



# The Friday Messenger

Feast of Christ The King  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November



*Our curriculum themes are:*

*Year 1: Mary, Mother of God-Advent*

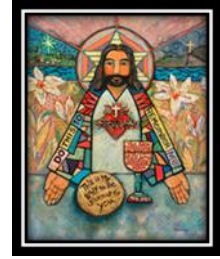
*Year 2: Mysteries-Advent*

*Year 3: Mary our Mother*

*Year 4: Trust in God- Advent*

*Year 5: Inspirational People- Vocations (Sacrament of Ordination)*

*Year 6: Justice-Advent*



<p><b>Year 1</b></p> <p>This week we talked about preparing for Christmas during the season of Advent. We talked about how our families prepare for Christmas.</p> <p>Many homes are being decorated with lights and Christmas trees and children are getting their advent calendars ready.</p> <p>We looked at the symbols of Advent: Advent Wreath, Advent Calendar, Nativity set, Jesse tree and purple cloth. We found out what they mean and what they remind us of. We then labelled and matched the meanings to the symbols of Advent.</p> <p>We talked about Mary's role in the season and saw that Mary was in the Nativity and that the Bethlehem (second Candle) on the wreath reminds us that she travelled to Bethlehem.</p>	<p><b>Year 2</b></p> <p>This week we started our new topic on 'Mysteries – Advent'. We started off by thinking about what a mystery was and some examples of mysteries that we have encountered in our lives. This led us to thinking about God and how he is a mystery to us. We then thought about what we would like to know more of about God.</p>
<p><b>Year 3</b></p> <p>In RE Year 3 heard the story of the annunciation. They considered why Mary was chosen and how God chooses us all for his plans. They then role-played being Mary and having Gabriel visit to tell her about the baby. They imagined how they would feel and discussed the mixture of emotions. They all decided Mary had faith and trust in God to accept the plan</p>	<p><b>Year 4</b></p> <p>In RE this week, Year 4 discussed the Annunciation of Mary. The children worked in pairs to look up the first words the angel spoke to Mary in Luke 1:28 and the words that Elizabeth said to Mary in Luke 1:42. As a class we asked each other questions about how easy it is for us and how easy it was for Mary to trust in God. The children wrote their questions and answers on a whiteboard to share with the class. This allowed for excellent discussion in the class and built a greater understanding of the Annunciation of Mary.</p>
<p><b>Year 5</b></p> <p>This week we learnt about a truly inspirational person, Piet Giorgio. Piet Giorgio was a young Italian man who right from childhood spent his life trying to help others. As he grew older, he started to dedicate his life to trying to combat inequalities, helping the poor and vulnerable and standing up against leaders who were treating people badly. The children researched his work and talents and his life. Piet Giorgio died incredibly young at the age of twenty-four but was made a saint by Pope John Paul II in 1990 who named him, "The man of the eight Beatitudes". The children made posters showing how Piet Giorgio earned this name from their own research. They then made an action plan for their own futures after thinking of what their aspirations are and what qualities they think they will need to achieve their aspirations. They listed which Beatitude/s they would need to live out to do this and the impact they could have on the lives of others. This was a lovely way to finish this inspirational topic.</p>	<p><b>Year 6</b></p> <p>This week's lessons focused on overcoming injustice. The children studied the life of Father Pedro and explored why he felt a moral obligation towards the 'preferential option for the poor'. In the second lesson, the children thought about CAFOD and how the charity helps people around the world. After reading Matt 25: 35-40, Lk 10:29 – 37 and Jn 15:12, they thought about how the charity has been inspired by the teaching of Jesus through Matthew, Luke and John's words.</p>

**Gospel Values**

This month's values are **Respect and Reverence**

**Action! This Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church's year and we celebrate the Feast of Christ The King: Jesus the King of love and King of the world**  
**You could make a Christ the King crown or poster at home.**

