

Catholic Life of Pield Heath School 2021 - 22

Masses/Services – Autumn 1



Blessed Carlo Acutis
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The academic year started with a Training Day where we had a Service on the theme of Hope. We shared the amazing story of Blessed Carlos Acutis to remind us of the privilege we have of working with young people.

Special Days – Autumn 1



The Feast of St Therese of <u>Lisieux</u>

In October we marked The Feast of St Therese of Lisieux and had a special assembly to look at The Little Way. Every class was given a Mission Together Calendar.



St. Francis of Assisi

4C led a lovely assembly to share the life of St. Francis of Assisi



The Rosary

On 13th October we had a Mass to mark October as the Month of the Rosary. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Nicholas Schofield, Dean at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael Parish, Uxbridge.





The Relic of St. Edmund

Special thanks to Eric Joseph, Provincial Grand Knight, and Marius Sykes who is also a Knight of St Columba who brought a relic of St Edmund Campion so we could see and honour this local saint who spent time in Uxbridge in 1580.



Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Following on from the success we had with doing the Love in Action engagement programme designed by Caritas, this year we started a new programme called Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These are the 6 Fruits that we will be looking at over the programme, this Autumn term, we started with Love.



RE AMBASSADORS

2021 - 2022















RE Ambassadors

We were delighted to have our new RE Ambassadors take up the mantle this year.

The 2021 22 team included Mason M, Yash, Mason L, Ashley and Calvin.



Harvest

This Harvest Family Fast Day we are focusing on the climate crisis. The impact of this crisis has been particularly evident in recent months with the terrible heatwaves, fires and floods across the northern hemisphere. But it is people in low-income countries, Ivanilde in Brazil (pictured), who suffer the worst effects of the climate crisis. CAFOD works with communities all over the world to help



Care for Creation

Sr Julie led a staff reflection on the theme of Care for Creation – It's Up To All Of Us. Students made posters on the theme The Eyes of the World are Looking At Us, in preparation for the COP 26 event which was held in Glasgow.



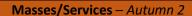
RE Inspection

On 8th October we had our Section 48 RE Inspection, by a team of 6 Inspectors from Westminster Diocese. For Section A - Classroom

Religious Education we were graded Good.

For Section B - The Catholic Life of the School we were graded Outstanding.

This tremendous achievement is a real demonstration of the excellent ethos of our school.





<u>Advent</u>

On 25th November The Liturgy Team led an Advent Reflection for all staff in the Chapel.

We also had an Advent service and in their RE lessons, students learnt more about the tradition and significance of the Jesse Tree.



The Year of St Joseph

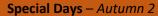
Our RE Ambassadors took part in a Poetry Competition on the theme of St Joseph the poem and illustration that Mason & Yash sent was included in the final selection.

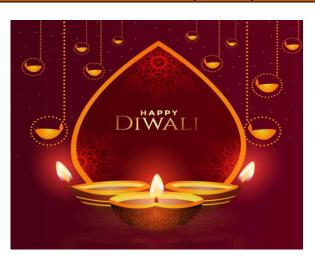


<u>Christmas Reflection – The</u> Greatest Gift

Our Christmas Performance this year was entitled 'The Greatest Gift'.

It included a dance piece, Christmas readings, songs, traditional carols, a sketch and a student and staff solo. Every class presented various gifts and related posters such as Courage, Hope and Peace. During the reflection we asked ourselves the question 'What is the Greatest Gift?', and found Love was the answer.





Diwali

On 4th November, VBC C class led an assembly to mark Diwali, the Festival of Lights. In the Assembly we heard the story of Rama and Sita.

IN NOVEMBER



WE REMEMBER

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We had a special Mass which was celebrated by Fr Nicholas Schofield to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us.



Winefride Tyrrell Award

Sr Winefride Tyrrell was responsible for opening Pield Heath House School in 1901 and was also the co-founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

In memory of Sr Winefride we have set up a Leadership Award. This year's winner was Yash N, who was nominated his active participation for a variety of events.



Reverse Advent Calendar

For the 5th Consecutive year we have done this and have requested items. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate a wide range of gifts as well as festive food for Afghan refugees and asylum seekers. Thank you to Sarah Ball for coordinating this project and for enabling us to spread some joy and happiness at this special time of year.



CAFOD – World Gifts

Following the events, we had to mark Harvest Fast Day, we continued to raise awareness of the work of CAFOD all over the world.

