

Towngate's Value of the month



Unity

Definition

'the state of being united or joined as a whole'.

Quote of the month

"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration; wonderful things can be achieved". – Mattie Stapenak

What does unity look like?

People who show unity:

- Stand by one another
- Become united into one
- Understand that each person is unique
- Build on each other's strengths

People who show unity realise:

- Unity is strength
- Good things come from working as part of a team
- Two minds are greater than one
- Where there is unity, there is victory

Related words or phrases:

Team, group,
union, unification,
integration, amalgamation.

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A story about Unity

"Adam the Ant"

Once upon a time there was a tiny ant that lived in a huge ant hill with hundreds of other ants. It was winter. It was cold and wet. The winter was really bad and there was heaps and heaps of snow.

Now to you and I that would be fantastic, you would have so much fun but to a tiny ant it was an enormous amount of snow, humungous. To Adam it was like having snow to the classroom ceiling.

Adam the Ant was hungry, he was really, really hungry. All the ants had been unable to go out of the ant hill to forage for food. They were stuck inside. Adam decided that he had to go out and try to get some food. Therefore, he burrowed his way out, making a tunnel, through the snow. He was very determined and he persevered until his little head popped out on top of the snow. And WOW what did he see? Off he trudged over the crisp, white snow. Then there, in front, of him was a rosy red apple with just one bite out of it. Someone had thrown it away, discarded it. "Oh wow," said Adam. "Food". He licked his lips and had a little nibble. It was delicious, scrumptious. But then he stopped and thought of his family and friends back at the ant hill.

"I know," he thought. "I'll take it back to the ant hill to share with everyone. It will feed the whole colony." Adam tried to push it. He tried again but no matter how hard he tried it wouldn't move. It rocked a little bit but that was all. It just would not move. He stopped to get his breath back. What was he to do?

Adam needs your help. Can you think of anything that Adam could do? How was he going to get the apple back to the other ants?

That was it! U N I T Y. What does that mean? TEAM WORK. Adam raced back to the ant colony as fast as his six legs could go, across the snow. He took all his hundreds of friends and relations up through his tunnel, across the crisp, white snow to where that delicious, scrumptious, rosy red apple was. By cooperating with each other and working together they pushed and rolled the apple

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back to the colony for everyone to share. It was hard work but because they worked together in Unity they did it. What a feast they had!

Adam the Ant by Steve and Nicky Brennan-White

Reflection Time

What a wonderful word – U N I T Y. We work as a team – TEAM WORK.
Can you think of how we work as a team in our classroom and in our school?
How do we work in unity?