



Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Academy



Global Actions





Take part in CAFOD 'BIG' Lent Walk

Phil Mayland from CAFOD came into school and delivered an assembly to inform us of all of the wonderful work that CAFOD do across the world.

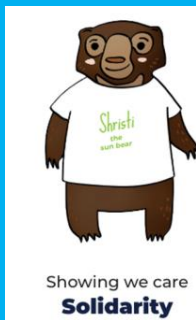


We invited all parents, governors and Parishioners via the school newsletter and Parish Newsletter, several joined us on our walk

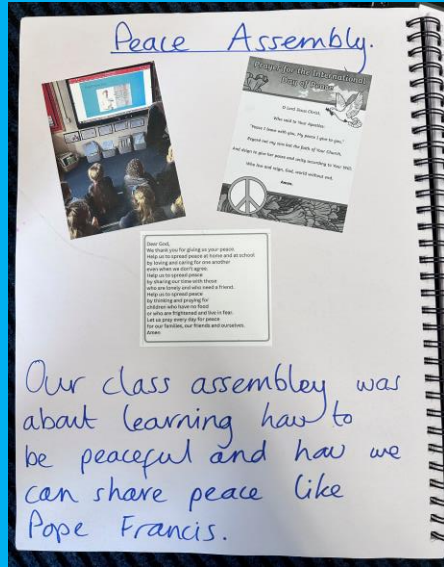
Children from Nursery – Year 6 took part in the BIG Lent walk for CAFOD. We walked on pilgrimage to Hulton Abbey and back again.



At the end of the school day the Benedictines stood on the school playground with buckets and collected spare change.

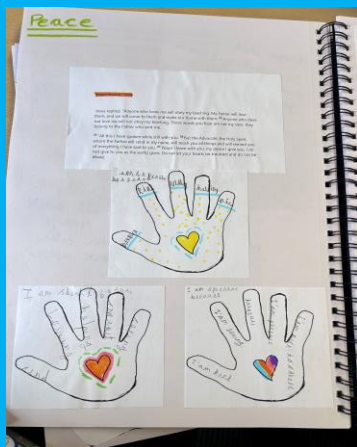


Participate in World Peace Day



Mrs Exon and the Benedictines created a class liturgy to celebrate World Peace Sunday. Each class from Nursery – Year 6 participated in the class assembly and reflection. Children were then asked to complete the hand prayer about why they are special. This was to help children to think that we are all different – special and unique and we should celebrate our differences. Children then took their prayers home to share with their families. Some children chose to tie a peace ribbon near to our prayer garden.

- I am special**
- At the top of a piece of paper, ask the children to write "I am special because..."
 - In the middle of the sheet ask them to draw around their hand. In each of their fingers and thumb ask them to write different reasons why they are special.
 - Ask the children to get into pairs. In turns, they will tell each other what they have written on their hands.
 - Their partner will then repeat back to them "You are special because..." and the reasons they have heard.



"the song made me feel calm."
- Reako

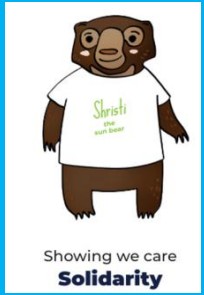
"Not arguing means to be peaceful."
- Aaron

