

The Friday Messenger

6th Sunday of Easter

Friday May 3rd

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
In RE this week, Year 1 looked at and discussed ways the Holy Spirit is described in art and music. We explored the symbols of the Holy Spirit and the children recorded their own personal feelings of different art work. We talked about the different ways experience of the Holy Spirit is expressed in some of the stories.	Within RE this week we continued with the unit 'To the ends of the Earth'. Our focus was the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We found out what they were and then thought of and discussed 'I wonder' questions about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. After this we looked at each fruit individually, finding out about a saint who followed each fruit in their life and how. This led us to then think about and discuss how we can live out the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
Year 3	Year 4
Year Three have been thinking about Mary this week. They started by considering how Mary would have felt after the death and resurrection of Jesus and how she would have found solace being with his disciples. They then considered why Mary is important to us nowadays. Finally, they looked at the Hail Mary and considered what each part meant. This led nicely into the praying of the rosary which began on Wednesday as it was May 1st. We will be praying a decade of the rosary each day in school during the month of May.	In our first lesson this week, Year 4 explored how the words of the Apostles' Creed summarises Christian beliefs. As a class, the children gave responses to the question "If you met someone who had never heard of the Catholic Church before, what would you tell them we believe?" The children were then introduced to the Apostles' Creed. We read each line together as a class and identified where the responses we gave for the first question matched to the Apostles' Creed. In our second lesson, we discussed how the Catholic Church is structured. As a class, we discussed what the term 'apostle' means and explored why the Catholic Church is 'apostolic'.
Year 5	Year 6
This week, In RE, children have been continuing their topic 'Life in the Risen Jesus'. They learned about how the Spirit of Jesus works in many ways and how the Spirit works in the church. They listened to an account of a lady called Margaret sharing her recollections of what the Church was like before the Second Vatican Council. They really enjoyed this activity and were fascinated by the changes that the Second Vatican council made. They were surprised that Mass used to be entirely in Latin. The children also enjoyed sharing their grandparents' recollections of the Mass and the Church from when they were younger.	This week, the children continued to build on their knowledge of Peter the Apostle – the lesson began with the class recalling everything they already know from previous weeks. They then worked in groups to come up with connections between the Holy Spirit and the life of Peter. This prompted many wondering questions which the children recorded and posed to members of other groups.

Gospel Values

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

Action! Action! In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about Jesus' commandment to – 'Love one another, just as I love you.' Please write a prayer giving thanks for your friends, or write or draw how you will be good friends to others around the world this week.

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your mighty power. Lord, we thank you You because You rose to life! During this Easter season, we pray that we will recognise and appreciate what You did for us on the cross so that we could have eternal life. Therefore, we pray that everyone will receive the message of Easter, which is the love of God. Amen