



The Friday Message

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Laetare Sunday (Year A)



Reception	Year 1
<p>In Reception this week, we listened to the story of <i>The Good Samaritan</i>. We talked together about what it means to be kind and how we can show kindness to everyone, even people we don't know very well. After hearing the story, the children enjoyed retelling it using the props in our Godly Play area. They used the figures to act out the events of the story, helping them remember how the Samaritan chose to stop and help someone in need.</p> 	<p>In Year 1 this week, we have listened to the story Jesus teaches in the temple (Lk19:47-48). We discussed what part we thought was the most important, what we thought Jesus taught the people and where we go to learn about God today. We role played this story by working in small groups, one of us got to take on the role of Jesus and 'teach' the other children who were the crowd listening and responding with excitement. In our second lesson we listened to the story of the last supper (Lk 22:7-23). We were given a picture of the Last Supper and we had to write in the speech bubble what Jesus said to his apostles. We then answered questions including how Jesus felt during the last supper, what we wonder from this story and what we would like to say in a pray.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In our first session we looked in detail at the story of The Last Supper (Luke 22:7-23, 28-34). The children listened carefully to the bible reading and then watched a clip of the story. They recalled lots of detail about the events, and we highlighted who had made a bad choice (sin). The children then drew a face to show how they felt after hearing the story and explained why they felt that way. Everyone then wrote 3 things they had learnt from looking at the story in more detail. In our second session we looked at what The Last Supper teaches us about sin and forgiveness. We discussed why Judas and Peter would choose to sin and how Jesus forgave them and still loved them. The children enjoyed exploring their thoughts through some 'hot seating' activities.</p>	<p>This week in RE, the children have been learning about the Offertory and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They explored the meaning of the offertory prayer and how bread and wine are gifts of God's creation. The children listened to the hymn 'Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation', discussed the key words from the prayers of the Mass and created posters and mini booklets to help them understand the Eucharist and why this is the most sacred part of the Mass.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 explored the Parable of the Judgement of the Nations. In our first lesson, we took part in a Godly Play session, where the children listened carefully to the story and shared their 'wonderings' as it unfolded using figures and images. In the second lesson, the children revisited the scripture and identified what Jesus asks us to do for Him and for members of His family. We then learned about the Corporal Works of Mercy and reflected on how we can live these out in our own lives by showing care, compassion and kindness to others.</p>	<p>This week, the children explored the concept of sin and how it affects our relationship with God and others. They reflected on the Ten Commandments and Jesus' teachings on love and kindness. We are so proud of their thoughtful diary entries on how they can make positive choices in their daily lives. Fantastic effort by all in Year 5, well done!</p>
Year 6	
<p>This week in RE, we explored important events from the final days of Jesus' life. In our first lesson, we learned about the Final Discourse, where Jesus gave his final commandment to his disciples: to love one another as he had loved them. We listened to and reflected on a Catholic hymn which helped us to better understand the message of love, service and unity that Jesus was teaching. In our second lesson, we focused on the arrest of Jesus. We explored how different visual representations of this moment can highlight different parts of the event and help us reflect on the message found in the Gospel of John. Through discussion, the children considered how artists communicate ideas such as loyalty, betrayal and courage within this powerful moment in the Passion story.</p>	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring</p> <p>is</p> <p>FORGIVENESS</p> <p>How can you show FORGIVENESS</p> <p>to those around you?</p>