

Collective Worship Observation at Torriano Primary School

Tuesday 2nd June 2026: 9:15am

Observed by: Claire Clinton, Camden SACRE consultant

15 mins

Pupils entered the hall in an ordered manner, with staff being active in ensuring they came in quietly and ready for the assembly.

The assembly started with the pupils signing and saying 'Good morning everyone'. The HT hoped everyone has had a good half term break and welcome back to the summer term.

The pupils were then asked: why has it been noisy on our streets? Pupils answer - the road works. It is all because of the work we have done in this school around clean air, and working with Camden Council to get our environment better. Nearly everyone here either cycles, walks to schools – you are doing really well at helping our environment to have cleaner air. The eco-committee have worked with UCL to measure the air quality in our roads around the schools. (the schools is a rights respecting school and so on the PPT there are different articles – article 24 – says every child has the right to a clean environment) and we know the air around our school is not clean, but has pollution. Any amount of pollution can damage our health.

On the streets the council is building a rain garden outside our school – they have done this already at Brecknock. They are building these flower beds. Council is trying to create a sustainable city. STG 11 – these gardens reduce flooding. This is what the rain gardens do.

Over the last few years we have been campaigning in the roads to ask for cleaner air (images on PPT showing pupils campaigning over many years for change). The pupils told the council that they needed to move the cars away from where they walk. Finally all parking has gone from the roads around our school and been replaced by the rain gardens. So we can now help the council to plant the rain garden. Plus we have got some huge bug hotels – pupils audibly excited at this news.

HT asked: What is the link between our playground and these rain gardens? Pupils give answers – the skip garden, so what we have been doing has been extended into the streets. HT talks about looking for our active citizens and change makers to let us know if you want to help plant the plants. This change is for all of us. Camden have listen to your ideas and it is a special moment for us as we have been heard and acted upon.

The pupils are then led in a moment to reflect on all of this – what impact will this have for positive change for you and your family? What more do we need to do? After a minute the HT says: 'Thankyou for listening so well today.'

Values are clearly signposted throughout the school, and pupils are given the time to reflect or pray regularly in all the school does through its collective worship programme.