"Peaceful means to not fight."
- Myla

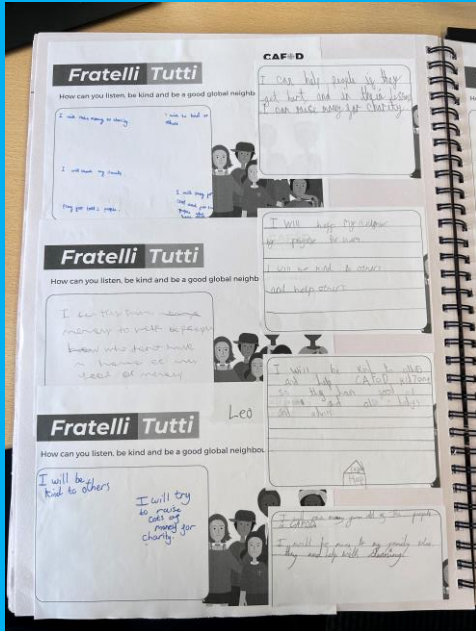
"No shouting!"
- Milo

"I pray for peace for the world."
- Jack

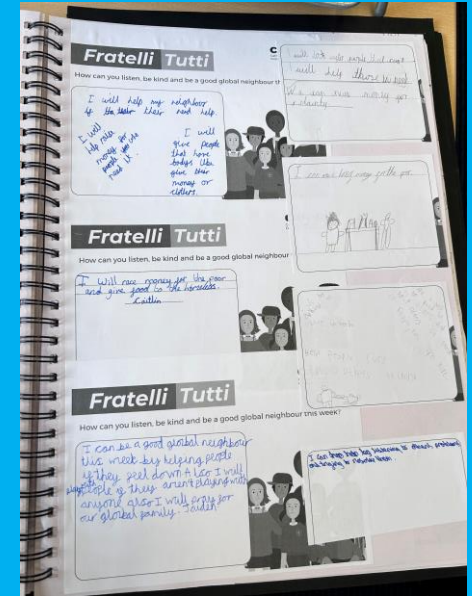
"God shows us how to be peaceful."
- Harper



Write a prayer for our Global Family linked to Fratelli Tutti



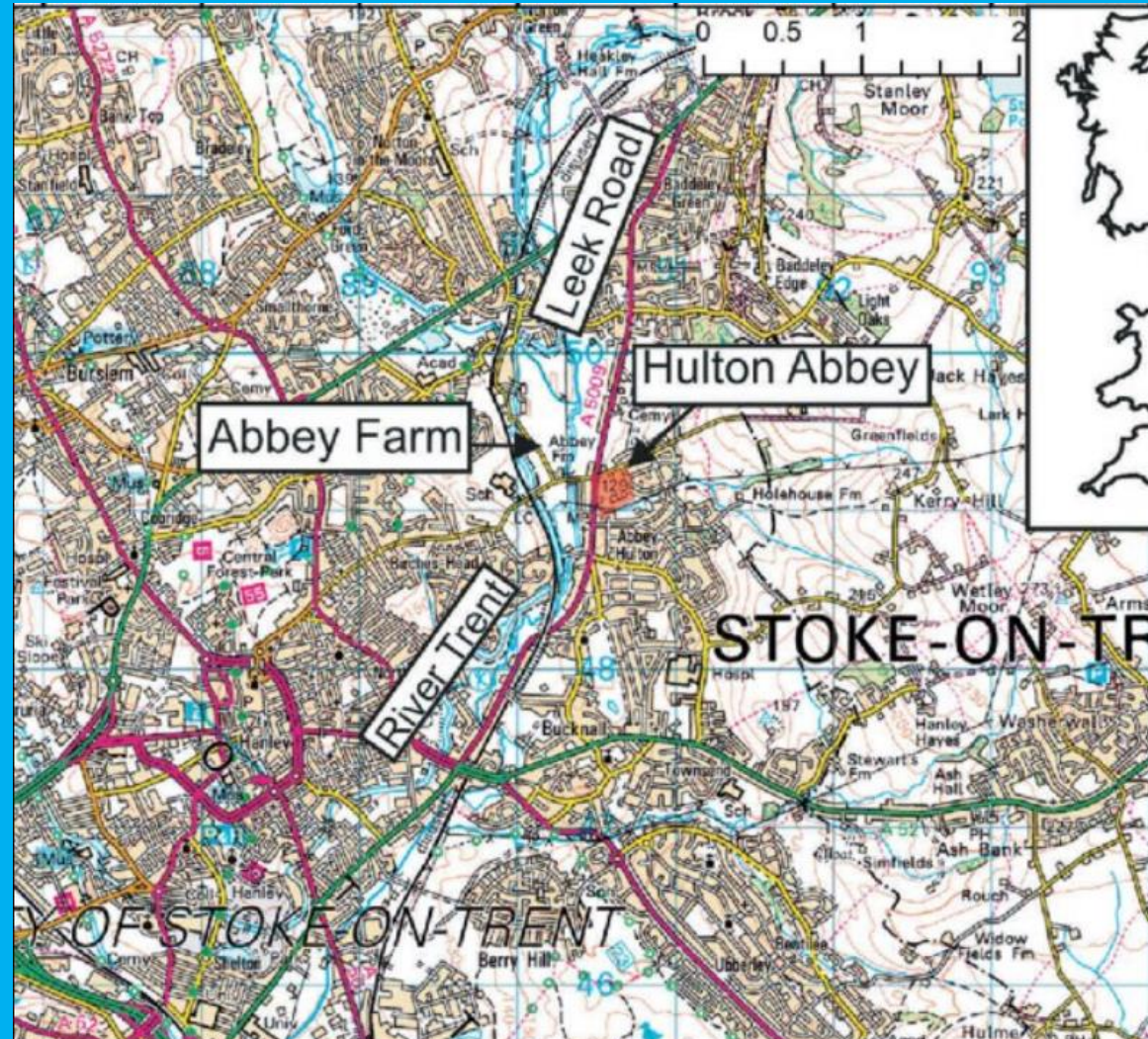
Mrs Exon and the Benedictines led a whole school assembly using the CAFOD resources linked to Fratelli Tutti. We thought about who is our Neighbour and how we can be a good Neighbour to all. Children then wrote pledges thinking about how they can listen, be kind and a good global Neighbour this week. Children then took these home to share with their families. Some children asked to take a blank copy home that they can write a pledge together.



