



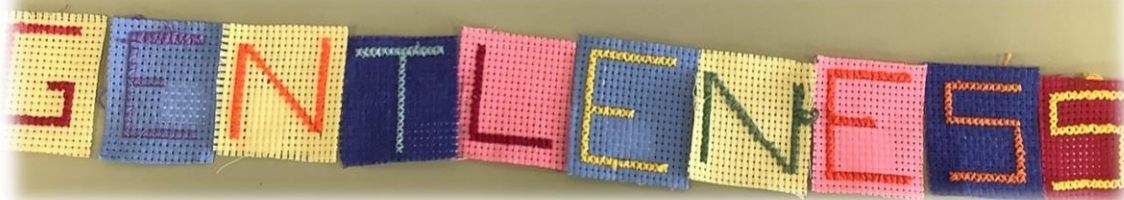
## RE NEWSLETTER

### RISE Theatre Visit

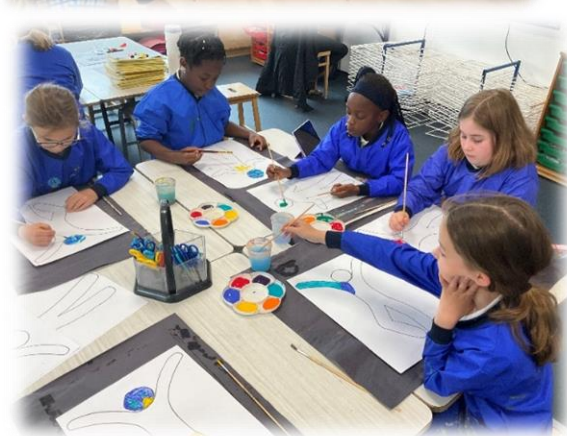
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On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, we welcomed the RISE theatre group and Sister MaryAnne and Sister Lynne to our school. The purpose of these two days was to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the life and mission of our Foundress Marie Madeleine. RISE Theatre is a professional Christian theatre company with a passion for delivering original, entertaining, faith-based drama. The 'Faithful Companions' production was commissioned to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Faithful Companions of Jesus #FCJ200. We were delighted to be able to share the link to the recorded performance of this production with parents and friends of FCJ. The production is available to view until Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.



Year 3 were engaged in a number of fun and thoughtful activities and workshops. We used our drama and acting skills to develop our understanding of Marie Madeleine, with RISE theatre. We also enjoyed meeting the Sisters and working with them both in the chapel and in our classrooms. As a year group we also worked together to create a special cross-stitch of our FCJ Core Value Gentleness.



Year 4 had a wonderful time exploring the FCJ values of Gentleness and Hope. They used Pic Collage to create a compilation of images that illustrated gentleness, thinking about gentleness in words and deeds. They explored the meaning of hope in the world today and coloured in a figure encapsulating their vision of hope for the future. They learned a lot about our Foundress and enjoyed partaking in the role play activities lead by the RISE team.







Year 6 had an opportunity to pause and reflect upon the FCJ values and mission, considering how they will take this forward to their new schools in September.



#### **Eco Committee**

The Eco committee enjoyed a wonderful meeting with the Sisters and were able to share some of the things we have implemented.



#### **School Development Squad**

The children had time to reflect upon all their hard work this year making small changes at FCJ. They told the Sisters about 'Waste Free Wednesdays' to help reduce our use of plastics. They shared what the Core Values mean to them and how they make everyone's voice heard. The Sisters gave us some advice on how we can support others.







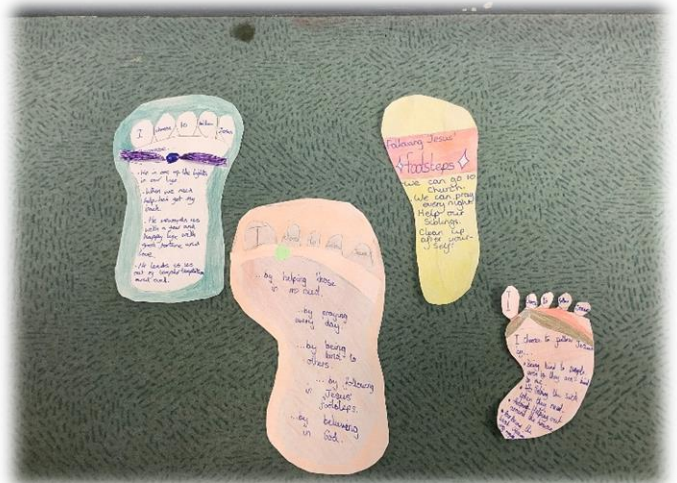
Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful time of Collective Worship with Sister MaryAnne in the chapel. She helped the children to think about Marie Madeleine and her friend Constance. The children thought about their own friends, and they gave thanks to God for their friends. The children enjoyed acting out some of the story and then created a paperchain which reflected all their ideas about what made a good companion.

In the music room, the children had an opportunity to ask Sister MaryAnne questions about her life and faith. There were many amazing questions including: What is your favourite song about Jesus? What do you tell people about Jesus? Is It hard being a sister? Why is companionship so important?



Reception enjoyed a beautiful time of prayer in the chapel; they learnt all about how special Marie Madeleine is and how we follow in her footsteps at FCJ. RISE theatre also led a fantastic workshop where the children brought to life the story of the 'Calming of the Storm' using body percussion to create sound effects. The children focussed on companionship by making friendship bracelets to give to each other.





Year 5 experienced a wonderful few days meeting the Sisters and engaging with all of the fun activities we completed. RISE theatre led a fantastic workshop, where the children tested out their acting skills. We discussed why Marie Madeleine is so important to our school.



Preschool had a visit from Sister MaryAnne. We learnt all about our Foundress, Marie Madeleine. Her great faith meant she displayed the courage and confidence which was the basis of her work, and the work of all the Sisters-past, present and future. We really enjoyed singing with Sister MaryAnne!

Year One enjoyed meeting Sister Lynne and finding out about her vocation. They got to ask her questions and find out about how she helps others and shows kindness. The children shared their ideas on what they can do to help the environment at FCJ. She taught us a beautiful song. The children enjoyed seeing that if all our acts of kindness link together they can make a big difference.