

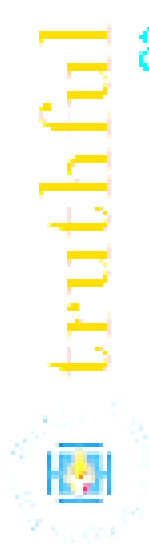
The Catholic Schools Pupil Profile

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The Catholic Schools Pupil Profile

Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues that enable them to grow as individuals in the image of God. We refer to them in our school as Our Catholic Virtues.



The Catholic Schools Pupil Profile Tag Cloud

The Catholic Schools Pupil Profile represents the sixteen paired virtues of the profile in the form of a tree. This image suggests that virtues are things which can grow like the leaves of a tree. We get the virtues by living them. The shape of the tag cloud might also be seen as a cross.

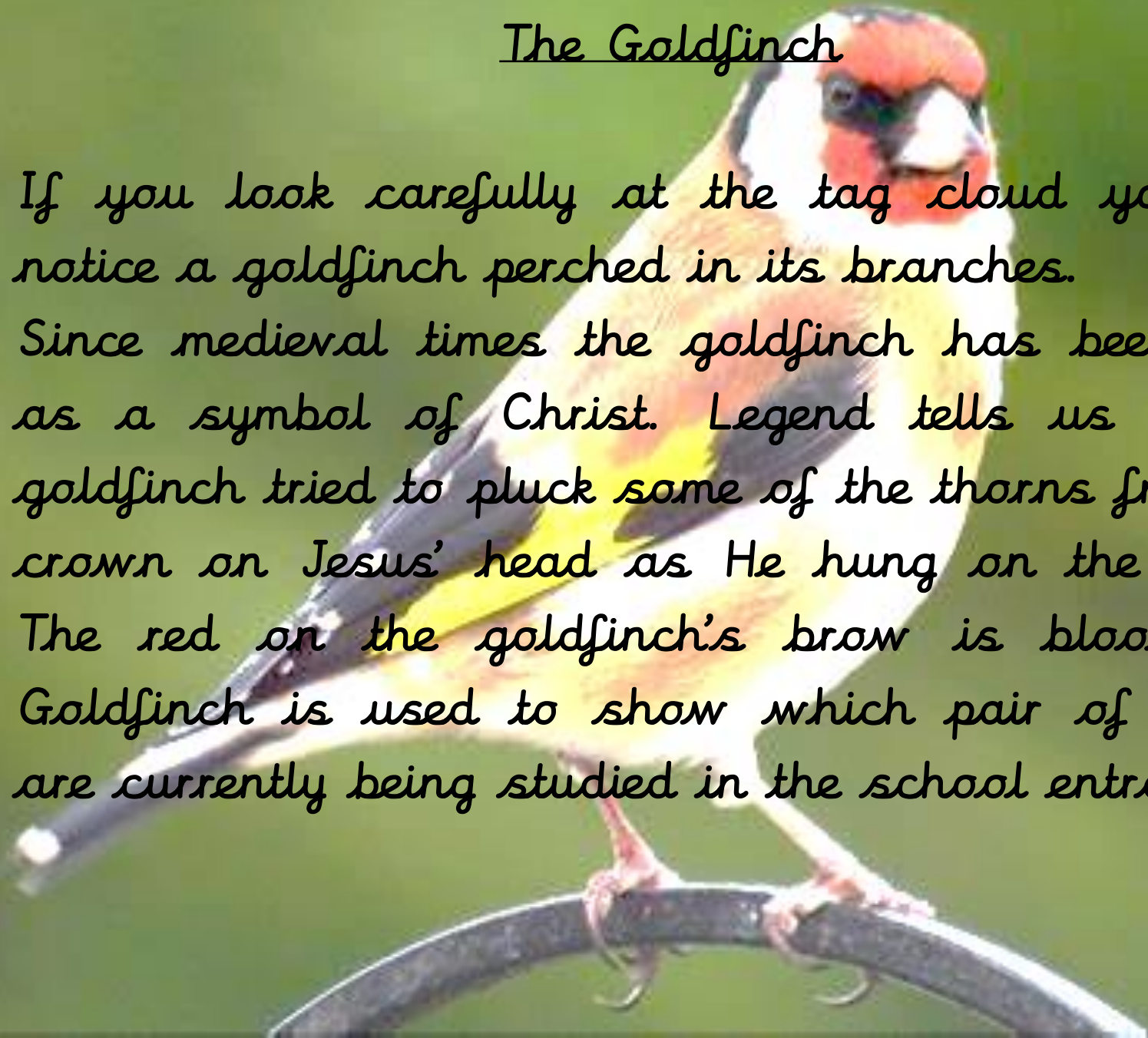
It is linked with the parable of the mustard seed from St Mark's Gospel. The young people in our schools are like the small seed. With care and encouragement and good teaching, they grow tall and put out big branches, attracting the birds of the air.

The Goldfinch

If you look carefully at the tag cloud you will notice a goldfinch perched in its branches.

Since medieval times the goldfinch has been used as a symbol of Christ. Legend tells us that a goldfinch tried to pluck some of the thorns from the crown on Jesus' head as He hung on the cross.

The red on the goldfinch's brow is blood. The Goldfinch is used to show which pair of Virtues are currently being studied in the school entrance.



GRATEFUL

We are grateful for the gifts God has given to us, for the gifts of other people and the blessings of each new day.



