made him one of the most iconic people of peace in the world, known as 'Mahatma' meaning 'great soul'.

How did he demonstrate courageous advocacy?

Mahatma Gandhi exemplified courageous advocacy by leading the non-violent resistance movement against British colonial rule in India. His philosophy of Satyagraha, or truth-force, encouraged peaceful protests and civil disobedience, inspiring millions to stand up for their rights and seek justice without resorting to violence.



Team Captain:
Aidan Brown

How did spirituality guide him?

Gandhi was a committed Hindu and believed in the principle of 'no harm to others'. He also had many friends of different faiths and enjoyed learning about their beliefs.

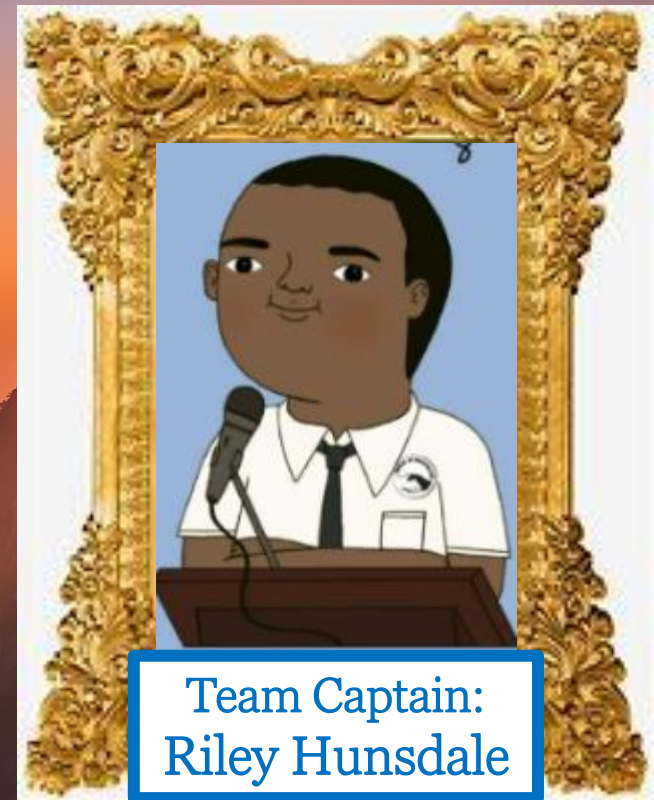
Martin Luther King Jr.

How did Martin Luther King Jr. show determination?

Martin Luther King Jr. grew up in a family of preachers and thought that was where his future lay. One day, a friend invited him to play at his house. Martin was shocked when his mother wouldn't let him in because he was black. That day he realised there was something terribly unfair going on. Martin believed that no one should remain silent and accept something if it's wrong. And he promised himself that—when he grew up—he'd fight injustice with the most powerful weapon of all: words. His determination to achieve equality for all continues to leave a legacy now.

How did he demonstrate courageous advocacy?

Martin Luther King Jr. demonstrated courageous advocacy through his leadership in the American civil rights movement. He organised peaceful protests, delivered powerful speeches, and faced violent opposition, all while advocating for racial equality and justice. His commitment to non-violence and love as tools for change left a lasting impact on society.



Team Captain:
Riley Hunsdale

How did spirituality guide him?

Martin was a deeply spiritual man. Much, if not most, of his ideas on equality came from his religious beliefs. Christianity, was "a spirit of brotherhood made manifest in social ethics." This means that we are all equal and we all deserve equally.

Corrie ten Boom

How did Corrie ten Boom show forgiveness?

In 1940, the Germans invaded the Netherlands, and Corrie ten Boom and her family helped to hide as many Jewish people as possible. Corrie and her family saved hundreds of Jewish people. Unfortunately, Corrie and her sister were caught by the German army and sent to a concentration camp. After the war, Corrie talked about her experiences and the importance of forgiveness. Later, Corrie went back to Germany. She met two Germans who worked at the camp, one of whom had been especially cruel to her sister. Corrie, amazingly, forgave them.

How did she demonstrate courageous advocacy?

Corrie Ten Boom showed courageous advocacy by risking her life to hide Jewish refugees during the Holocaust. Her unwavering faith and moral conviction led her to defy the Nazi regime, ultimately resulting in her imprisonment. After the war, she dedicated her life to promoting forgiveness and reconciliation.



Team Captain:
Frankie Grainger

How did spirituality guide her?

Corrie's trust in God gave her the strength to go on until the war ended. She said, "there's no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still."