



RE NEWSLETTER

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

October - November 2022



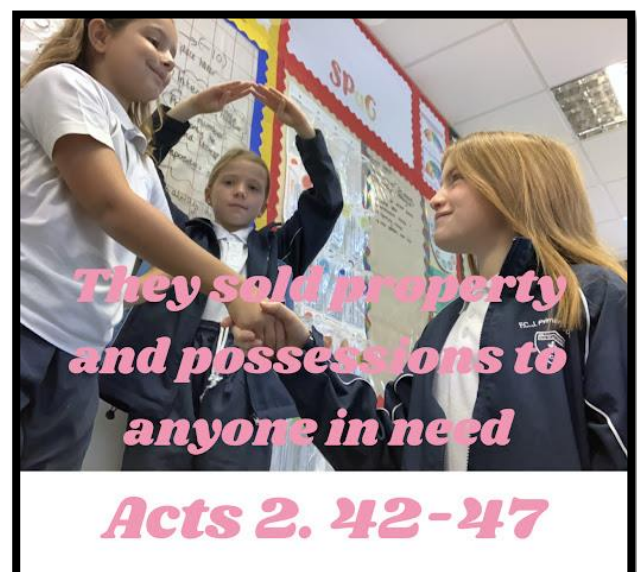
Year 6

During our Catholic Social Teaching unit of work, the children have explored what it means to be a good citizen and care for God's creation. The children have discussed what this looks like in today's world. They have also questioned what is wrong with the world and how our stewardship can help right some of these wrongs. In Year 6, we decided to look at 'The Fellowship of the Believers' (Acts 2:42-47) and create our own images and quotes capturing its message.

"The quote from Genesis after God created the world, 'And God saw it was very good', links to stewardship. We have a job to look after God's creation." **Belle**

"Pope Francis also inspires us to be good stewards in the letter 'Laudato Si'" **Oliver**

"John's gospel tells us to 'love one another'. This links to the principle of solidarity. In our world, we need to love our neighbours." **Florence**



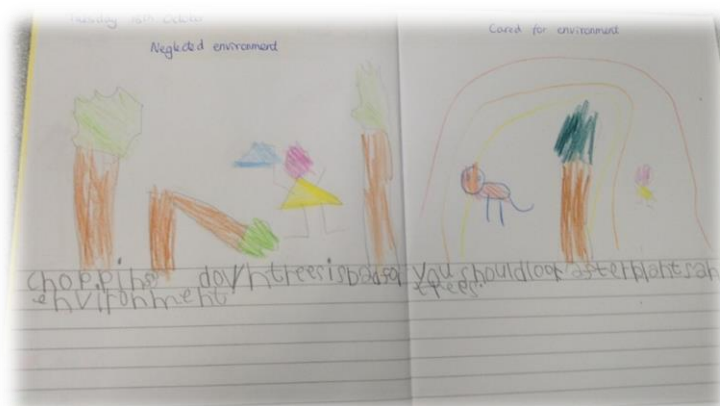


Year 1

Year 1 have been looking at how they can work together to look after the environment. They have learnt what it means to be a steward of God's Creation. The children thought about what they can do to help.

Year 1 studied the Parable of the Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25:34-40) to explore the concept of judgement. They reflected upon their actions and considered how God wants them to be good role models.

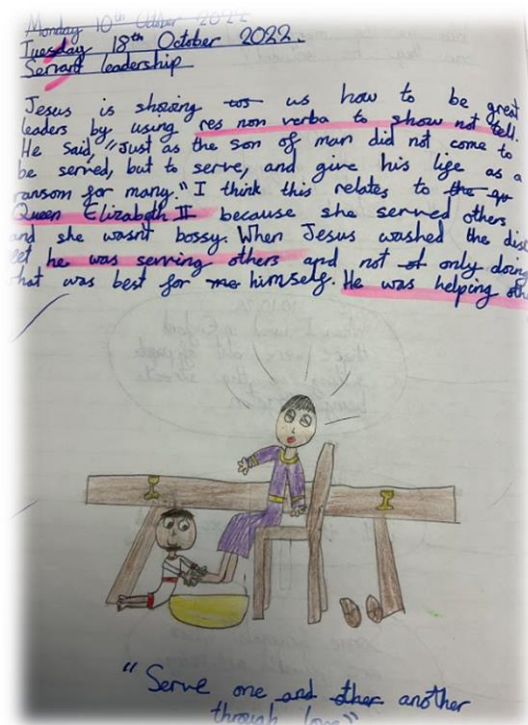
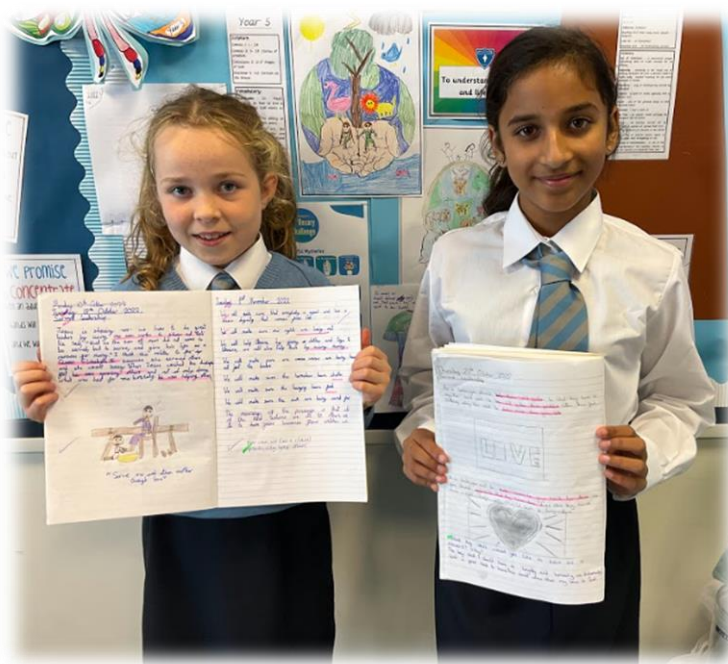
The children also unpicked the FCJ Core Value of Companionship to consider how they can show kindness in their actions. They considered how they can put those in need first and look after their peers.