GENEROUS

We are generous with our gifts and use them in the service of others as God wants us to, making a difference in the world.



ATTENTIVE

We are attentive when we listen to our calling from God to love and serve one another in all that we do.



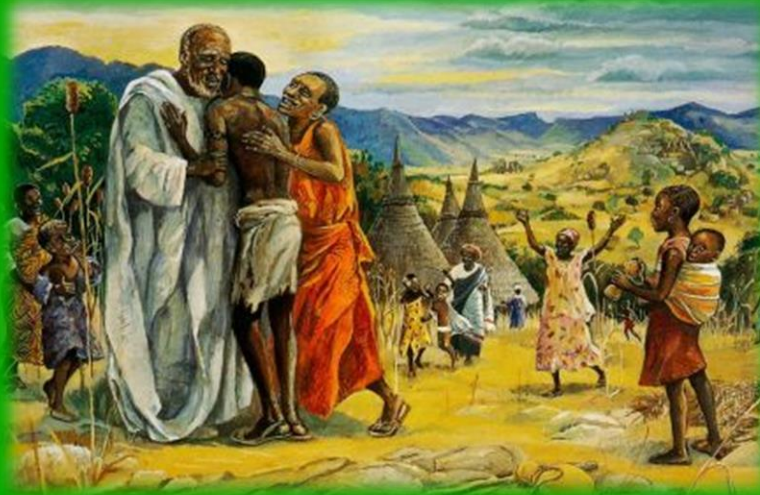
DISCERNING

We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interests of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that we will have on their lives.



COMPASSIONATE

We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people especially the less fortunate, whether they are near to us or far away.



LOVING

We are loving when we show our concern for other people by our just actions and our loving words.



FAITH - FILLED

We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through what we do. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people.



HOPEFUL

We are hopeful when we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope - that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow.



ELOQUENT

We are eloquent when we choose words carefully so they are kind and compassionate, and don't hurt others.

**Kind words don't
cost much.
Yet they
accomplish much.**

-Blaise Pascal



TRUTHFUL

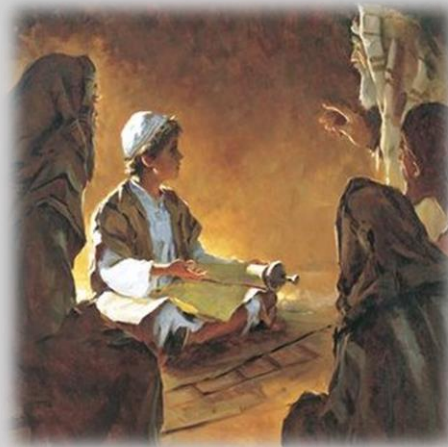
Being truthful is being faithful to ourselves and to Jesus.

God wants us to be truthful in all we do. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life', so being honest and truthful means we are following in his footsteps and living life the way God wants us to.



Learned

Learning how God wants us to live our lives. We should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants.



Wise

Knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice. God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus



Curious

Curious about everything in our world and asking questions to find out more.



Active

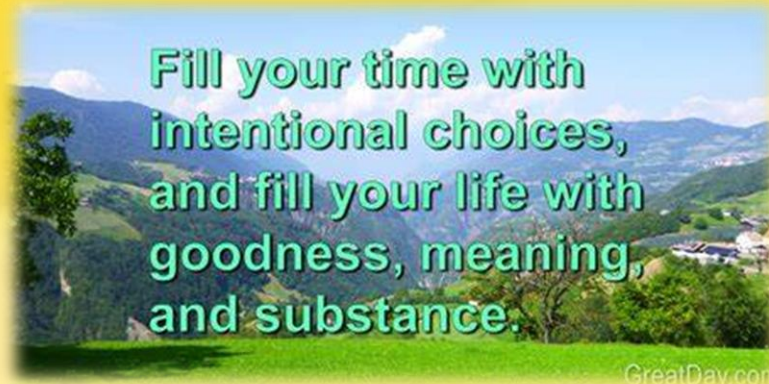
Working to make things better where we can. Being active in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community.



Intentional

Living intentionally means making good choices and repeating them so that you and the world around you gets better day by day.

Every action we make has an impact on other people and the world around us.



PROPHETIC

We set a good example through our words and deeds and inspire other people to act in a positive and wise way.

We help people to make the right decisions themselves and think about how God wants them to live their lives.



Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham
help their pupils to grow by...

- encouraging them to know and be *grateful* for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be *generous* in the service of others
- promoting the practice of *attentive* reflection and *discerning* decision making: in teaching, in the examen, prayer and retreats; and through the practice and example of school leaders and staff

Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham
help their pupils to grow by...

- being *compassionate* and *loving* in the way pupils are treated, especially when a pupil is in trouble; and by opening pupils' eyes to those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence
- passing on the living and *faith-filled* tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them in turn, to have faith and *hope* in themselves and others

Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham help their pupils to grow by...

- developing an *eloquent* language which pupils can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be *truthful* in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world
- the breadth and depth of the curriculum; by excellence of teaching, and the creation of opportunities to become more learned and wise

Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham help their pupils to grow by...

- leading pupils to be **curious** about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be **active** in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community
- being a school community which is **intentional** in its way of proceeding to build-up quality of life; and which is **prophetic** in the way it offers an alternative vision of education and the human person rooted in the gospel