

Why Virtue Matters - Virtue Essay Competition 2015 Finalists:

Courage

Courage is when people stand up for what they believe is right or when someone overcomes their fears. Courage is often shown in our world for example; Martin Luther King, who stood up for his belief that all people should have the same rights regardless of the colour of their skin. For showing courage by demanding black people have equal rights Martin Luther King won a prestigious award called the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Malala Yousafzai is another inspirational person, who stood up to the Taliban for the right of girls to have an education, and Stephen Sutton who battled cancer whilst raising millions of pounds for children's cancer research. Whilst these people are well known for their courage many people show lots of courage in their everyday lives. The army show courage everyday by going onto the battle field and fighting for their countries. Doctors show courage for example when the Ebola outbreak broke out in Africa the doctors went to Africa and tried to stop the Ebola outbreak.

To me courage is the most important value because if courage didn't exist there would be no inspiration no-one would stand up for what they believe in and black people wouldn't have equal rights, girls wouldn't have an education in Pakistan. If courage didn't exist the world would be a terrible place.

Kane Ellis

Broadlands Primary Federated with Aylestone High School