



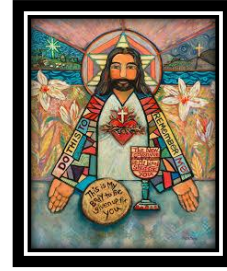
The Friday Messenger

1st Sunday in Lent
Friday 16th February



Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: From Galilee to Jerusalem
- Year 2: From Galilee to Jerusalem
- Year 3: Reconciliation- called to change
- Year 4: Jesus the teacher
- Year 5: Reconciliation
- Year 6: Jesus, Son of God



Year 1	Year 2
This week in RE, the children have been discussing how Jesus helps us to be a better person. We re-read the scripture about Zacchaeus and discussed how Jesus helped him to become better person. We also thought about how we can use this during Lent and what we can do to help others just like Jesus did.	This week in RE we continued to work on the topic of 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. We looked at parables this week, we read the parable of the lost sheep from the scripture and re-wrote our own version. After that, we looked at the meaning of the parable and thought about how parables teach us about God.
Year 3	Year 4
In Year three the children finished their study of what it means to be a Christian. They showed their knowledge by brainstorming in groups and using some key words to explain their thinking. They were all able to describe ways in which a Christian behaves and link it to the teaching of Jesus.	This week in RE, the children have been looking at Jesus' mission of bringing the Good News to the people. The children were able to retell Jesus' journey as a Teacher and describe what it is that he came to teach us, using the scripture of Matthew. 25:34-37. In our second lesson, we were able to identify how the Beatitudes teach us to live a good life and by creating a poster, the children explored an example of a Beatitude that is meaningful to them.
Year 5	Year 6
This week Year Five started their Reconciliation topic. We had to think about a tricky subject; how all of our actions have consequences and can affect other people. We discussed the 'Ripple effect'. All of our actions can have positive and negative impacts on so many people. We thought of this in relation to the people in our everyday lives but also the wider world. We studied Pope Francis' letter to all Catholics – Fratelli Tutti – which shows how we are all challenged to turn outwards and think of ourselves as one global family, becoming neighbours to all. Through our actions we can have a positive impact on 'our neighbours' both locally, nationally and globally. In small groups the children explored the positive 'actions' that we take at Sacred Heart to 'make a better world' and their consequences and impact on others both here and far away.	This week, the children started our new topic: Jesus the Messiah. They began by discussing some key, open-ended questions which had been posed by other children. They then went on to read scriptures which reported Jesus' miracles. From this, they had to discuss how these miracles led to many believing that He was the Son of God. In addition to this, the children looked at a series of bible verses which highlighted why others did not acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God. The children went on to discuss what they believe the religious authorities' biggest fear of Jesus was.

Gospel Values This month's value is... Compassion	Action! Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Liturgical season of Lent. Fr Seelan came in to school to celebrate mass and administer ashes. There is an Ash Wednesday activity sheet attached for you to complete at home.
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Loving God,

Help us to work together

to share what we have

so that everyone has what they need.

Help us to build a better world

where each of us can become the best person we can be.

Amen