This term we took part in their World Gifts Campaign and donated £50. The money was used to buy CAFOD World Gifts. We bought Water for a Family, Teach Someone to read and Trees for Life.

Masses/Services - Spring 1



January Service

On 4th January we started our year, as we always do, with a service which all staff across our community joined online. It included a meditation and a chance to think on the theme of Not Teaching about God but Teaching with God.



19th January Mass

On 19th January we had a special Mass which was celebrated by Fr Nicholas on the theme of Christian Unity. He shared the story of the 3 Wise Men who all came from different lands.

Like them we too have our differences however we can still journey together in the same direction knowing that we are all unique and loved by God.



The Feast of our Lady of Lourdes

We marked the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of the Sick by having a special service.

Special Events – *Spring 1*



Christian Unity Week

We marked Christian Unity Week which was from 18th -25th January.



The Synod

Pope Francis launched a worldwide 'Synodal' Process, inviting us all to listen to each other - including those who do not feel 'connected' to the church or who have drifted away - and discern what God is saying to The Church. we participated in various activities including a staff questionnaire, a service and a whole school assembly. Students also learnt about this as part of their RE curriculum.



Racial Justice Sunday

Following on from the various activities that we did last term during Black History Month this year we marked Racial Justice Sunday by sharing some resources and prayers with our community. The theme for this year is 'In the Image and Likeness of God.'



The Month of May

On 11th May Fr Martin Plunkett celebrated a Mass to mark May as the Month of Mary. After Mass students and staff laid flowers at the statue of Mary and Fr Martin gave us all a special blessing. Many thanks to everyone who kindly sent in flowers for this annual Mass.

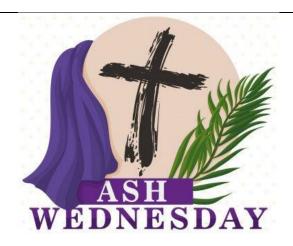




Sacrament of Baptism and Reconciliation

On Wednesday 30th March we had a very special Mass which was celebrated by Fr Nicholas Schofield. We were delighted that one of our students, David, received the Sacrament of Baptism. It was a really joyful celebration.

On the same day, 5 other students - Nicole, Caitlin, Kade, Kobi and Ashley - also made the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Ash Wednesday

We had a lovely service which was led by Joanna Wasilewska 4W class team who explained the significance of Ash Wednesday. The class shared their ideas of what they were going to try and do during Lent.

Special Days – *Spring 2*



St. Patrick's Day

Everyone was invited to wear something Green on the day. Special thanks to Anthony Colagrossi and 4C class team who led an assembly to share information about St Patrick and all things associated with Ireland. Here is a lovely group photo of class VBC C wearing festive green!



St.David's

We marked St David's Day, which celebrates the Patron Saint of Wales



Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer was on 4th March. This year's activities were prepared by the Christian women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme they chose was 'I know the plans I have for you.'



The Feast of St. Joseph

Fr Nicholas Schofield the Parish Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael said a special Mass for us in our chapel to mark the Feast of St Joseph on 19th March. We remembered everyone in our community and especially our students and staff in St Joseph's House.



Mother's Day

This year, we celebrated Mother's Day by giving all our Mums / Carers a bunch of daffodils - grown by our Pield Heath Gardeners - to say Thank you for all that they do throughout the year.

Special Events – *Spring 2*



Fairtrade

Fairtrade Fortnight We marked Fairtrade Fortnight, which this year was from 21st February – 6th March. RE Ambassadors supported by the Catering Department ran a stall at The Well encouraging staff and students to buy fresh fruit.



Staff Reflection

This terms staff reflection focused on the season of Lent.



Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD

CAFOD – We marked CAFOD Family Lent Family Fast Day on 11th March. As CAFOD is one of the Charities that have joined the DEC Emergency Appeal, we have been putting out our Charity Jar out in Reception every day to raise money for Ukraine.



Ukraine

When we heard and saw the images of the very serious situation in Ukraine we all felt the urge to try and alleviate some of the suffering. We responded in various ways. Firstly, we shared prayers and resources to keep them in our thoughts and we joined with Pope Francis who asked the whole world to pray for the people of Ukraine in a special way on Ash Wednesday.

We were also very keen to support in practical ways. Staff were very generous in donating toiletry items and other necessities.

Masses/Services - Summer 1



The Easter Candle

On the Training day at the start of the Summer Term, we started with a service looking at 'The Meaning of the Easter Candle' and a short reflection by Fr Stephen Wang.



