

The Friday Messenger

5th Sunday of Easter
Friday 26th April

Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: *To the Ends of the Earth*
- Year 2: *To the Ends of the Earth*
- Year 3: *To the Ends of the Earth*
- Year 4: *To the Ends of the Earth*
- Year 5: *Life in The Risen Jesus*
- Year 6: *The Work of The Apostles: The Transforming Spirit*



Year 1	Year 2
This week, the children have explored the scripture 'Promise of the Spirit and the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11)'. They looked at a picture and explored what they could see, what they thought it meant and they also discussed their personal feelings. Year 1 then explored the story of Pentecost and we discussed that when people open their heart to the Holy Spirit they are changed, as the apostles are changed.	Within RE this week we continued with the teaching unit 'To the ends of the Earth'. Our focus was the Conversion of Saul. We started with reading from the scripture and then explored some art work which represented the conversion of Saul. We identified the significant parts of the art and labelled it with parts of the story. We then sequenced the story by rewriting it in our own words.
Year 3	Year 4
Year Three found the links between the Last Supper and The Eucharist and Communion at Mass. They explored how we are following Jesus' instructions for sharing his body and blood to remember him. They then thought about the sacrament of Holy Communion and what happens during this celebration.	This week in RE, Year 4 explored Jesus' three requests of Peter. They looked at scripture, John 21:15-19, and discussed what is Jesus asking of Peter and where have we seen the number 3 and Peter before. We linked the three requests to Peter's three denials of Jesus and answered three questions in detail. Why do you think Jesus trust Peter again after he had let him down so badly? What do you think Jesus meant by asking Peter to feed his 'lambs and sheep'? How do you think Peter will feed the 'lambs and sheep'? In our second lesson, we investigated why Peter is called a 'rock' by Jesus and why The Pope is the successor to Peter. As a class, we looked at a painting called Delivery of the Keys by Pietro Perugino, which showed Jesus handing the keys of the Church to Peter. After this, we read scripture, Matthew 16:13-20, and discussed the meaning of the word 'rock'. The children were given a rock to hold and feel and asked to create a bubble map to give reasons as to why Peter is described as a rock. The children were then asked to answer two questions. What is a Pope? Why is the Pope the successor to Peter?
Year 5	Year 6
This week, Year 5 explored different ways of praying. The children explained what prayer is and why they think it is important, before giving examples of how prayer helps/has helped them in times of difficulty. After listening to the parable of 'The Pharisee and the Tax Collector', the children identified the difference between the styles of praying in the story and were able to explain which style Jesus preferred and why.	Continuing our topic of The Transforming Spirit, this week the children deepened their understanding of Peter the Apostle. To help them, they read a series of Bible quotes. After this, they worked in groups to form their initial impressions of Peter based on the evidence provided. Within this, they discussed the highs and lows of his life and his relationship with Jesus throughout his life.

<p>Gospel Values</p> <p>This month's value is... Friendship</p>	<p>Action! In this Sunday's Gospel (John 15:1-8) we hear how Jesus is the vine and how he gives life to us, his branches. What Jesus means is that he wants us to stay close to him and follow his teachings. This means being the best we can be, loving each other, and loving the beautiful world he has given us. Have a think about what this means for you in your life. There is an activity sheet attached for you to complete at home.</p>
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