

The Catholic Life of Pield Heath School 2024 - 2025

Catholic Life & Mission (CLM) - AUTUMN TERM 1 2024

Rooted in Love

A new project to support schools in their journey with Catholic Social Teaching

Half Term	CST Theme
Autumn A	Care of Creation
Autumn B	Preferential Option for the Poor
Spring A	Solidarity and Peace
Spring B	Community and Participation
Summer A	Dignity of Workers
Summer B	Human Dignity

Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

This term's focus was on the Care of Creation as part of this we marked the **Season of Creation**

1st September – 4th October

The focus for Autumn term 2 was Preferential Option for the Poor



Harvest Family Fast Day, Friday 4th October

For our Autumn Term charity, we focused on helping the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD). Our RE Ambassadors led this and were actively involved with both raising awareness and funds for the charity. We also were pleased to welcome Miriam McEaney who delivered a presentation about the CAFOD World Gifts Campaign.



Living Life to the Full

After 4 weeks Ronnie managed to complete this complicated Jigsaw Puzzle.

Well Done Ronnie - what a great achievement!



Black History Month

As part of our events to mark Black History Month where the theme for 2024 was 'Reclaiming Narratives' we had various activities. Every Tutor group was given a country to explore. Students took part in a wide range of activities including a drumming workshop led by Heather Butt, a party where they had the chance to try some traditional African & Caribbean food and a disco. The week culminated in a special assembly where all the groups were invited to contribute more about their chosen country.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

As in previous years we hosted Macmillan Coffee Mornings for all our school community. Thanks to their enthusiasm, hard work and the generous support of everyone we raised an amazing **£390.71**.

A special thank you to Sarah Jane Beavis and to the wonderful student Team who baked and served a wide variety of homemade cakes and biscuits. Thank you also to everyone for your generosity in making this event such a success.



National Youth Sunday

Sunday 24th November marked the end of the Liturgical year. Students made crowns and found out more about this special feast.



COP 29

So much has changed recently, but one thing hasn't: the need for climate action.

The reality of the climate crisis has become even more stark for our sisters and brothers in the world's most vulnerable communities.

Following the COP29 talks which took place in Baku, Azerbaijan from November 11th - 22nd in 2024, we need to continue to find ways to look after our wonderful world.



Winefride Tyrrell Award for Leadership 2024

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 Mason Leka who was presented with The Cup after the Christmas Performance by The Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Colleen Sullivan.

Well Done Mason for showing leadership and for your valuable contribution to our school community.



Getting ready for Christmas Eco Committee

This term, the Eco Committee delivered planted Christmas trees to the classrooms. The trees were enjoyed by the students and staff throughout December and then returned to be planted in the school gardens at the end of term.

The gardeners will look after them throughout the year, ready to bring back inside for December next year, making them a great sustainable option.



Reverse Advent Calendar

VBC A organised a reverse Advent Calendar to help the local food bank/parish with items they collected for Christmas. Aware that with the way things have been this year and how it is more important than ever to help out anyone who we can reach so with that in mind. Donations included; tinned food, dried food, packet food, Christmas decorations, small toiletry gift sets, small gifts for boys/girls, nice treats to make a difference to another family's joy at Christmas. Many thanks to Sarah Ball and her Class Team for coordinating this event. This year the collection went to the local food bank.



Christmas Activities

Students enjoyed a Christmas meal and disco to celebrate Christmas and the End of Term. On 13th December students and staff took part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. As well as raising money for this worthwhile Charity everyone had a lot of fun with everyone wearing their very best festive knitwear.



Christmas Activities

We had our Christmas Fayre on 5th December. We had a lovely selection of stalls and festive entertainment. Our Choir performed the song – 'I'd like to teach the world to sing' which was excellent. We also had the draw for our Grand Christmas Raffle. Thank you to all those who so kindly donated prizes for our raffle.

The winners of the Raffle Prizes were:

1st Prize – 50" Smart LED TV
S. Kumar

2nd Prize - £100 Marks & Spencer
Voucher – K. Jobsz

3rd Prize – Luxury Christmas Hamper
– J. Moon

Special thanks to all those who helped before, during and after the event as well as the group of volunteers from Brunel University. Thanks to your generosity the total amount raised was **£1,164.34**. Well done everyone - your time and support was greatly appreciated.

Wellbeing

4H Charity Event

Students raised awareness for mental health. The students will be using the donations to purchase some lovely items to add to our existing Sensory Room. The total amount raised was **£65.50**.





World Mental Health Day

To mark this event staff were invited to a talk about wellbeing. After this various resources were shared with them to help support their mental health.

Staff have enjoyed participating in various wellbeing clubs including – walking, yoga and badminton which have been offered by staff for their colleagues.



Wellbeing Goodie Bag

The winners of the Wellbeing Goodie Bag this term were

Susan McIntosh

Lewis Ashley-Jones



Christmas Performances

It was wonderful to have our two Christmas Performances entitled 'A Journey of Hope'. When we follow the news and see so much suffering life can sometimes seem bleak however we need to keep our sense of hope alive. You may be aware that Pope Francis will be opening the Jubilee Year on 24th December. A Jubilee Year only comes around once every 25 years, so it is a time of joy, reconciliation and hope for the world.

It was a privilege to have The Mayor of Hillingdon Cllr Colleen Sullivan. The performances were a celebration of drama, dance and music.

Special thanks to Juli Critchfield, Heather Butt, Sandra Parsons, Antony Colagrossi and all the staff for their enthusiasm in preparing the performance. It was a wonderful opportunity for all our students to shine in their light brightly and spread the message of hope.

