



"We Learn, Love and Grow Through Christ".

Prayer Leader Newsletter
Spring Term

We are the devoted Prayer Leaders



We have continued our mission to "Learn, Love and Grow through Christ" throughout the Spring term.

Catholic Social Teaching

In the first half of Spring term, the principle we focussed on was Solidarity and Peace. In the second half term, we focussed on Community and Participation.



Litter Picking

On the 29th of January, we worked with the LAGER Can Voluntary Service to help clean the area around our school and the Church. Many other groups in our school have also taken part in this. What a great way to keep our community looking sensational!



Mardi Gras

On Friday 9th of February, we led the whole school in a Mardi Gras procession. This was to mark the beginning of Lent, a time when we abide by three pillars – prayer, fasting and alms giving.

It was incredible to see all of our friends wearing their bright colours, gold, green and purple. We were also excited to see all of the beautiful masks.

We made a banner to lead the procession around the church and the school grounds. We also sang songs to help us recreate a Mardi Gras carnival.

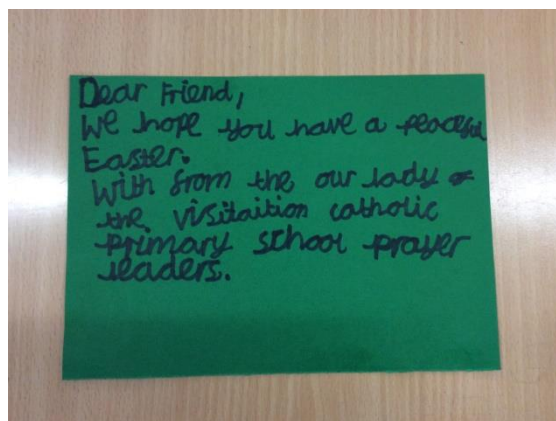
Lots of other activities went on throughout the school, including dances, children frying pancakes and others creating noise makers for the carnival procession.



Easter Cards

In the build up to Easter, we have been making Easter cards to send out to local residents and those who may need a friend. We worked with the Mini Vinnies to make cards and also welcomed in all the other children in our school who wanted to contribute.

We will be giving these cards out to 4 different groups who support those in need in our community. Befriend is a charity whose volunteers goes out in to the community and visits elderly and lonely people. Elm Lodge, part of the Minster Care Group, is a local care home, caring for those who may struggle to look after themselves in their own homes. WISE is a charity that provides day care facilities for the elderly in the local community. Finally we will also be giving a selection of cards to our Church to give out to the local homeless people who attend their breakfast club every Saturday.



Easter Bonnet Parade

On the last day of term, we led the Key Stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade. We designed and made banners to help remind everyone of the messages of Easter. We were lucky that God made the sun shine for us.

All of the children walked around the playground and were singing songs to mark Holy Week and to celebrate Easter.



Catholic Social Teaching Prayers

Solidarity Prayer

Loving God and Father of all,
through you we learn that we are all your children
and belong to your one global family.
Help us to act as sisters and brothers,
supporting each other
and working together,
so that with your help,
we can build a world
of mercy, kindness, justice and peace.
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

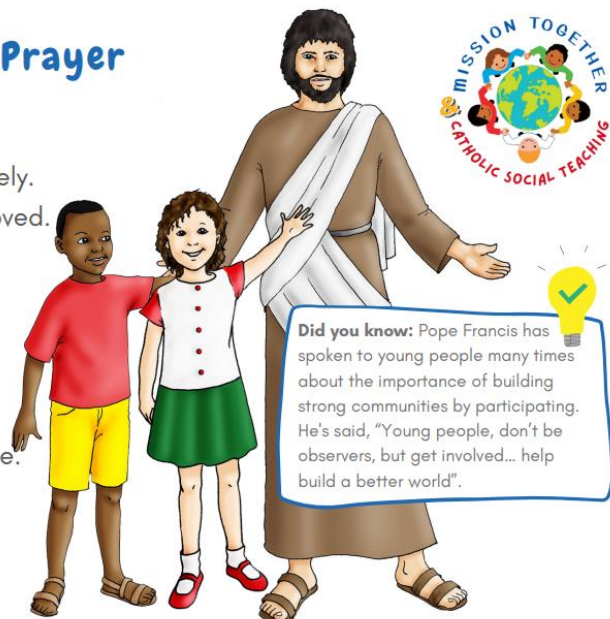
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Community and Participation Prayer

Loving God and Father of all,
you do not want any of your children to be lonely.
You want them to know they are valued and loved.
Help us to build communities
where all people feel included.
And help us to share with our communities
the gifts and talents you have given us,
so that we can learn from each other,
work together, and grow in your mercy and love.
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



We hope you have a happy and restful Easter with
your loved ones.