Year 5

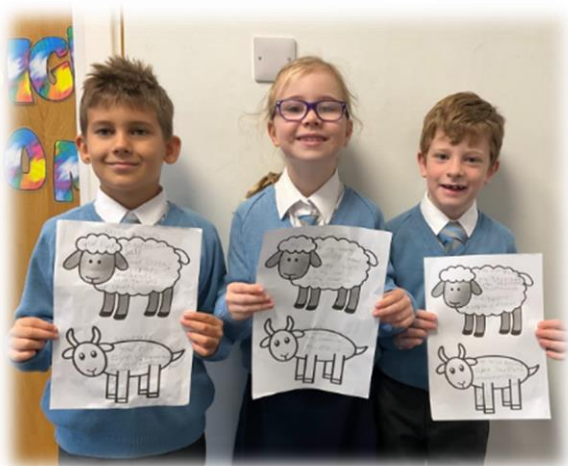
Year 5 have reflected upon servant leadership in this topic. The children looked at Jesus' example of leadership and how he served others and made links with Queen Elizabeth II.

The children have started to consider who they would like to help within our local community and have decided to write Christmas letters to the residents of St Joseph's Care Home.

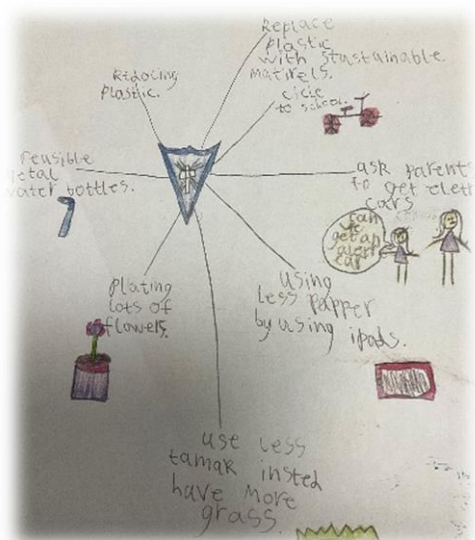


Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring how to be stewards of God's creation. They explored the Parable of the Sheep and Goats, created fantastic freeze frames and explored the theme of 'dignity'.



They also went on a walk around the school to find examples of stewardship and then came up with ideas of what we could improve.



Year 3 also enjoyed learning more about having a preferential option for the poor. They looked in particular details at the charity CAFOD. The children created videos to explain the work CAFOD does and thought of some exciting ways to encourage others to support this charity!

Year 2

In Year 2 we have been studying the parables of Jesus. Our 'Big Question' has been 'How can we share the light of the world?'

One of our favourite activities was writing a prayer telling Jesus we wanted to be a light to the world.



Reception

In Reception the children have been reading the Smartest Giant in town and learning why the giant was so kind to sacrifice his nice new things to help others. Following this, we read the story of the Good Samaritan and learnt about how we can help others. Then children made our jars of kindness to reflect all of the different ways they can show care and kindness to our families, our friends and all of God's creations.

Year 4

Year 4 pupils reflected upon the Parable of the Good Samaritan. They considered who their neighbours are and identified how to be a good neighbour to others.



Parish News

The Parish Advent Service of Light will take place at St Bernadette's Church on **Sunday 27th November** at 6pm. If you would like to join the Advent singing group, please come along at 10:45am between the 9.30am and 11.30am Sunday Masses.

The Children's Advent Mass for Creation will take place at St Bernadette's Church at 11.30am on **Sunday 4th December**. Pope Francis has asked us all to protect the Earth, which has never been so mistreated. At this Mass we will focus on the wonders of God's creation and learn more about the Pope's call to change the way we live by listening to the cry of creation and the cry of the poor.

St Thomas' Christmas Shop will open Tuesday 8th November from 10.00am to midday in the Reliquary. They will be open Tuesday to Saturday and Sundays at 11.00 after Mass and remain open until 11.45am.

The main themes within the **Advent (November-December)** topic are:

YR –Advent as a special time when we get ready for the birth of Jesus.

Y1 – Learning about getting ready for the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and Joseph.

Y2 – Learning about the symbolism that helps us get ready to meet Jesus.

Y3 –Advent as a time when we recognise Jesus in the world.

Y4 – The First Coming of Jesus is placed in historical context

Y5 – The coming of Jesus, connected to the promise in the Old Testament.

Y 6 –Advent through parables, prayers and hymns of the Church.