SUPPOSE YOU SEE A BROTHER OR SISTER WHO HAS NO FOOD OR CLOTHING, AND YOU SAY, "GOOD-BYE AND HAVE A GOOD DAY; STAY WARM AND EAT WELL"—BUT THEN YOU DON'T GIVE THAT PERSON ANY FOOD OR CLOTHING. WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO?
JAMES 2:15-16



Local Actions



Commit to Charitable Fundraising the whole year round



Pledge a pound



School Disco



Dougie Mac Coffee Morning

Dress up in yellow day

As part of the Newman Catholic Collegiate we are committed to raising money and supporting charities the whole year round. Each Year we support a local charity in the Autumn Term, A National Charity in the Spring Term and a Global charity in the summer Term. The Benedictines link with other primary schools and secondary schools within the Collegiate to research charities. Charities are then selected based on the pupils votes. The three charities for this Academic Year are Dougie Mac, Father Hudson's and the Jesuit Refugee Service. We also respond to needs as they arise including collecting for families in the Ukraine.

Sponsored Walk



Christmas Jumper Day



Conduct a litter pick of the local area

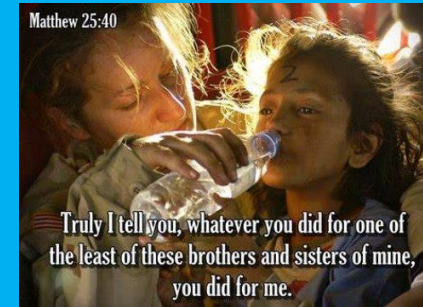


The Benedictines decided that they would like to complete a litter pick of the local area. They made a video that was shared on our school face book page and asked Father Adrian to advertise on the Parish Newsletter that we would like to complete a local litter pick.

The litter pick took place around the local area. We had staff, children, parents and parishioners join us. It was a huge success and we plan to make this a half termly event.



Collect items for the Homeless



As part of our Advent appeal the Benedictines decided that they would like to make bags for the homeless. The Benedictines sent a letter to parents and identified objects for each class to bring in. Two of the Benedictines also spoke at the end of Mass and asked for Parishioners to join our Advent appeal. The Benedictines collected and organised the bags ensuring that each bag had all items. These were then delivered to the Macarai Centre. A local centre for the Homeless



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We are hoping to provide the homeless with a gift bag containing essential items to try and bring some Christmas spirit to those less fortunate and would like your help with our appeal by asking if possible you could donate items that we need. You will find a list at the back of the church along with a collection box.

Any help would be gratefully received. Thank you.

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We need your help to reach out to the people who are suffering the most by bringing comfort and joy into their lives.

Thank you

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our wish this Christmas is that no one should be homeless, hungry or lonely.

We need your help to reach out to the people who are suffering the most by bringing comfort and joy into their lives.

For our advent appeal this year, we would like to make bags for the homeless. We are asking for your help to make these bags.

We are looking for donations of new items that will provide a bit of warmth and comfort to people who are without homes this Christmas.

We have put a list together of things that we feel would help the most and split this between year groups so that we get a range of items ☺

EYFS – Gloves, Toothbrushes, small packets of sweets.

Ks1 – (Year 1 and 2) – Hats, toothpaste, Small packets of Biscuits

Year 3 and 4 – Socks, Hand sanitiser, small bars of chocolate

Year 5 and 6 – Scarf, Roll – on Deodorant, Bottled water

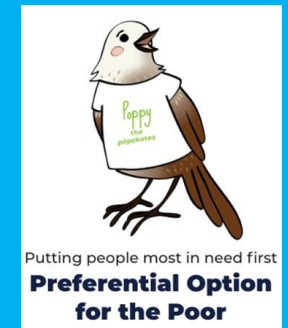
We understand that this is an extremely expensive time of the year so any item would be greatly appreciated.

Items can be brought into school between – Thursday 30th November – Thursday 7th December. |

The Benedictine group will then put all of the items together to create bags.

We appreciate your support and help.

Mrs Exon, Mrs ~~Foxall~~ and the Benedictine Group.



