



"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.



Jubilee Launch assembly

2025 is a very special year in the Church. This is a Jubilee year which only happens every 25 years. This year the theme of the Jubilee year is Pilgrims of Hope. On Monday 27th of January, the Prayer Leaders hosted launch assemblies where they told everyone about the Jubilee Year and we invited parents to join us. We also shared our missions with the school.



Jubilee Pledges

On the stage, we have created a display for the Jubilee Year. Everyone has made a self-portrait and created a Jubilee pledge. Our pledges tell everyone what we want to do to bring hope to others throughout the Jubilee Year.



Jubilee Doors

The Pilgrims of Hope Club, along with the Prayer Leaders and Darcy in Year 6, helped to create Jubilee Doors in our school and in the Church. These were made to represent the Jubilee Doors in St Peter's Basilica, Rome.



Disco Bingo

On Saturday 1st of March, the Prayer Leaders helped to organise a Disco Bingo fundraising event in the church, which was themed on the Jubilee Year and they raised £2820 for the Church restoration fund. This event brought families and other members of the community together and filled everyone with hope for the year ahead.

The children were excited to be involved, they raised awareness for the event by selling tickets and raffle tickets. They also supported on the night by singing the songs they knew and drawing the raffle tickets.



Mardi Gras

On Friday 28th 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.



St Patricks Day

On the week before St Patrick's day, the Parish Friendship club had their own celebration to mark the feast day. The prayer Leaders were invited along to celebrate with the Friends.



Big Lent Walk

This year for our Lenten fundraising initiative, we took part in The Big Lent Walk. This has helped us raise vital funds for CAFOD's work around the world, supporting those who are less fortunate than us.

The Big Lent Walk was especially significant this year as it links to the Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope. Our walking encouraged us to reflect on how we can support and uplift those around us, living out the values of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the principle of Community and Participation.

We have been able to surpass our target of 1500km and we have also raised a staggering £520. Thank you to everyone who has supported us. It is not too late to support us, please follow the link below.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/our-lady-of-the-visitation-catholic-primary-school-fundraising-page>



THE BIG LENT WALK: SCHOOLS

Raised
£520

Target
£500



Distance travelled
1,928.4 km

Target
1,500 km



Achievements

Fundraising



The challenge



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 made cards and also welcomed in all the other children in our school who wanted to contribute.

We will be giving these cards out to 3 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. 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.



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.

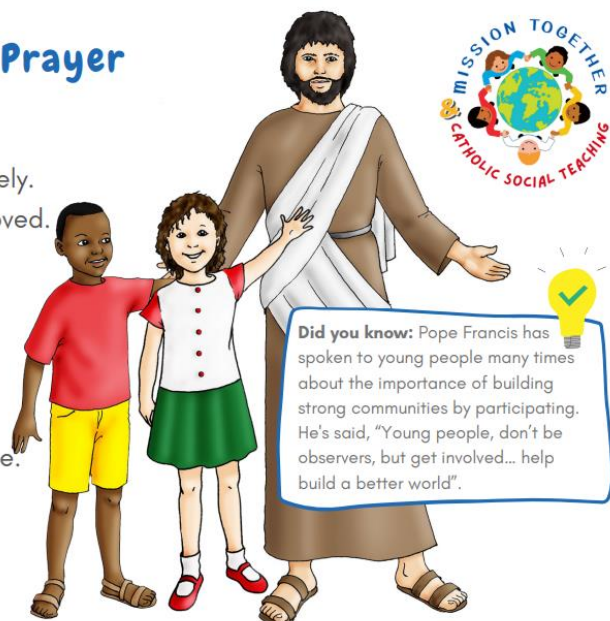
Amen.



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.