



RE NEWSLETTER

CREATION

September - October 2021



Welcome to the first RE Newsletter of our new academic year. We hope you find it a helpful way of finding out what your child will be learning in RE lessons. Please continue to keep the FCJ Family in your prayers.

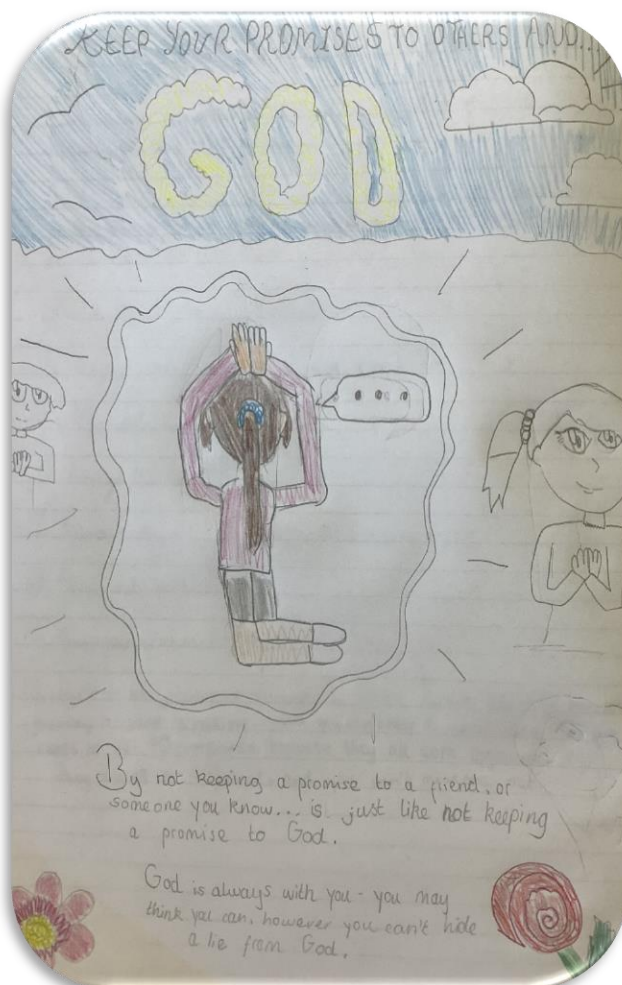
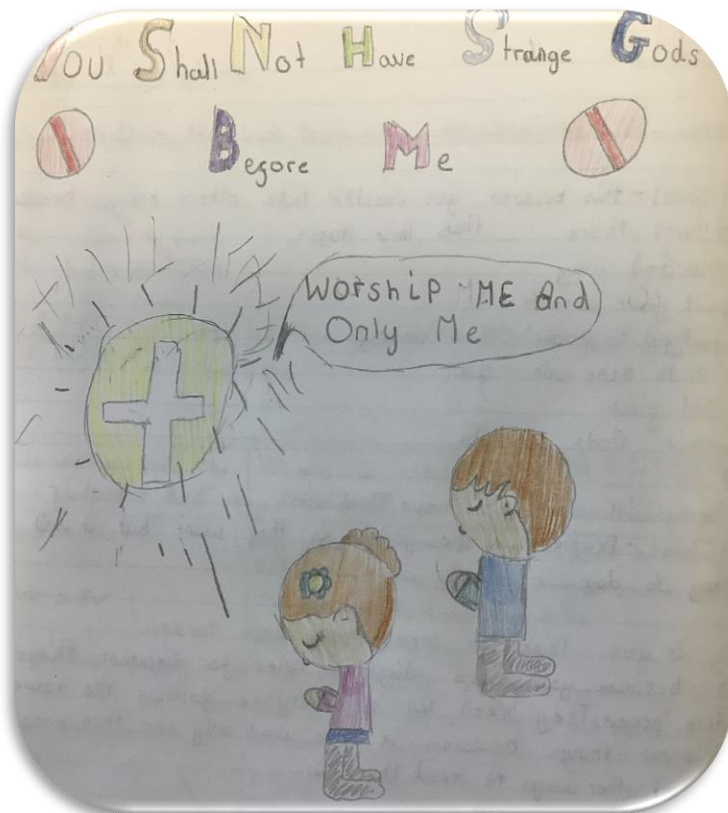
We have just finished our learning about Creation. This unit allows the children to reflect upon the different Old Testament stories and begin to consider what part they need to play in taking care of our beautiful planet.

Creation in Reception

Reception have been learning all about the awe and wonder of God's wonderful world through the season of Autumn. They went on an Autumn walk and collected signs of Autumn from our beautiful field and gardens. They learnt about the Bible and shared the creation story with each other, trying really hard to remember the special order in which God made everything.

Reception have also focused on themselves and how they have been created by drawing their own self-portraits. They used mirrors to really closely study all of their amazing features.





Year 6 Creation topic

Year 6 have been exploring what it means to be the 'People of God' through the eyes of Moses. Having been created by God, we exercise our freedom to deepen our relationship with God and overcome the barriers of jealousy and disharmony. Upholding the will of God involves personal choices and often sacrifices. The children discussed questions, such as: What do the Commandments teach us and how do the Commandments shape our lives? In class, the children created posters to represent one of the Ten Commandments. They explained how their representation depicted the key message of each Commandment.

The Congregation of the Faithful Companions of Jesus was founded in France in 1820 and Saturday 21st September marked the birthday of our Foundress, Marie Madeleine d'Houët.

In school we are inspired by the life and mission of Marie Madeleine. In class, we have reminded ourselves of her life and how the FCJ Order was founded. We now have a special display in our chapel, where you can read about her life and think about what it means for us today.

Each class also took one of Marie Madeleine's special quotations and have created beautiful images to capture what they mean for us in school as a community of faithful companions.



Our Community Cross

We cannot yet meet as a whole school community, but to mark Marie Madeleine's birthday we created a school cross, made up of hundreds of individual crosses. This image in our chapel reminds us of the importance of our FCJ community.

The main themes within the **Prayers, Saints and Feasts** topic (October - November) are different for each year group and these are:

Year R – We get to know God through prayer.

Year 1 – We spend time with God when we pray.

Year 2 – We can learn to pray with the help of Mary and all the saints.

Year 3 – Through Reconciliation, we are called to prayer.

Year 4 – Prayer as expressed by Jesus rooted in the Jewish faith.

Year 5 – Responding to God's word through healing and sacrifice.

Year 6 – Responding to the call of Christ through liturgy and exploring the Church's belief in Mary.

Mustard Seed Jersey

We love supporting Mustard Seed as a school community and we would love to donate even more shoeboxes than ever this year. As a Rights Respecting School, we want to support children around the world and the Mustard Seed initiative enables our children to reflect upon this within the context of Romania. If you wish to support this appeal, please send your box to school by **Monday 18th October**.

