



Dunstan Partnership

Chaplaincy Newsletter July 2021

Find out what we have been doing in our Schools

Corpus Christi.

Although it has been lock down, we been very busy and worked hard on developing prayer life in our school. We created a video which showed our RE alters, displays and our plan to share with our partner school and the governors. We have attended meetings with our partner school where we shared what we do with each other and governors. We also led class worship, said prayers and made PowerPoints. Year 6 did a whole school class worship on zoom so we could share what we do in class and teach the other children about how to do a class worship. We looked at the signs and symbols of God. All of the classes shared their ideas with us.



During our Sports Day in July we will be holding a cake sale. We will sell cakes to raise money for Clifton Diocese project to help people in Uganda who are in need of fresh water. This is really important for us because we are fortunate to have fresh water but these people don't get the same as us. We can try and help them to have better lives and to make our world a fairer place.

St George's

It has been another busy year for the Chaplaincy Team at St George's. In the Autumn Term, we held a charity food collection for the Open Door, which supports the homeless in Taunton, and the Taunton Food Bank. As you can see, it was a great success.



In the Spring Term, we took part in the Cafod 'Walk for Water' campaign and raised a whopping £572 for the overseas aid charity. What a fantastic achievement by our school community!

In May we celebrated the month of Mary with a Marion Procession. We mapped out a procession path around the school with 10 stations dedicated to Mary. We said a Hail Mary at every station, and sang the chorus of Ave, Ave, Ave Maria. Then we walked with flowers to St George's Church and after a short service, led by Monsignor Bernard, we placed our flowers at the Marion altar.

This year, we have also led virtual worship assemblies for the whole school. We enjoy teaching the other pupils about different aspects of RE and the Church Calendar. We also record prayers for Mr Braund's worship assemblies.

In the Summer Term, we also held a St George's Prayer Contest. Children from all classes were invited to write prayers and the chosen prayers were printed in our St George's Newsletter and on our school website. We are really proud of our achievements this year in difficult circumstances and are excited to continue our mission to support our school's faith next year.

St Gildas

Community and fundraising

We collected food for the Lord's Larder in September in classes this year. The food that we collected went to people in Yeovil that really needed it. For comic relief we raised over £400. We came to school with crazy hair, designed a red nose and recreated a famous movie scene. For children in need we raised £520 by designing a mask with a theme of Pudsey the bear. We dressed up in sportswear and we played basketball shoot outs as well.

Parish and prayer

St Gildas Feast Day was on the 29th January 2021. Normally we would celebrate with a Mass in the school hall. This year, Father Jean-Patrice and Mrs. Gibbins, created a Virtual Worship by linking home and school learners as a whole community. Everybody reflected on what it means to be part of St Gildas School.

We have not been able to gather as a whole school due to Covid 19. The Chaplaincy members from each class have carried out worship in class instead. We also recorded virtual Singing Worships for the whole school to join in with us.

Stewardship and caring for the environment

Planting 'Seeds of Hope' in Yeovil. A local supermarket has kindly given every child in school a packet of sunflower seeds and a poem. Everyone planted their seeds at home. The Chaplaincy Team planted 'Seeds of Hope' in school. We look forward to seeing sunny sunflowers popping up all over the local community.



St Joseph's, Bridgwater

At St Joseph's in Bridgwater, chaplains have had a busy year.

In the Autumn term, we collected food for Bridgwater Food bank. During December, the Year 6 chaplains created Advent calendars for each class. Each day, there was an activity or reflection for the class to complete. Chaplains also ran a Christmas reflection via zoom, which all classes joined in with.

For Easter, the Year 6's made Easter cards for the elderly and lonely parishioners at St Joseph's. These were given out during Mass on Easter Sunday.

During the Spring term, chaplains began creating a small wildlife garden, and planted different flowers to attract wildlife. Our focus for the summer term, is linked to CAFOD's Eyes of the World Campaign. Children in Year 6 wrote letters to our local MP, expressing their concern, as well as creating posters linked to the Catenian competition to make others aware of the climate crisis.

Finally, for the Month of Mary in May, Year 6 chaplains ran workshops linked to the Mission Together rosary. Each group was taught about the purpose of the rosary, the mission together rosary, and also said the rosary.



St Joseph's Burnham on Sea

Collective Worships: during the Spring half-term the Chaplaincy have held collective worships based on St Joseph. As it is the 'Year of St Joseph' it was the best way to begin our return to school. The focus of these worships has been based on St Joseph's services to Jesus, Mary and the people such as: acceptance; putting others first and obedience.



Stations of the Cross: in the last week of the half-term Year 6 read aloud to each year group 'The Stations of the Cross' a form of prayer used traditionally in Lent. Each of the 14 Stations retells part of Jesus' Passion (his suffering and death) through images and words. The stations were carried out in great reverence and all of the children were a credit to the school.

St Joseph and St Teresa's Chaplaincy Team 2020-2021

As a Chaplaincy Team we have worked really hard this year. We have split ourselves into three groups due to not being able to mix bubbles. We chose our chaplaincy names they are: St Joan of Arc; St Maria Goretti and St Anthony.

Our aims for this year were: to complete our Leader of Faith awards; to support others in our community and nationally; to look after our environment and to support the spirituality and catholicity of our school.

We have achieved many of our aims by raising money for Children In Need, Save The Children and CAFOD's Walking For Water. We asked our school families to bring in donations of food for our local food bank at the Connect Centre.

St Joan of Arc Chaplaincy Team have achieved their Bronze Leader of Faith Awards and St Maria Goretti and St Anthony Chaplaincy Teams have achieved their Gold Leader of Faith Awards.

During the month of May, we recorded five mysteries of the rosary and shared this with the whole school through powerpoint with a voice over.

We had a big cross outside our school, replacing the Stations of the Cross from Easter Sunday. We wanted to show Jesus' victory over death. Our three chaplaincy groups decided to decorate the cross with some flowers. To show our dedication to protecting the environment and responding to Pope Francis' encyclical Laudate Si, we asked the classes to produce flowers, made of cereal boxes or a cardboard. Each chaplaincy team member produced a poster for each class in the school to show how they would like them to be made. Once collected, we quarantined the flowers and then pinned them onto the cross.

