

CAFOD LiveSimply

Autumn Term 2023

News at St Joseph's



The Eco-Council 2023-24



The Mini Vinnies 2023-24

We have been brightening up the Harvest!

On 4th October Year 3 led our 'Brighten up the Harvest' fundraiser with an Assembly for the whole school and Year 3 families in the morning. We heard about all the amazing work that Cafod are doing to help our global family and care for creation. Everyone wore bright clothes and donations were made to Cafod. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, 96kg Food was donated to the local foodbank and £172.50 to Cafod.



Give

Spirituality Day

On 11th October, the whole school had a break from our normal lessons and took part in a Spirituality Day. Mrs Melling led us in an assembly in the morning, and we heard all about the Cafod Catholic Social Teaching characters. Each class found out who their special character would be. In mixed ability groups, we spent time in different areas around school learning more about the characters and completing fun, creative, prayer activities.



Meet the Catholic Social Teaching characters.....

Catholic Social Teaching

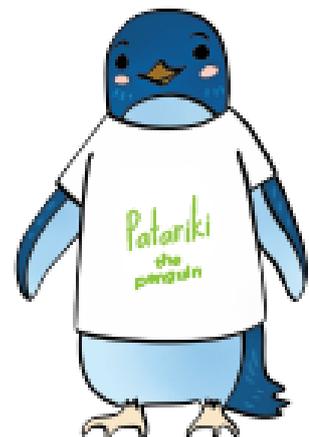
The Principles



Everyone is special
Human Dignity



Thinking of everyone
The Common Good



Taking part
Participation



Everyone should have a say
Subsidiarity



Caring for God's gifts
Stewardship



Showing we care
Solidarity



Putting people most in need first
Preferential Option for the Poor



Sharing fairly
Distributive Justice



Being peacemakers
Promoting peace



Each class also had a visit from Doreen, Angela and Jim from Cafod who explained more about the importance of Catholic Social Teaching. We learned that Jesus tells us to love God and our neighbours, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty. We must try and use the Catholic Social Teaching principles to guide us.

Loving God,
 We believe that we are one big
 human family.
 Help us to reach out to people
 who are suffering or sad, showing
 them the love you have shown
 to us.
 Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

The Mini Vinnies trip to the local Foodbank

The Mini Vinnies spent a morning volunteering at the local foodbank. They helped to sort the food out and pack it into bags.



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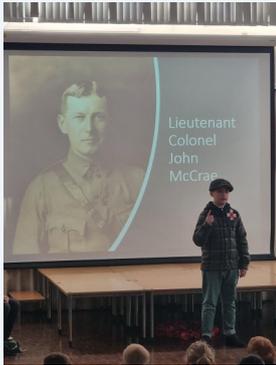


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Remembrance Day



Year 6 led us in a very moving and poignant Remembrance Assembly. The whole school reflected on all those who have died in wars, taking part in a two minute silence. Year 6 also sold Poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion.



Bart Gee



On 7th November, Bart Gee came into school to talk to us all about turning disability into possibility. Bart was born with a rare physical disability. He was told that he would never walk or lead any kind of independent life. Bart inspired us all when he told us that he started to walk when he was 3 years old, and since then, has been able to take part in many different activities including running, football, table tennis and swimming. He also plays the piano and drives a car. To find out more about Bart's amazing achievements visit <https://www.breakinglimits.co.uk/>





**CHILDREN IN NEED
NOVEMBER 2023**



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We wore spots...



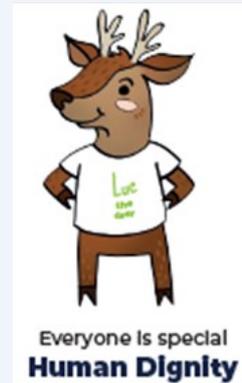
...and did the conga!



Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day

13th-17th Nov



We 'made a noise' and wore odd socks to show that we respect differences. We came together to have important discussions about what bullying means to us, how 'banter' can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying.



Cake Sale

Year 3 and the Mini Vinnies held a cake sale to help raise funds for the St Vincent De Paul Society's Christmas Hampers. The hampers will be distributed in our local community. Thank you to everyone who bought cakes, and an especially big thank you to the year 3 parents and staff who donated the cakes.



We raised £90 for the SVP Society.....just amazing!

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Connect

Christmas Jumper Appeal

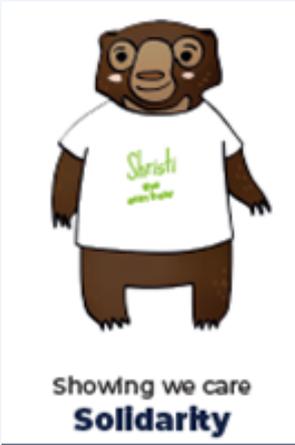
Thank you for donating your pre-loved Christmas jumpers again! It was lovely to see them being put to good use instead of ending up in landfill!. Successfully caring for our planet, and helping each other at the same time. Thank you to the Eco-Council who helped to sort the jumpers and sell them on the stall.



YEAR 4 trip to the Cathedral



To help the children prepare for Christmas, our special Year 4 class attended a beautiful Advent service at Liverpool Cathedral.



The children very kindly donated gifts to the less fortunate of the Archdiocese.



Thank you for all your support this term.

Have a happy and holy Christmas.

