



Barrow Hills

SCHOOL

Mr Oldroyd's Assembly

Monday 21st September 2020

Generosity

The current Pupil Profile is Generous.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DheuSzAbW-o>

(Please skip the advert!)

Following on from 4G's thought provoking and entertaining assembly on this topic, today's assembly will continue the theme of looking at examples of generosity.

I hope you will be inspired to see how you can promote generosity in your actions at school, at home and in the community.

'Generosity' is a word often used in association with charity - the act of giving. We often think of this as donating money to a worthwhile cause.

But there are so many other things we can give:

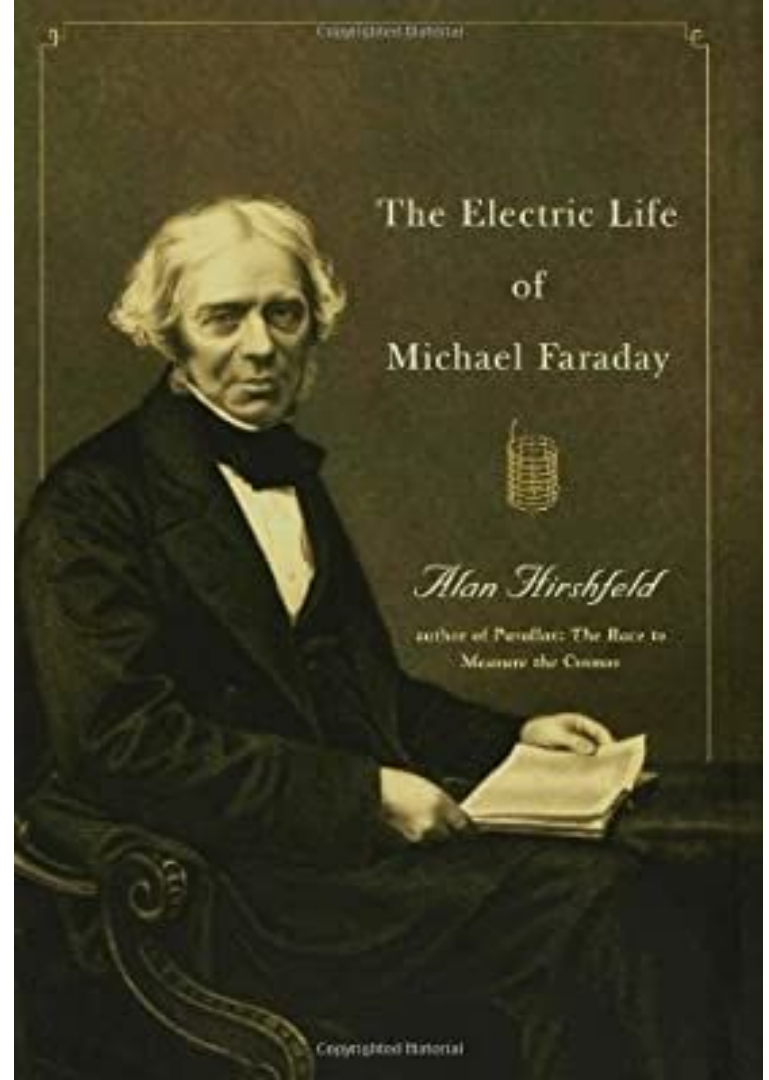
- Time
- Attention
- Encouragement
- Thanks



They are all important.

THANKS

This is a picture of
Michael Faraday.



Michael Faraday was a scientist who lived between the years 1791 to 1867.

He could have made himself rich from patenting his discoveries in the field of electricity and gases, but he chose simply to share his findings with as many people as possible.

Being a Christian, as far as he was concerned, they didn't belong to him: they were given by the Creator for the good of everybody.

If we think of business today, how many inventors and companies think in this way?



Why was Faraday so generous with his time and his inventions?

For him, science was all about puzzling out and uncovering the laws that govern the universe. Faraday thought all his discoveries were a gift from God. He put it like this in his lecture notes of 1858:

The beauty of electricity or of any other force is not that the power is mysterious, and unexpected... but that it is under law... and [when Science learns to apply those laws] it conveys the gifts of God to man.

The initial impact of Lockdown saw generous acts, too

- Many educational software companies made their products freely available to schools and families to use when the schools closed.
- There was the 'Clap for Carers' on a Thursday night.
- Many people volunteered to help those who were housebound.
- Lots of people gave to food banks so that those who lost their incomes could have enough to feed their families.
- I am sure that you can think of things that you and your family did, too.

Here are some examples of everyday generosity

Computer programmers often place freely available 'shareware' on the internet.

The 'freecycling' movement in many communities encourages the sharing of unwanted possessions for free.

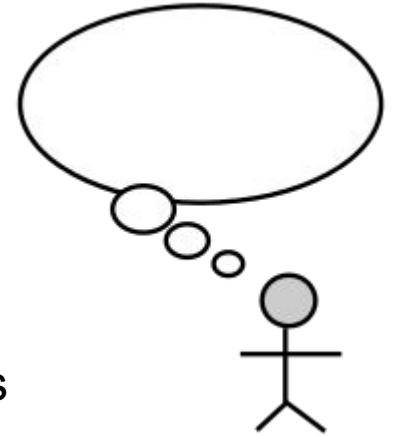
Going back to the initial song, when Dido sang in 'Life for Rent' that nothing she had was truly hers she voiced an ancient wisdom.

David's 'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1) voices a similar call to consider and be accountable for careful stewardship of the world's limited resources.

Think how generous you can be...

Perhaps you could:

- Include others in your games
- Offer to tidy up at the end of a lesson or break time
- Help someone who is finding their work challenging
- Check somebody is alright if they fall over
- Be there for a friend who is feeling low
- Remember to follow the Covid guidelines to protect others
- I am sure that you can think of many other things...





Prayer.



Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for everyone who has ever worked hard at discovering new things about our
amazing universe.
Thank you for people who are generous with their time and money and talents.
And thank you that everybody here can be generous with their time and talents,
each in their own way.

Amen

Today's Music.

We Plough the Fields and Scatter.

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

Please [click here](#) to listen to this hymn, which is synonymous with generosity and this time of year when farmers are harvesting their crops.

(You can skip the advert in a couple of seconds.)