

R.E Curriculum Report 2017-2018

Month of the Rosary

As October is the month of The Rosary, our Liturgy Leaders designed posters to advertise a Rosary Club. These were then displayed around school. The end product of the club was wonderful to see and the children were very proud of themselves.



Mission Weeks

Loving Week

During Loving Week children were learning about different faiths through a range of different activities.

Children created a range of multi-cultural food for 'St. John the Baptist Cultures Cafe' which was then opened to parents. Children also had the chance to visit different places of worship.



Year 2 children enjoyed a visit to a Hindu Temple. They listened carefully to ideas about gods and symbolism, looked around the temple and saw the different shrines as well as the daily worshipping ritual. The children showed a great deal of enthusiasm, asking many different questions and finding out a lot of interesting information!

Learning Week

Learning Week was all about children learning from others.

Debates took place across Key Stages and in Y5 & Y6 children prepared speeches for a debate on the serious issue of American gun laws. Each speaker had a limited time to try and persuade the audience to agree with them. After a healthy debate it was decided to ban the sale of guns in the USA.

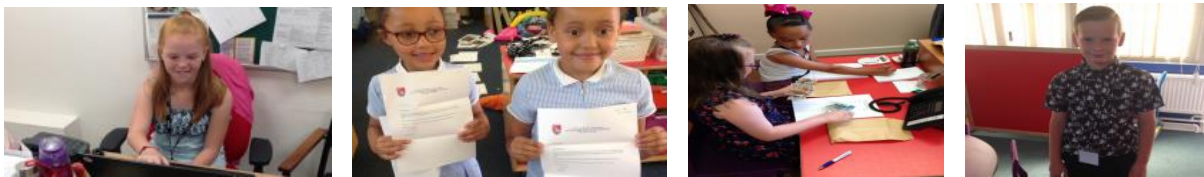
Themed P.E lessons were held, with children experiencing what it could be like if they didn't have their sense of sight.

To conclude Learning Week we held our Talent Show. Children, staff, families and the judges were treated to a wonderful mix of singing, gymnastics, music and much more which allowed children to share their God given talents.



Living Week

As part of our third Mission Week, Living Week, children were asked to explore 'Who does God want me to be?' As a whole school, children began the week by applying for the jobs of the adults in school. These were then shortlisted and some children were called for interview. Choosing the right candidate for each job was extremely difficult as all of the children were amazing, but some children were lucky enough to receive a letter of congratulations. On Friday, children took over the school! Roles from Office Manager offering a warm welcome, to Deputy Headteacher printing off behaviour reports, were undertaken by the successful candidates and what an amazing job they did! What a busy day it was!



Below are some comments that children made about the experience. Year 1 Ethan - "It has made me a more confident person."

Dylan - "It was fantastic! I really want to be an LSA when I am older."

Ini - "I enjoyed it in Year 2 and the children were so kind."

Brodie - "It was lots of fun, when I'm older I want to be a Site Manager."

Malachi - "I enjoyed putting the equipment away and playing with the children."

Courtney - "I enjoyed reading the children 'I'm going on a Bear Hunt', when I'm older I want to be a teacher. "

Alishea - "It was so much fun answering the phone; I want to do it again."

Litzy - "I want to be a teacher in Reception because I never want to leave them!"

Rebecca - "I want to go back to Year 3. I had fun teaching the lessons."

Chloe - "I liked it and I would love to do it again!"

Isabella - "I have enjoyed teaching."

Paige - "I have realised that when I am older I would like to be an LSA and would like to do it again"

Kaycee - "Teaching is very hard."

Casey - "It made me feel like I would like to teach year one when I am older."

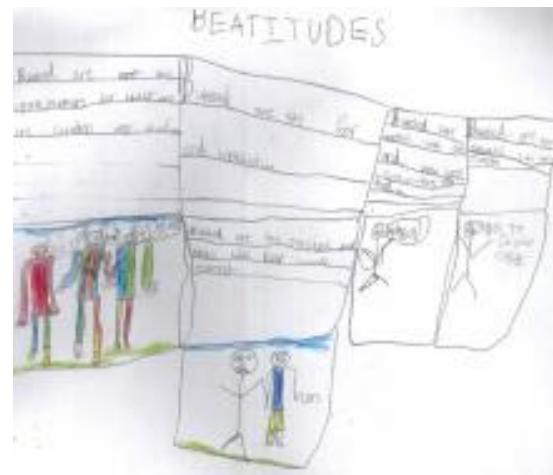
Zack - "it helped me interact with the little children"

Leah - "I have enjoyed being the Deputy Headteacher and it has made me realise how much work Mrs Dixon has to do".

