



The Friday Messenger

5th Sunday in Lent
Friday 15th March



Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: Desert to Garden
- Year 2: Desert to Garden
- Year 3: Reconciliation- called to change
- Year 4: Jesus the Saviour
- Year 5: Reconciliation
- Year 6: Jesus, The Messiah



Year 1	Year 2
This week Year One listened to the scripture reading: The Widow's mite (LK 21:1-6) They then responded to some key questions: How did Jesus help others? Why do you think he did that? How do you think it made her feel? Why is it important to give to others? They then discussed how we can help others, especially during Lent and looked at and discussed CAFOD'S family fast day.	This week in RE we continued with the topic of 'Desert to Garden'. This week our focus was reconciliation. We started with reading the account of the crucifixion and death of Jesus from the scripture. We discussed who had been forgiven, what they had done and why they were forgiven. Following this we looked at the Sacrament of Reconciliation; we learnt what the Sacrament of Reconciliation is what happens when the Sacrament is received.
Year 3 have thought about repentance this week. They looked at all the times Jesus taught about changing behaviour and then considered the negative things that they have done. They then thought of ways to rethink their behaviour and pledged to change it. They then wrote prayers to help with their pledge. Afterwards they began to look at forgiveness and what it means for us all.	In RE this week, Year 4 used their prayer books to pray the Stations of the Cross as a class. Throughout 'The Stations', the children answered questions about how Jesus and other key people felt and acted during these events. The children explored and discussed the events of Good Friday and what happens in The Good Friday Liturgy. The children then answered questions in detail about how Pontius Pilate and Mary acted during Good Friday and why.
Year 5	Year 6
This week we explored the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We described how our own beliefs, and the beliefs of others are shaped by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We talked about how this Sacrament can help us to repair our friendship with God and others. It can prevent the 'knots' which mat form inside us; stopping on from moving on with our friendships.	The focus of our first lesson was Good Friday. After recapping the events, the children were asked to summarise bible passages and explain how they helped Mary to continue to trust and hope in God. In the next lesson, the children reflected on Easter Sunday. In groups, the children looked at different images of the resurrection, matching them to different accounts of the events. The lesson finished with a discussion about what the Resurrection means for Christians.

Gospel Values This month's value is... <i>Forgiveness</i>	Action: <i>On Tuesday March 19th it is The Feast of St. Joseph. St Joseph is the patron saint of The Universal Church as well as patron saint of families, fathers, expectant mothers and workers. You can pray the prayer below together as a family.</i>
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St Joseph,

Be a father to me, as you were to Jesus.

Guide me, as I go through life; teach me courage, loyalty and to give my best to the work I do.

St Joseph, Protector of families,

pray for my family, our school family and all those I love.

Amen.