

Weekly Newsletter

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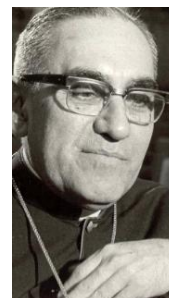
Friday 11th July

Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.

Luke 10:20

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week the children have been inspired to know that with Jesus they too can do incredible things in His name, and whilst they may find reward on Earth, their real reward waits for them in Heaven. The children reflected on the work of people such as Oscar Romero and considered what they can do serve others.



Parking

We have some complaints from local residents regarding parking outside school in a morning and in an afternoon. Please park responsibly outside of school so that residents are able to access their drives. Please also ensure that you do not park on the marked yellow zig zags, your support is appreciated.

SATS

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for their fantastic SATs results! Their hard work, resilience, and determination has truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of them all. They've shown great maturity and focus throughout the year—what a brilliant way to end their time in primary school. Well done!

Year 6 help out in the community

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who joined Mrs Pinto last week. They helped create a colourful mural which brightened up a shaded area in Congleton's community garden. They also made the front page of this week's Congleton Chronicle! Well done for being great ambassadors for Saint Mary's



Mobile phone use

As children grow more connected through technology, it's important for parents to stay involved in how mobile phones are used. We encourage you to regularly check in on your child's screen time, app usage and online interactions. Setting clear boundaries and having open conversations about digital safety can help your child develop healthy, responsible habits online.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and supported.



ClassDojo

Dojo winners of the week – Year 3!

★ Stars of the Week and Gospel Values ★

Well done to all of our Stars this week for putting so much effort into their work!

Nursery	Amber Lando	For building lovely relationships with her friends and teachers in Nursery For following in Jesus's footsteps with his actions this week
Reception	Emmanuel Kiano	For his amazing progress in phonics and writing For his creativity in play with the small world animals
Year 1	Sofia Lawrence	For great participation in our RE lesson For always being a great friend
Year 2	Jenson R Katie	For his positive attitude and effort in all lessons! For being polite and respectful
Year 3	Felicity Max	For always working hard and giving her best in all that she does For always showing kindness and respect to others
Year 4	Mia Timothy	For showing others kindness in the classroom For always taking care of God's creation
Year 5	Harry Poppie	For great courage when delivering a super presentation to the class For being an excellent role model, consistent effort and hard work all year
Year 6	Lucy Zuzanna	For great participation in inflatable football For fantastic involvement in Jubilee Pledge Day

Key Dates

Monday 14th – Nursery and Reception visit to Congleton Fire Station

Monday 14th – Final Y4 Swimming

Wednesday 16th – Nursery & Reception Teddy Bear's picnic 2pm, parents welcome

Wednesday 16th – Y6 Leavers Mass at 6pm

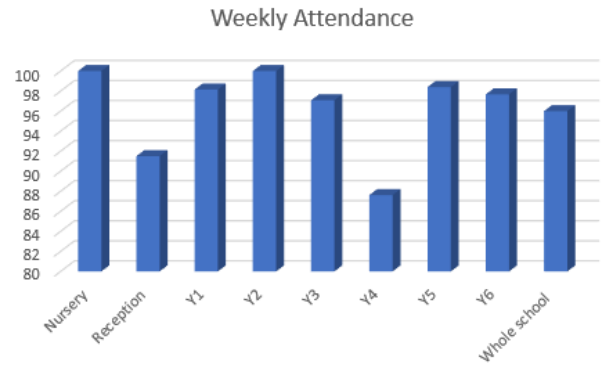
Thursday 17th – Stay and Read from 8.35am

Friday 18th – Leaver's Assembly 9am

Friday 18th - School closes for the summer holiday

Attendance

Nursery	100%
Reception	91.5%
Y1	98.15%
Y2	100%
Y3	97.08%
Y4	87.62%
Y5	98.4%
Y6	97.67%
Whole school	96%



Jubilee Pledge Day

Miss Small organised for the school to take part in a 'Pledge Day on Wednesday. This day was dedicated to being Pilgrims of Hope. Different year groups focused their time and efforts in different ways. Our youngest children wrote prayer cards, KS1 took part in a readathon and danceathon to raise fund for charity, Year 3 and 4 thought about how they could improve our local grounds and spent time gardening and litter picking whilst the oldest children learnt about Fairtrade and wrote a summary of everyone's day.

Here is Year 6's report of the day :

Our School in Action

On Wednesday 9th July, our school came together to celebrate Jubilee Pledge Day. This year's theme was "Pilgrims of Hope", encouraging us all to live out the message of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). Each class made a special pledge to bring hope and make a difference in the world.

