

The Friday Messenger

Friday 14th June, 2024.
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: Dialogue and Encounter*
- Year 2: Dialogue and Encounter*
- Year 3: Dialogue and Encounter*
- Year 4: Dialogue and Encounter*
- Year 5: Pentecost and Serving*
- Year 6: Vocations and Commitment: Ordination*

Year 1	Year 2
This week, the children had a visit from Fr Seelan. The listened to stories and experiences from Father. The children had also prepared questions to ask him about our local parish church and community. The children really enjoyed this visit and they enjoyed asking their questions and listening to Fr. Seelan's responses.	Within RE this week we continued with the topic 'Dialogue and encounter'. We had a really interesting talk with Father Seelan. He talked to us about our chapel and the parish community. We then asked him some questions that we had prepared before the session. We found it really interesting and were all respectful and reverent during the session.
Year 3	Year 4
Year Three have been learning about the Jewish faith as part of their 'Dialogue and Encounter' topic. They recapped their learning on the Passover and then took part in a Passover meal where they tried some of the food and remembered what each item represented. The horseradish was not a popular taste!	As a class, we explored why Paul travelled around the Mediterranean, using scripture from Acts. Then, we looked at 2 Corinthians 11:24-27 and why Paul didn't give up on his journey. Using an interactive map, we explored more of Paul's journeys and how he spread the Good News around Europe. In Acts 17:22-29, the children read Paul's speech before the Council of the Areopagus. It showed how Paul was able to convert people to Christianity. In the second lesson, we explored the letters of St Paul and why he wrote them. We read 1 Corinthians 13 and explored the language use by Paul. We saw that the scripture links to the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.
Year 5	Year 6
This week we re-read Peter's letter to an early Christian community. We then wrote our own letters imagining that we were in Jerusalem at the time, had heard Peter's message and had just been baptised. Our letter was to a friend who had not heard about Jesus. Our letters were showing how belief in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit had empowered us and changed our life.	This week, the children began their new topic – 'Vocation and Commitment'. The topic began by the children discussing the meaning of both words and sharing any existing ideas they may have about what the topic may be about. In groups, the children then compared different roles within society (e.g., parent, doctor etc) and discussed in depth what the role involves, the level of commitment needed, any personal risks and how to measure the commitment involved. The second lesson this week involved looking at Jesus' mission and what we can learn from this. We began by reading Mark 1: 9-13 to discuss the challenges that Jesus faced. We then discussed God's presence and how Jesus' level of commitment can still be felt today by everybody.

Gospel Values

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

Action! In this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 4:26-34) Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed: the smallest seed which grows into a big bush. He teaches us that together, small actions add up to make a big difference. The smallest seed can grow into the biggest bush.

There is an activity sheet attached that you can write/draw the small actions that you can do that make a difference to others.
