

Project365 Newsletter Term 2: Catholic Life and Collective Worship



This term has been full of exciting activities as a Chaplaincy team. We have been in a season of Lent and building up towards our final Lent liturgy where we reflect on the love God has for us, so much so that he sacrificed his life for us. The theme of our liturgy is 'Reconciliation' and throughout this term we have been reflecting on this theme in preparation. Our form prayer reps led the Ash Wednesday liturgy in their forms where we discussed the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Our Chaplaincy team have been supporting our monthly opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass as well as launching our 'Big Lent Walk Campaign' in order to support the work of CAFOD. We are looking forward to the theme of our first week back after Easter which is 'Mercy' where we will be rejoicing in the love that God has for us, shown in his resurrection.

How have we been living out our mission?

Chaplaincy Team

This term in Chaplaincy Team we have led a variety of activities around school. We began the term by leading an Act of Worship on the theme of 'Charity' where we launched our 'Big Lent Walk Campaign' in support of CAFOD. We walked around the school to raise awareness of the work that CAFOD does and how we can support it as young people.

We have also come up with ideas and written down ways we would like to develop our Chapel and Sacred Spaces around school to enhance our Catholic Life. We are hoping to develop our prayer garden and a prayer space in our LRC.

We have also been attending our monthly masses and confession in the Chapel as well as advertising these around school. Chiara made a poster to advertise these to the rest of the school. We have also gathered ideas for our Lent Liturgy and been working as a team to put this together. All of the years in our school will be represented in our Lent liturgy and we are looking forward to leading it.

A group of us also went to the 'Flame' trip in London in March. This was a Catholic Conference for young people held in the OVO Arena, Wembley.

Joseph Pacey (Year 9) has written about his experience:

I went to the Flame trip in London 2023. It was an amazing experience. There was music and talks from Archbishop Costelloe SDB, who came from Australia and Cardinal Tagle representing the Pope. It ended with adoration and all 8,500 people were sitting in silence adoring God at that altar. The talks showed us how to be respectful and forgiving towards others. I am very thankful for this experience.

<u>The Eco-Team</u>

This term the Eco-Team have been continuing their application towards the Eco Schools Green Flag Award. They have been creating a form notice slide that can be shared to all members of our school community during form time. One part of this is a section which highlights key environmental days such as Global Recycling Day which took place on the 18th March. As part of the application, the Eco-Team have also been making links with our school curriculum to aspects of their Eco Schools project. It is great to see the club growing and we now have members from year 7 all the way through to the sixth-form.

The Culture Club

The aim of the Culture Club is for us as a British school to learn as much about other cultures as possible and to share and celebrate this within our own community.

As a starting point we have formed a partnership with a school in Malawi, Central Africa. We will learn about each other's cultures through letter writing to one another. Our first letters are due to be sent before the Easter break.

The school we have partnered with is Lumbira School. It is a new school and therefore only has two year groups, so we have decided to begin by using our KS3 tutor groups to write these letters.

Malawi has recently been adversely affected by Cyclone Freddy and so the Club has requested that the letters should include a prayer for those affected.

Mission Champions

The Lent term has seen the launch of our Mission Champions, each form has Mission Champions who come together in Houses to help lead projects in order to follow Catholic Social Teaching and the importance of caring for others. This may be focus on a charity or raising awareness about something that is important for the care of others and themselves. Each House has their own project and that was suggested in form time and agreed on in the Mission Champion House group.

Canterbury - Autism Awareness Day and Tourette's Awareness Day

Holywell - Equality for all, focus on women's equal rights

Lindisfarne – Cancer research and care for environment

Iona - Raise awareness and funds for Ukraine, Raise awareness of Mental Health

Walsingham - Black Lives Matter, Raise money for Turkey/Syria disaster

Catholic Life and Mission

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Jesus' words in John's Gospel express the aim of human life as 'human flourishing'. Our whole business in this life is to flourish by seeking to form our character through the pursuit of personal strengths and excellences of character which are theological, moral, civic, intellectual and performative in order to develop responsible young people for our global future.

This year has seen the launch of our Catholic Character Education, exploring in tutor time the values and virtues that are at the heart of our Mission Statement, developing theological understand of the terms and their importance as qualities we strike to demonstrate in our daily lives in and out of school.

Community	Achieve	Respect	Encounter
Hospitality	Self-control	Sanctity of Life	Faith
Gratitude	Love of learning	Discipleship	Норе
Compassion	Perseverance	Equality	Love
		Stewardship	
Charity	Aspiration		Awe and wonder
Welcoming love	Flourish	Self-control	Faith
Support	Celebrate	Responsibility	Норе
Inspire	Fortitude	Honesty	Gratitude
Belonging	Knowledge	Justice	Commitment
Prudence	Joy		Kindness
Friendship	Resilience		Reflective
			Dignity

During the Advent and Lent term all subjects have been working on linking our Mission Statement to the curriculum, thinking about how the subject helps make responsible young people for the future.