Vocations Workshop

As part of Living Week, Year 5 and 6 welcomed visitors in for a Vocations Workshop. Children had the opportunity to hear about lots of vocations, from a Barber to Barrister! Children also had the chance to have any questions answered by the people themselves. Children really enjoyed this opportunity and it gave them lots to think about.

Gifted and Talented



Two children from our Year 4 class went to St. George and St. Teresa as part of RE Gifted & Talented. They studied 'Beatitude' and produced some fantastic work.

Journey to the Stable



In preparation for Christmas, Year Two went on a 'Journey to the Stable'. They started by hearing the story of the Shepherds, then we went to find the Star Inn and finally found where baby Jesus lay in his manger. They had lots of fun and enjoyed learning about the Christmas Story in a fun way.

Memory Tree



Throughout December, children had the opportunity to make a decoration for a Memory Christmas Tree, which was placed in the Prayer Garden. Money raised was then given to Child Bereavement UK charity

Christmas Productions



EYFS performed 'Humph the Camel' and Key Stage One performed 'The Christmas Star'. Children they demonstrated their wonderful singing and acting skills.

Key Stage Two put on a wonderful Christmas Carol Concert, the children showed such enthusiasm as they belted out festive tunes leaving staff and families attending feeling festive and full of Christmas cheer!

Supersing

10 gifted Year 6 children sang at the 2017 Supersing event at Grace Academy along with performers from 10 other schools. Children worked really hard all day to



prepare for the evening concert which was attended by lots of parents, teachers and governors. The event raised lots of money for Zoe's Place charity for children under 5 who are very ill.

Carol Singing



Some of our children visited Jubilee House where they performed Christmas carols to the residents, who thoroughly enjoyed it! The children were amazing, spreading Christmas cheer and joy.

Caring for God's Creatures



Throughout January, a number of children went to learn how to care for some of God's creatures. The children "adopted" their Alpaca and each week got to know more about their Alpaca, feeding and walking them. They learnt how to respectfully handle animals, care for their needs and some basic training.

Liturgy Leaders

The role of the Liturgy Leaders was further developed, with them taking on responsibility for monitoring, presenting to Governors and leading workshops. Liturgy Leaders gained confidence in their role and undertook it with pride and passion.

Children's Voices - Liturgy Leaders, Mission and Ethos Committee

"We did what we usually do, take pictures write down on a piece of paper the pros and cons and then presented our presentation". - Lennon

"We took two Governors round to monitor the prayer focus in each class". - Alex

Stations of the Cross

During Holy Week our children came together to reflect upon the Stations of the Cross, which represents Christ's long and sad journey to the cross. Through his death to the peace, hope and joy of his resurrection on Easter day.



Other Cultures - Holi



Children in Year 2 took part in paint throwing, a tradition carried out during the festival of Holi, also known as the festival of colours. Holi celebrates the end of winter and arrival of Spring and also the triumph of good over evil.

R.E Workshops

The children enjoyed working with their parents and grandparents creating Our Lady puppets, flower crowns, writing prayers, reading bible stories and colouring images of Mary. We received some lovely comments on the feedback forms.



May Procession

To mark the beginning of the month of Our Lady, we held a May Procession where Mary was crowned with flowers. Liturgy Leaders processed around the local community, before gathering in the Prayer Garden to lay flowers at Mary's feet as an offering with hymns sung in celebration.



Living Arts Project

As part of our journey with the Living Arts Network, Years 1 to 5 completed a photography project with David Grange from Creative Solutions. Our stunning, finished piece is now displayed in our prayer garden. If you look closely, what appears to be a grey background is actually made up of lots of tiny pictures taken by the children from the project. Aaron from Year 5 was chosen for the main image and Maiya from Year 4 wrote our Catholic virtues out beautifully.



The Sacraments

Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation was received by some of our Year 6 children. Coming together with Guardian Angels to welcome Bishop Robert Byrne as celebrant; a wonderful evening was shared by all for this wonderful event in the children's Catholic life.



First Holy Communion

The sacrament of First Holy Communion was received by some of our Year 3 and 4 children. Celebrating an intimate Mass in our own church, children were joined by their families for this special occasion.



Alton Castle

Our Year 6 children attended their residential at Alton Castle, as you can see from the photos they had an amazing time! During their time at Alton they were kept busy taking part in lots of activities such as, Archery, Survival, Trekking and Cycling. They also relaxed with a disco and quiz night! It was a wonderful opportunity for Year 6 to spend time together as classmates during their final week here at St John's, as well as reflect on their own spiritual journey. They represented the school really well, showing just how mature they have all become.



