



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

**Prayer Leader Newsletter**  
**Autumn**

**Who are our Prayer Leaders?**



We are delighted to introduce ourselves. We are the current Prayer Leaders in our school. There are 14 of us from across years 4, 5 and 6. We are excited to welcome 6 new members to our team.

## Training

On Monday 14<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.

We were privileged to meet Sister Judith, who is a charismatic and inspirational person. She often works with young people and adults to share the good news of Christ's mission.



## Commissioning

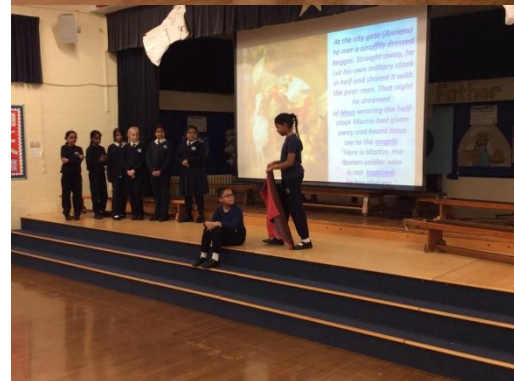
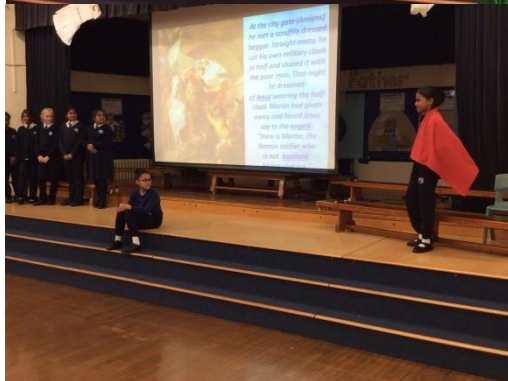
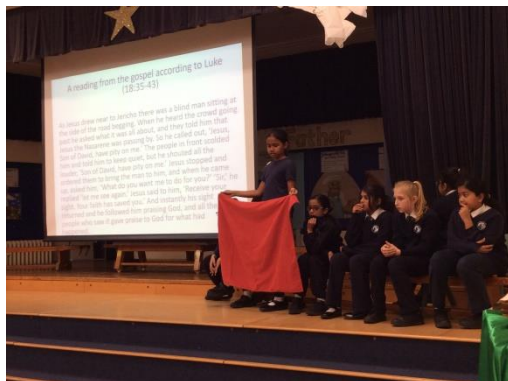
On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of November, we celebrated a special mass in our church, where we had a commissioning ceremony. We all received a certificate and the Parish was told about who we are and our mission to Learn, Love and Grow Through Christ.



## St Martin Assembly

On our training day, we learnt what it means to be a Prayer Leader. The word “Chaplain” (our official role within the diocese of Westminster) comes from the word “capella” which means “cape”. We learnt about the story of St Martin and how he cut his cape in half to help a poor person.

We were able to share St Martin’s story with the rest of our school in an assembly. This gave us the opportunity to tell everyone about our mission and it allowed us to explain why our role is so important in our school.



## Westminster Carol Service

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 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 £36. We were honoured to join the Magi during the offertory procession, where we delivered our contribution.

We were also delighted to meet the members of the Cardinal Wiseman choir. It was wonderful to see so many children who used to attend our school in previous years.



## Singing for the Parish Friendship Club

We have teamed up with the Mini Vinnies and on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, we visited the Parish Friendship Club. We sang some Christmas Carols for the friends and helped them get in the Christmas spirit for their Christmas party. We enjoyed spending time talking to different members of our Parish family and we also enjoyed having a dance with them. We also returned a week later where we gave out handmade Christmas cards to the Friendship Club.



## 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 hosted a “Pop Up Christmas Shop” in our school. We have raised over £550, which will be given to our Parish to support with the Homeless Winter Night Shelter that runs over the Christmas period.

We had a spectacular day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of December where we opened up the Christmas shop to everyone who had purchased a ticket. Our friends were thrilled to be able to choose their gifts and we are very grateful to the mums who helped wrap the presents on the day and to everyone who donated gifts.



## Save the date

Next Year we will be celebrating the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope. Keep an eye out for all of the activities we will be organising.

We are planning an event in the Parish Centre to celebrate the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of hope.

Tickets will go on sale in January.

There are raffle prizes to be won and we promise a fun time.

This event will be for adults only.



We have already begun our journey of faith, spreading hope. Our Pilgrims of Hope banner goes with us on our journey.



Years 5 and 6 Cross Country competition



Year 5 litter picking



Mr Jai's choir singing at the Westminster Schools Singing Programme Christmas Carol Concert

## Stewardship Prayer

Loving God and Father of all,  
Thank you for the gift of this wonderful world.  
Help us to notice each day the beauty of your creation,  
and to care for all of your animals, insects,  
fish, birds and plants.  
Encourage us to work  
with our sisters and brothers everywhere,  
so that together we can protect  
the world you made for us –  
the home all your children share.  
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**



## Option for the Poor Prayer

Loving God and Father of all,  
your Son, Jesus, showed us how to love and care  
for your children who are poor and in need of extra help.  
May we learn from Jesus,  
to share what we can,  
to listen when we can,  
to do what we can,  
and to pray when we can.  
In these ways may we support  
our sisters and brothers,  
wherever they live in the world.  
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**



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