

The Friday Messenger

Friday 21st June, 2024.
12th 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
<p>This week in RE, we explored how Christians in our local parish community work together to help people. We looked at all the fundraising events that are held both at St Oswald's and also in our school. The children then made simple connections between how we live our lives today and how Jesus lived his life. For example, how Jesus helped people in need and how we also can help people in need.</p>	<p>Within RE this week we continued with the topic 'Dialogue and Encounter'. Our focus this week was CAFOD and the work that they do. We started off with watching some videos and having a class discussion about what CAFOD did and who they helped and the recorded our ideas. We then used this to think what happens if we help our community and how this can transform other people's lives.</p>
Year 3	Year 4
<p>Year Three have been learning about the Islamic faith. The children watched a video and learnt some of the key facts about the Muslim faith. They then looked in detail at the clothing that Muslims wear and why they wear those clothes. They found it very fascinating.</p>	<p>As a class, we looked at the question "Is there was a difference between the "Catholic Church" and the "Roman Catholic Church"?" We discussed what a liturgical rite is, defining the terms liturgy and rite. We then watched a video of a Latin rite and discussed all the things we recognise in our own mass. Then, we looked at the six major traditions that the liturgical rites used by different Catholic Churches stem from and explored the Alexandrian and Antiochene rites further. We watched videos from both types of churches and discussed the similarities and differences between our own mass. The children then answered three questions in detail: What is a liturgical rite? Name 3 places in the world and which liturgical rite they follow. Why are there are different liturgical rites in different parts of the world?</p> <p>In our second lesson, we viewed some art from the Coptic Catholic Church. We discussed and answered the questions "What do you notice about the pictures?" and "Are there any similarities?" Then, we looked at the key features of Coptic art and the children were given the task of creating their own piece of Coptic art. They could draw any character or passage from the Bible, for example, St Paul's journey on the road to Damascus or The Last Supper.</p>
Year 5	Year 6
<p>This week we considered how the events of Pentecost affect Christians every day in their lives. We thought about how the Holy Spirit strengthen and transform Christians today. We read Paul's letter to the Galatians. The first friends of Jesus used their new energy given through the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News of God's love for everyone. We talked about each of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We illustrated how we think they can be shown and lived out in everyday life. We also discussed what we can do differently to make the fruits of the Holy Spirit shine through more in our day to day life.</p>	<p>This week, the children learnt about Saint John Vianney; a French priest who committed his life to serving the people of his parish in Ars, France. After watching a video based on his life, they imagined it was his feast day and wrote a speech highlighting how his actions influenced the church over time. Finally, we discussed what messages we can take from his dedication to the church and use in our lives today. The second lesson focused on 'ordination' and the different phases a man goes through to become a priest after he has made a commitment.</p>

Gospel Values

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

Action! This Saturday is the feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More. As you probably know these are the names of two of the other Catholic schools in our city. To find out more about these saints, please see the attached sheet.