

P7 Week of 01.02.21

We are continuing to follow our planned Religious and Moral Education Programme. This term P7's RME topic is The Notable Scottish Christian Eric Liddell.

Lesson 3: Eric Liddell's Olympics

The Olympic Games, originated in ancient Greece as many as 3,000 years ago. In the late 19th century they were introduced again have become the world's most famous sporting competition.

The first modern Olympics took place in 1896 in Athens, and featured 280 participants from 13 nations, competing in 43 events.

The goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practised without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.

Eric was chosen to run in the 100m at the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris. Winning would give him the title of the fastest man in the world. He was the best chance to win a gold medal for Britain (Scotland). But, Liddell refused to run in the heats for the 100 metres because they were being held on a Sunday. Instead he competed in the 400 metres which was held on a weekday, a race that he won.

Due to Liddell being a Christian he obeyed the Fourth Commandment from the Bible in which God says: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

Watch footage of Eric running his race at the Olympics.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYNUxdoIacA>

Write a paragraph describing feelings of winning or losing.

If you have some free time why not watch the film Chariots of Fire?

It is a historical drama film based on the true story of two British athletes in the 1924 Olympics - Eric Liddell: the Scottish Christian who runs for the glory of God, and Harold Abrahams, an English Jew who runs to overcome prejudice.