



RE NEWSLETTER

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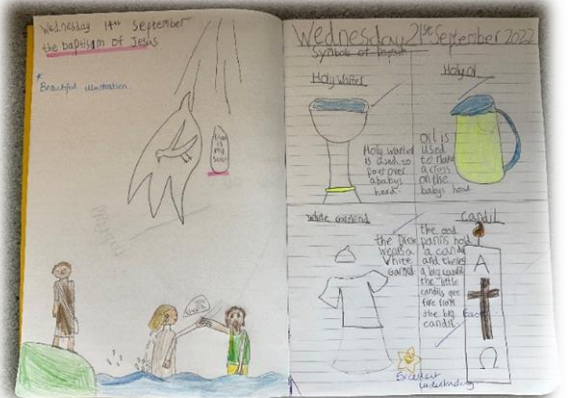
September - October 2022



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.

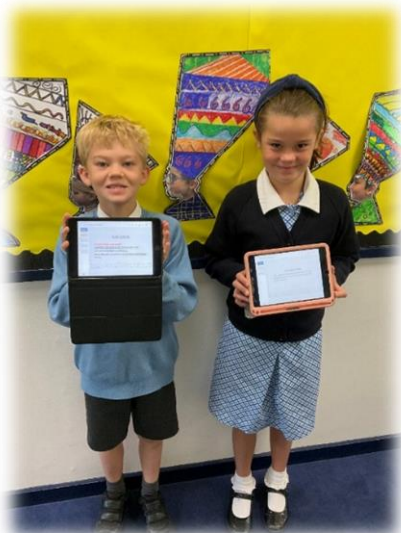
Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the Baptism of Jesus. They learnt how to find the scripture in a Bible and compared the different Gospel accounts. They also created freeze frames of this event in small groups and thought about the key phrases from scripture. Year 3 also studied the Sacrament of Baptism and they shared items and photos of their own Baptism celebrations.



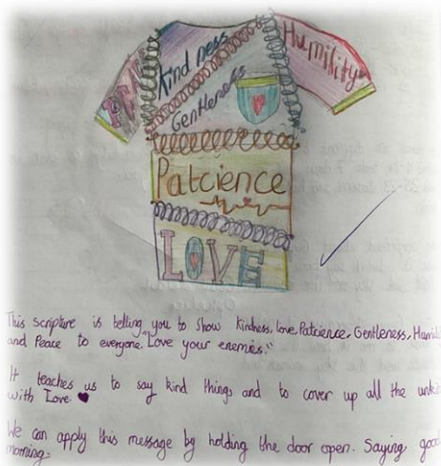
Year 4

In Year 4, the children have been studying the Old Testament characters -Abraham and Isaac. They discussed the characters in depth focusing on the meaning of the word 'sacrifice.' The children reflected upon what they would be prepared to give up for God or for His creation. They also demonstrated ways in which they could be stewards of God's creation and considered what we can do to make the world a better place.



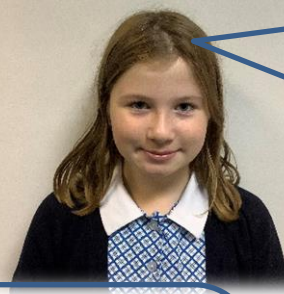
Year 5

In Year 5, pupils have been exploring a challenging piece of scripture – Colossians 3:12-17. The children have investigated ways in which they can become the 'People of God' through the ideas shared by St. Paul in this passage of scripture. They have spent time considering how every human being is made to reflect God's love. The children have made links to the FCJ Core Values and reflected upon how we can 'clothe ourselves in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience' each day. Each child also created a priority grid to consider which aspects were the easiest or hardest to demonstrate, whilst considering the level of reward given.



Year 6

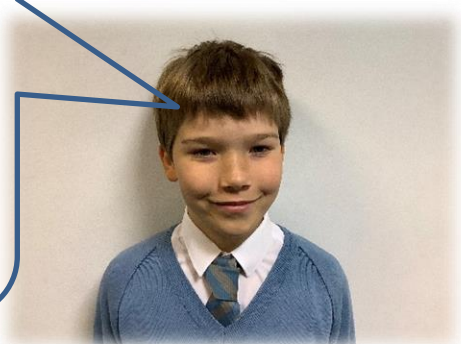
Year 6 have been considering what it means to be 'People of God' through their learning about the life of Moses. They enjoyed creating illustrated timelines of the key events of his life, considering his qualities, skills and the sacrifices made. Following this, the children have been reading the story of Cain and Abel and applying their learning to the concept of harmony and disharmony. We have been inspired by the work of CAFOD, St Vincent de Paul and indeed our own FCJ fundraising efforts for Mustard Seed.



Moses sacrificed a lot by leaving his home, belongings and family. He helped the People of God and sacrificed his safety.



Moses had many important parts to his life. He started the People of God and led the slaves to safety.



The Congregation of the Faithful Companions of Jesus was founded in France in 1820 and Wednesday 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 every day. This year, as always, we took time on her birthday to remember her life and how the FCJ Order was founded. Each class reflected upon the sacrifices she made and the courage she demonstrated throughout her life. The pupils added their thoughts and prayers to the class prayer corners.



Thank you Father Matthew!



We said “goodbye and good luck” to Father Matthew at the end of September. He has moved to Gosport, as parish priest, and we know he will be a wonderful asset to that parish. Father Matthew has been such a source of support and wisdom to FCJ, especially to our Year 4 First Holy Communion children over the past couple of years. We will be keeping him in our prayers.

Mustard Seed Jersey

As always, we love supporting this important cause and we would love to donate even more shoeboxes than ever. 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 and will provide a further opportunity for us to support others.

This year Mustard Seed plan that the majority of the shoeboxes will go to Ukrainians, either to Ukrainian refugees sheltering in Romania or to those living in Ukraine. As the charity is focusing on Ukraine, the priorities have changed in one area, and we have been asked to include food in the children’s boxes as it is a high priority. It has been suggested that each child’s shoebox contains a tin of baked beans, spaghetti hoops or similar (ring pull variety only please) and the ‘Use By’ date must be 2024 or later. If you wish to support this appeal, please send your box to school by **Monday 17th October.**

Catholic Social Teaching

Our next RE topic focuses on Catholic Social Teaching (CST). This is a new unit of study from the diocese, where each class will focus on developing their knowledge of CST and then apply it into a practical project. The next RE newsletter will celebrate the learning from this topic from across the school. For more information about CST, please see the resources available from CAFOD at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Catholic-social-teaching>