

# CAFOD LiveSimply

## Spring Term 2024 News at St Joseph's



The Eco-Council 2023-24



The Mini Vinnies 2023-24

### Lent Fundraising

The children completed laps of the playground every day for the first two weeks of Lent. We could run, skip, walk or hop! We have our very own Cafod fundraising page and we have so raised a staggering £530. Thank you so much for helping to make such a difference.

Give



### THE BIG LENT WALK: SCHOOLS

Raised  
**£530**

Target  
**£200**





## Year 2 led us in an amazing assembly that taught us all about the work of Cafod.



The Year 6 Gardeners completed The Big Lent Walk with their Seeds from Reception Class.

Give Connect



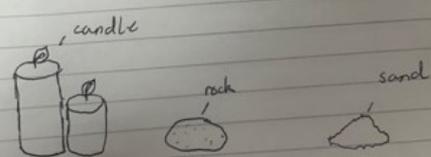
# Lent Bags



During Lent, the children have been taking home a special Lent bag with objects and activities to help them reflect on the meaning of this special Season. It has been lovely to read the children's thoughts

I liked having the Prayer bag because it made me happy. My favourite part was when I got to hold the shell and say what brought joy and happiness. I also liked touching the sand and saying what is tough. I asked God to help me at my english and at my geography. When I held the rock I imagined what it would be like for my heart to be stone.

I really enjoyed holding the candle and singing 'this little light of mine'. I thought about how I could let my light shine just like Jesus did. I think that to let my light shine I have to be myself. I have to realise that I am me. I am special and unique, and I have to have self-belief. Because it is my spark and nobody has a spark just like me.



When I held the rock, I thought about how I feel when my heart is like a rock. It always helps when we have someone who we trust to talk to. I will try to be one of those people for my friends.



Taking part  
**Participation**



# Atherton & Leigh Foodbank

Warren from the Foodbank kindly came into school to talk to Year 3 about the important work they do.

Thank you all those who sent donations.



Penny (Year 3) was inspired by Warren's talk to donate some food items at the Supermarket. She chose biscuits, tins of soup, spaghetti hoops and tomatoes.

Thank you for your act of kindness Penny.

# Our Kitchen Garden

As we are in the Spring Term we have started work on the Kitchen Garden. The beds have been painted and the flags jet-washed. The Eco-Council have begun weeding and clearing and we will soon be ready to add compost and start planting.

We have big plans for the Kitchen Garden which includes building a Bug Hotel! Gardening Club will begin after Easter. Watch this space!



# Prayers for the Holy Land

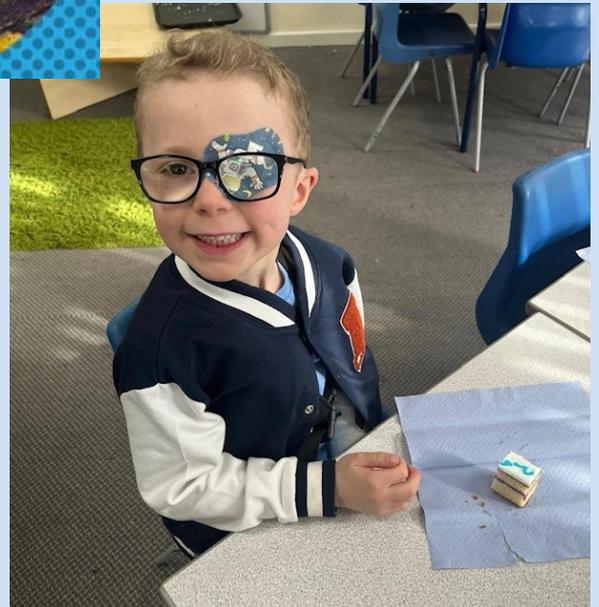
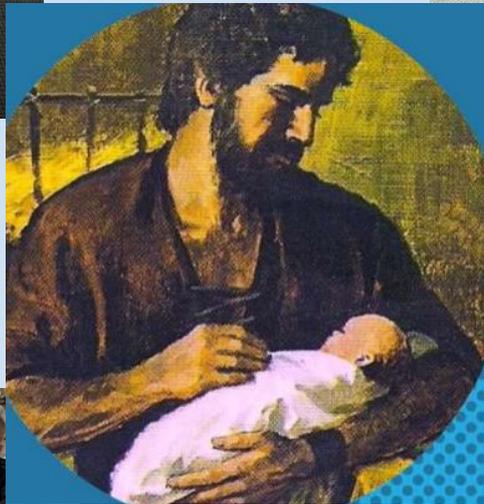
Archbishop Malcolm asked us to join his voice in a day of prayer for the Holy Land. As it was Mothers' Day weekend, we gathered together in the hall and prayed for those mothers for those mothers who can't feel their children in Gaza.



# St Joseph's Feast Day

On 19th March, we celebrated St Joseph's Day with a special Mass, led by Year 6. The Eco Council and the Mini Vinnies chose how to spend the day.

We completed craft activities, had an extra play with new equipment and enjoyed some delicious cake. Happy Feast Day to our school's special Saint, St Joseph!





# National Sign Language Week

To show our support to a local charity, Wigan and Leigh Deaf Children's Society, we joined in with National Sign Language Week which began on 18th March. We held a non-uniform day on the Friday for all children and dressed in the colours of the Deaf flag; blue, turquoise and yellow. Families kindly sent a cash donation and we raised a fantastic £126.60. Thank you to all our families.

Each class learned to perform a song using British Sign Language, and we performed them in Assembly. Ask your children to teach you some of the words they have learned.



Find out more about the work of Wigan and Leigh Deaf Society at [www.wldcs.org/](http://www.wldcs.org/)



Thank you for all your generous support  
again this term.

Enjoy a happy and holy Easter.

