



***"We Learn, Love and Grow Through Christ".***

### **Prayer Leader Newsletter** **Autumn 2**

#### **Who are the new Prayer Leaders?**



We are delighted to introduce ourselves. We are the newly appointed Prayer Leaders in our school. There are 13 of us from across years 4, 5 and 6.

We all completed an application and had an interview with Mr Gauci before we were chosen to fulfil this special role.

#### **Training**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of October we went to St Joseph's Catholic Primary school in Hanwell, where we met with other Pupil Chaplaincy teams from the Catholic schools across the Ealing Deanery.

Throughout the day, we received training on what it means to be a Prayer Leader, what our role involves and we even made an action plan to map out what we want to do this year to support the Catholic Life of our school.

## **Commissioning**

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of November, we celebrated a special mass in our church, where we had a commissioning ceremony. We all received a certificate and the Parish was told about who we are and our mission to Learn, Love and Grow Through Christ.

We introduced ourselves to the rest of the school and received our Prayer Leader badges in Miss Coll's assembly.



## **Care Home Visits**

We have teamed up with the Mini Vinnies and on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, we visited the Elm Lodge care home. We spent time getting to know the residents and playing games with them. We will be visiting again on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, where we will be delivering Christmas cards to the residents and we will be performing Christmas carols for them.



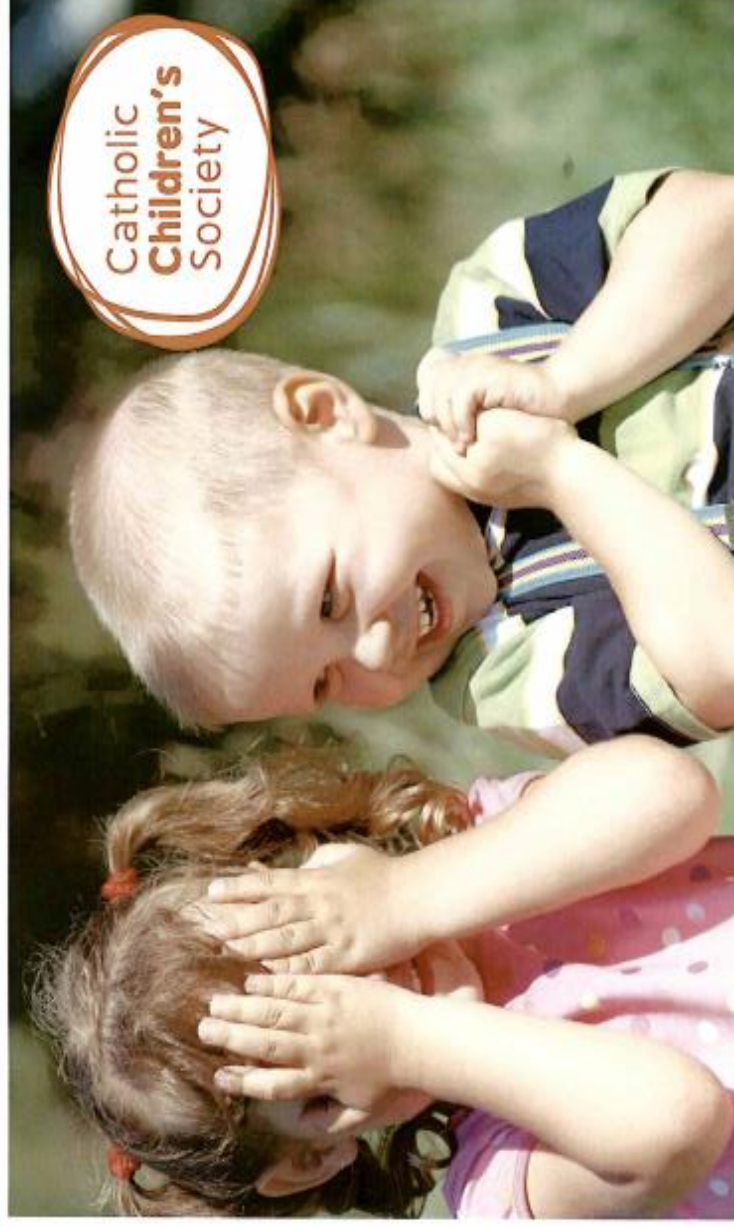
## **Westminster Carol Service**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of November, we attended the Westminster Cathedral Carol Service, hosted by the Catholic Children's Society. We had a wonderful time and it has really put us in the mood for Christmas. It was such a spectacular service, which included a real donkey and a real goat.

We, the prayer leaders, contributed to the Catholic Children's Society fund and raised £48. We were honoured to join the Magi during the offertory procession, where we delivered our contribution.







## Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Primary School

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## **Pop Up Christmas Shop**

Our current theme for Catholic Social Teaching is “Preferential Option for the Poor”. We have again teamed up with the Mini Vinnies and will be hosting a “Pop Up Christmas Shop” in our school. We are excited to be receiving so many donations of gifts and we are thrilled that so many families have bought vouchers for the shop.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, we will be opening up the shop to all those who have vouchers, so please keep on helping the cause by donating as many gifts as you can. All money raised will be donated to the Parish to support their mission of caring for the homeless.



## **Recycling**

On our action plan, we have said that we want to further promote recycling in our school. We have completed our first action of contacting Ealing council to ask for a delivery of recycling bins and food recycling bags. We are delighted to let you know that we have had a delivery of recycling bins and we will be distributing them to each class, Miss Coll, Mrs Etheridge, the school office and Miss Clarke. We want to live out stewardship and reduce waste in our school.

## A Prayer for peace

Loving God and Father of all,  
hear our prayer for peace in our world.  
Protect all children living through war,  
help them to stay safe and feel loved.  
Strengthen all adults hurt by war,  
help them to forgive and to heal.  
Guide all leaders who work to end war,  
help them to stay hopeful and wise.  
Loving God, your Son, Jesus  
showed us how to be peacemakers.  
Help us to follow his example,  
and live in peace as your global family.  
**Amen.**



We are looking forward to continuing to live out our mission in the New Year.  
Have a very Merry Christmas!