Year 6 – Our Learning Pledge

As Year 6, we explored the CST principles through research and art - our focus was on learning through faith. Each group learned about different principles such as solidarity, stewardship and the common good. We created posters and presentations to show what each one means and how we can live them out.

Later in the morning, we visited the other classes to see what pledges they had made. We have written this article as a class, we hope you enjoy it!



Nursery – Prayer

Nursery made some prayer cards for the parishioners and took part in jubilee activities. Their CST principal was prayer and they coloured in some activities based on understanding that it is Jubilee day.

Mrs Luby said, “The children are enjoying the activities.”

When Logen was asked what day it was, he said, “Jubilee day!”

Athena said, “We made prayer sheets and coloured it in!”



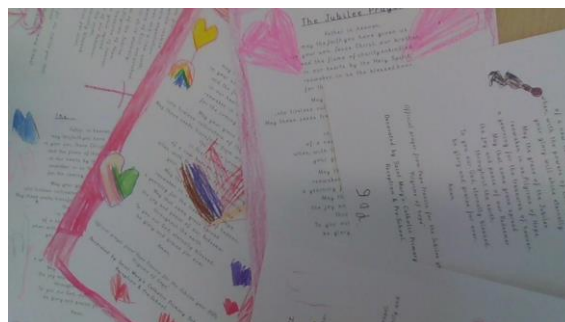
Reception – Prayer

Reception class coloured in a prayer about Pope Francis. They learnt about his life and they learnt about Jubilee day. They enjoyed colouring around a prayer which was written by Pope Francis himself.

Archie said "I enjoyed showing respect to God."

Kiano said, “I enjoyed colouring in the prayers.”

Overall, Reception enjoyed what they did today and learnt a few things about the former Pope.



Year 1 – Service

Year 1 have been dancing and reading. The dance was to raise money for CAFOD and they did a football Just Dance video (Waka Waka). They then did some reading as well to raise money.

Kavayah said, “We raised money by dancing to help CAFOD. If you pick up a tree, it can help the earth. It’s important because we need to save the world.”



Year 2 – Service

In year 2 they have been doing fundraising by dancing and reading, they knew today was Jubilee. They have really enjoyed the fundraising; they told us their favourite thing to do was the dancing. The pledge they were given they enjoyed because they love helping others. They participated in a dance-a-thon and a read-a-thon, then they donated the money they raised to CAFOD.

Year 3 – Care for Creation

Year 3 did these things today:

- Posters about the 6 Rs (Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair).
- Making bird feeders.
- Scavenger hunting and litter picking.

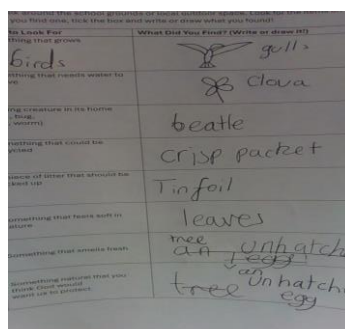
Reggie said, “I liked crafting the bird feeders because they are for birds and I like nature.”

Year 4 – Care for Creation

Year 4 were learning about keeping the planet clean and safe by removing plastic from the school grounds.

Eric said that, “The celebration of jubilee is important because it is Pledge Day.”

Erin said, “I don’t like the thought of rubbish being everywhere.”

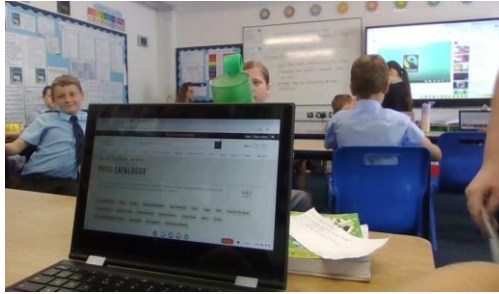


Year 5 – Learning

Today, year 5 has been learning about Fairtrade & how to identify the Fairtrade symbol. Year 5's activity links to the CST principle Preferential Option for the Poor. Fairtrade is important because it means that working adults get paid a fair amount for their work making sure that they can pay for all of their needs along with building schools and houses.

Panashe said, "In this Jubilee year we should help the poor and vulnerable which is a part of the Catholic Social Teachings."

Matilda said, "When we go shopping, we should look for the fairtrade logo because it can help farmers in Kenya pay for houses."



Our Reflections

We learned that every class can make a difference. From praying and fundraising to gardening and dancing, each pledge was filled with hope. We are proud to be Pilgrims of Hope and we will keep living out CST in our everyday lives.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxed weekend.
Miss Amy Butterfield
Headteacher

