

R.E. NEWSLETTER

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ADVENT SERVICE

Year reception - year 6 all gathered in the hall for a special advent service. Some children from Year 6 read and we reflected on what we see, hear, touch and smell during advent.

-Grace

ALL SAINTS MASS

On the 25th of October 2018, we came together to celebrate our saints. Fr Tom came to share a mass about famous saints. Years 4-6 received communion.

-Oscar

Each child made a poppy for our poppy field. We held a 2 minute silence to commemorate 100 years since WW1 ended. We did it on Friday because we wouldn't be at school on Sunday.

-Linelle

CHAPLAINCY TEAM

AS PART OF THE CHAPLAINCY TEAM OUR ROLE IS TO ENCOURAGE THE CHILDREN TO ENJOY RE. RECENTLY WE HAVE BEEN ON AN AMAZING TRIP TO WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL. WE WERE INVITED TO A CAROL SERVICE HOSTED BY THE CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY. AS A TEAM WE HELP ALL THE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL TO LIVE OUT OUR MISSION STATEMENT AND ENJOY RE.

'I enjoy being on the Chaplaincy team because it gives me a chance to help other students and members of staff.'-Grace (Chaplaincy team)

'I really like being part of the Chaplaincy team because we get to experience new things and be part of a family.'-Sarah (Chaplaincy team)

'Being part of the Chaplaincy team is great fun as we get to make RE fun for all the years from yr to y6.'-Max (Chaplaincy team)

Save our Oceans

In school we have been taking into account the amount of plastic that has been and still is surrounding our 7 seas. To show how this could change the future we have been making posters of sea life and how they may be surrounded by plastic.

Please help the environment by using less plastic waste.

-Sarah



Chaplaincy team visit to Westminster Cathedral

On Wednesday 5th December 2018, the chaplaincy team visited the Westminster Cathedral in London. We left at 09:45 and boarded the train in Hitchin. After about an hour on the train we arrived at the station.

We finally arrived at the cathedral at 11am. We had our lunch, then we went to explore inside the cathedral. Mrs Wills and Mrs Snowball split us into two groups and we were given booklets to finish and complete [Which we didn't manage in the end].

In the end we watched the nativity. Did you know that they had a real donkey and sheep!

We all had an amazing day!

-Sarah



Oscar Romero Assembly

On Monday the 12th November 2018, the whole school had an assembly to reflect on Saint Oscar Romero. We learnt that he cared for others and he knew he would be betrayed. We learnt that he was canonised. For homework we were tasked with decorating a Romero cross. You can see them in the main Reception in school

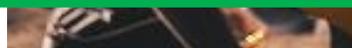
-Max

Armistice Day Remembrance- Friday 9th November

There was a poppy field in school on Friday 9th November to mark Remembrance Day on 11th November. Parents and their children were allowed to take a moment to admire the display.

Anyone who had a family member who fought in any war were welcome to bring in a photo to put on a poppy as we prayed for all whose lives had been taken.

-Linelle



Throughout our first term being in the Chaplaincy team we have had lots of roles and responsibilities. One of the main roles has been leading class liturgy's. We split up into groups and in our groups prepared our liturgy's for firstly year 5 and 6 and then year 3 and 4. It was a really good experience and we will also be doing it in year 1, 2 and reception in the new year. It has been a great learning experience for all of us.

It was really fun and we hope to inspire others to do the same!

-Chloe



In December we had a visitor from CAFOD come into our school and do workshops with us. He spoke to us about being a refugee and we had to do an activity where we had to flee Syria but on the way we had to tackle lots of challenges. It was very challenging and by the end most of us regretted our decisions. It was really useful to have a bit of an experience of what it is like to be a refugee and have to evacuate your home quickly. It was a great experience and lots of fun. - Chloe



Welcoming our buddies

As part of Our Lady's school we have a tradition that the year 6 all have their own buddy in year R to look after. We spend time reading books with them or simply just playing games with them. By doing this it improves their confidence.

-Grace

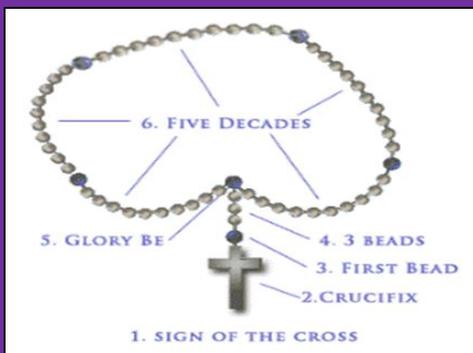
Rosaries

Throughout the month of Our Lady in October, years 4, 5 and 6 had weekly rosaries where we would say a decade of the rosary. We pray it normally on Monday. Chloe

School mass with Bishop McAleenan

On the 16th September all the students gathered in the hall for a special mass with Bishop Paul. The mass was to mark a new school year and thank all the staff and teachers for their effort in making our school the school that it is now.

-Grace



'I like the responsibilities that we get to do, and I like the people in it.'

-Hannah

Thank you to Mrs Snowball, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Wills and all the other staff for helping and supporting us!

-Chaplaincy team