St George's Day

Sarah Ball and class PH+A prepared a lovely assembly where they shared the story of St George and how he came to be the Patron Saint of England.



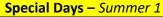
<u>Sacrament of Baptism &</u> <u>Reconciliation</u>

This year we have 7 candidates who are in the process of taking part in a Sacramental Programme. In April they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The Queen's Jubilee

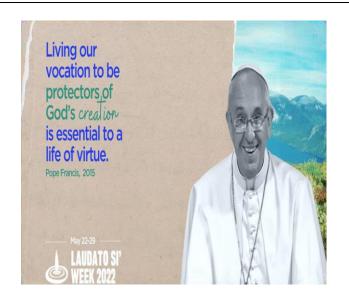
It was wonderful as a school community to mark the Queen's Jubilee. On Wednesday 25th May we had a special service of thanksgiving in the chapel. This was followed on the Thursday by having a banquet where everyone was able to get into the festive mood. Students enjoyed traditional fish and chips for lunch. The school was decked with red, white and blue bunting and Union Jack Flags.





Eid

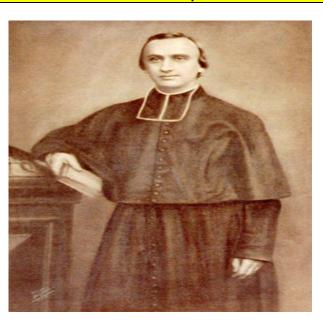
To mark the Islamic festival of Eid, we had a lovely assembly which was led by Nicola Chance and the PH+C Team. We kept all the staff and families in our community who were marking Ramadan in our thoughts. We extended our good wishes to them for the festival of Eid.



Laudato Si

22_{nd} -29_{th} May marks the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the care for creation called Laudato Si.

Special Events – *Summer 1*



The Feast of Victor Braun

On 18th May we marked the Feast of Victor Braun, the Founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. We had a special assembly to mark the occasion.

The Kindness Wave



Start a ripple... Create a wave.

It begins with YOU!

Fruits of the Holy Spirit Caritas

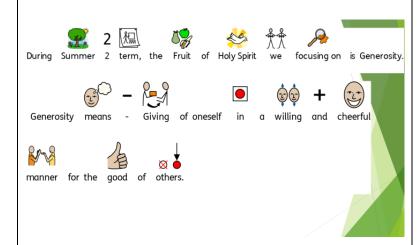
This Half-Term we have focused on the theme 'Kindness'. We launched it with a special service that was prepared and delivered by class VBCB. Following the devastating news of one of our support staff unexpectedly passing away, staff put their faith into action and organised a Cake Sale which raised over £400 which was sent to the family.

Mass/Services – Summer 2



Sacramental Preparation

Under the supervision of Agnes Komasiak our RE Coordinator and with the support of staff, students were guided through the next stage of the Sacramental Preparation Programme, following the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation earlier in the year. The First Holy Communion Mass was celebrated on 22nd June by Fr Nicholas.



Fruits of the Holy Spirit Programme

The gift we are focused on for this half term was Generosity. Maria Dabrowska / VBC A Team led a lovely service to highlight this gift



Special Feast Day

We had a special Service to mark the Feast of 2 Great Pillars of the Church – St Peter and St Paul on 29th June. On 24th and 25th June we marked the Congregations Feast Day.

Special Days – Summer 2



'In old age they will still bear fruit' Psalms 92:15

Theme for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 24 July 2022

World Day of Grandparents

in March 2021 Pope Francis declared A Year of the Family. As it is the Feast Day of Jesus' Grandparents (Anne Joachim) in July, Pope Francis dedicated the 2022 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to the importance of people inviting older contribute to building a better world. The Pope has chosen "They shall bear fruit even in old age" from the Book of Psalms (92:15) as the theme for the second world day, celebrated on 24th July.

Special Events – Summer 2



Year of Pilgrimage

This year we have been following the Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage. Every class was given a Pilgrimage Map. The first stop on the journey during Lent was our Pilgrimage to the Cross. Crosses were placed in different parts of the school. Students were encouraged to find these, say a prayer and also send any related art / craft activities to add to the large display in the chapel.



The Memory Bench

Two of our 2022 leavers, Thomas and Jason, constructed a memory bench, which will act as their lasting legacy at Pield Heath. The students wanted to design and make this bench in their construction classes for all to enjoy and reflect on past memories.