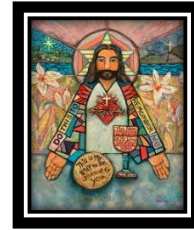


The Friday Messenger

Pentecost Sunday
Friday 26th May 2023



Year One: Serving: Holidays and Holydays
Year Two: The Mass
Year Three: The Mass
Year Four: Belonging to The Church
Year Five: Pentecost and Serving
Year Six: Anointing of The Sick



Year 1	Year 2
This week we have started our new unit called 'Holidays and Holydays', which focuses on Pentecost. The children reflected on their own experiences of holidays, including holidays where they may stay at home as well as visit somewhere. They thought about how holidays are different and special compared to ordinary day and some activities they may do on holiday. In our second lesson, we learnt about holy days and discussed some of the holy days that the children already know about. The children made their own poster about Easter to show why and how the holy day is celebrated.	Our RE work this week has focussed on the beginning of the Christian church. After reflecting on the story of Pentecost, we found that this was an important part to the beginning of the Christian church.
Year 3	Year 4
This week we have begun our new topic about The Mass. We began by looking at the events of the Last Supper through a short video and the painting by Da Vinci. We linked the eating of the bread and wine, representing Jesus' body and blood, to what happens in The Mass and what it means during the taking of Holy Communion. The children wrote their own recount of the Last supper and explained the importance of this in their own words. Our second lesson looked at the story of the Curing of the Centurion's servant; we talked about how this links to the Mass and what it tells us about how we should live today with faith and kindness.	Year 4 have been finished their work on the early mission of the church by looking at how the church helps people now and spreads the good news. They found out about the work of the charity Cafod and the Pope's special encyclical letter 'Fratelli Tutti'. They made posters to advertise the good work of the charities.
Year 5	Year 6
This week Year 5 have begun their new topic, 'Pentecost and Serving'. They reflect on and discussed what the words 'transform' and 'energy' mean and explored how energy can be transformed to good use for us and the natural world. In the second lesson they explored and discussed the Gospel story, 'On the road to Emmaus, responded to key questions, produced a story board featuring annotations to show they understand how the disciples knew it was Jesus when they reflected on their experiences.	To conclude the children's work on the Apostles, they explained how they were ordinary people with strengths, weaknesses and fears and gave reasons why and how they were changed by the Holy Spirit. The children explored this well as a class and worked successfully in pairs to jot down and compare ideas. To conclude the topic, the children used a variety of given information to answer the big question, 'Why is having a Pope essential to the church today?' The children produced thoughtful work and could explain the role of the Pope and how he impacts our lives and the lives of others.

Gospel Values

This month's value is... **Humility**

Action! In this Sunday's Gospel we hear the story of Pentecost: the sending down of The Holy Spirit to the Apostles.

This week's activity is to make a Pentecost/Holy Spirit poster- see below for some ideas.

