



The Friday Message

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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week we discussed that God made me. We retold the creation story and focused on the part where God created the first man and woman. We talked about God making us and that he loves us. God made us all and we are all different and special and good. We read the story 'God Made You' and discussed how we are different. On Thursday, we were excited to take part in the KS1 and Reception Harvest Service to give thanks for the food we eat, to the people who produce the ingredients and for God's beautiful world. In Luther King class we thanked God for the food that grows. We thank Him for the apples, the carrots and the wheat that makes bread. In Attenborough class we thanked God for water, the rain that helps the plants grow and the water we drink that keeps us healthy.</p>	<p>Year 1 have continued to learn part of the Nicene Creed and said this aloud in class. We wrote our own prayer for the earth thinking about what we are thankful for and how we can protect our planet. During the Harvest Festival we said thank you for the animals and thought about the joy that animals bring to our lives. We enjoyed singing the songs and particularly liked the line 'all creatures great and small' in All things Bright and Beautiful, as it reminded us of all the animals that we are thankful for, whether they are great or small.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week in RE we finalised our learning about Baptism by creating an information leaflet which could be shown to someone who had never been to a Baptism before and wasn't sure what to expect. The children divided their leaflets into sections including who would attend and their roles, the different symbols of baptism and their meanings and then added some beautiful illustrations. Additionally, we have been practicing hard for Harvest Festival and singing every day in preparation.</p>	<p>This week we looked at children's lives different parts of the world. Some of the children faced real hardships and had to overcome difficult challenges through no fault of their own. We discussed this and talked about how life for many people can seem very unfair. Pope Francis says '<i>God sees everyone with the same eyes</i>' and we looked at what this means for us in the world. We prayed for those less fortunate than us and explored ways for the world to become a fairer place through our understanding and faith.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week both classes have been learning about the life of Cardinal Henry Edward Manning. They explored the 3 virtues of faith, hope and love, learning about how Cardinal Manning demonstrated these throughout his life. Students studied and discussed the specific examples of his actions and their impact on society. They then considered these virtues within their own lives and thought about how they could exhibit them through their everyday actions. It has also been another special week, with the Harvest Festival Celebrations taking place in front of parents. To prepare for this, Year 4 learned about some stories from the bible linked to Harvest. These were 'The Parable of the Sower', 'The Feeding of the 5,000' and 'Ruth & Boaz in the Harvest Field'. Each pupil then reflected on what harvest means to them and what actions they will take at harvest and this time of year to help those around them.</p>	<p>This week in RE, Year 5 have begun to wrap up their previous unit of study by combining everything they've learned so far. The children have been exploring topics like The Little Way, Covenant, the Cardinal Virtues, Mortal and Venial Sin, the Ten Commandments, and the Jesuit Pupil Profile. To demonstrate their understanding, each child was given a scenario and tasked with designing an RE lesson on laptops aimed at a younger year group. Their lessons had to show how their chosen scenario linked to all of these key ideas.</p> <p>This activity not only helped Year 5 strengthen their knowledge, but also encouraged them to think creatively about how to share their learning with others!</p>
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>.... TRUST</p> <p>Who do you TRUST and why?</p>
<p>This week we consolidated our learning from our Creation and Covenant branch. To help organise our ideas and teach others about all that we have learnt we created knowledge organisers. We included details about The Second Creation Story, Stewardship, Original Sin, Baptism, Jesus' covenant, and The Church and science. This was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all of knowledge we have absorbed this half term and share and build on one another's ideas.</p> <p>Additionally, we also thoroughly enjoyed taking on a leading role during our Key Stage 2 Harvest Celebration. It was a great opportunity to share all that we are grateful for and consider the ways we will show this appreciation.</p>	