School Actions



Teach each other to recycle in the classrooms



Mrs Carroll – Knight set up an Eco – Club. One of their first projects was to think about how we can reduce waste in the school.

The Eco – Club developed an assembly for the whole school to discuss recycling and things that we could recycle in our classrooms.

Each class now has a box that they put in any rubbish that can be recycled.

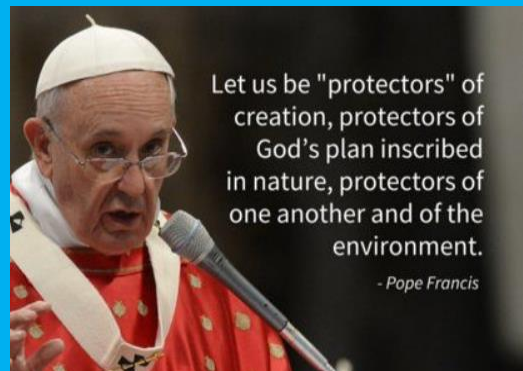
The Eco – Club and school council have also spoken to the kitchen about how we can reduce single use plastics and so for example now the juice at lunchtime is served in cups rather than single use plastic cartons.



Set up an Eco-Warriors club to raise awareness of using less electricity and produce less waste



Mrs Carroll – Knight has set up an Eco-Club within the school. The Eco-Club have made posters and cards to put up around the school to remind people to switch lights off as they leave the classroom. They have also led a whole school assembly to help people to understand the impact of wasting electricity and waste. As part of our school sustainability link each class has made a pledge for something that they will commit to for the whole school year to help sustainability. This has been shared on the school website and Facebook page.



Taking part
Participation



Caring for God's gifts
Stewardship



Thinking of everyone
The Common Good



Replace some class based lessons with outdoor learning with a focus of caring for God's Creation

As part of our Curriculum offer each class receives half a term of outdoor learning with a qualified instructor. These lessons have been carefully mapped out to link with the whole school Curriculum and caring for God's Creation. Children's learning is shared on our school Facebook page and Peak District Survival School. Children have a greater appreciation of the world around them and how to take care of God's Creation.



Our Lady & St Benedict's Academy Forest School Overview								
Year Group	N	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Term								
Autumn 1				Science Animals and their habitats Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds	Science - Rocks Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their simple physical properties Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed, when things that have lived are trapped within rock.			



Live Simply - To replace some lessons with Forest school outdoor learning lessons.

Each class has half of term of outdoor learning led by a qualified instructor. This is mapped out for each year groups and links with Curriculum areas. Each lesson has a focus on caring for creation



EYFS Planted a wildflower garden



Parish Live Simply Buddy Zaneta



Year 6 Bird Boxes made from natural resources



The school face book page shares the children's learning and this is also shared by the wilderness Instructor on his social media platforms.



Community Engagement



School Prayer area developed by Year 6 Children in Forest School - Shared with Parishioners, Mum and Toddler Groups, Class Led liturgies inviting parents.



Where possible we link with parents and the wider community with our outdoor learning or outdoor learning projects. This includes inviting parents to join in with forest school lessons.

One project was supporting EYFS with planting pollinating flowers and trees around the school grounds.

The Parish are regularly invited to visit our prayer garden that was created by year 6 during forest school. Members of the Parish and Father Adrain joined us in blessing our statue of Mary, processing from church and singing hymns. Owlets (our toddler group that is community based) regularly enjoy story time in the forest.



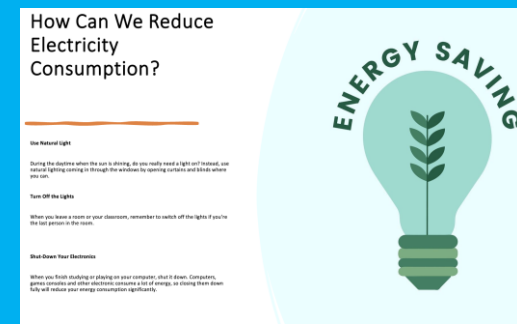
Planting seeds, Story time in the forest – Mum and Toddler group



Live Sustainably - To set up an Eco Warriors club and Pledging a commitment to use less electricity and produce less waste



Eco Club created and delivered an assembly to teach energy conservation to the rest of the school, they explained how energy conservation can be achieved in school through several strategies. To help achieve this aim, Eco Club designed posters to remind classes to turn the lights off. They have also set up recycling boxes in each classroom to ensure the school becomes more sustainable. There are Eco -Warriors in each class who will ensure lights are switched off, whiteboards are switched off, doors and windows are closed and taps are not left dripping/running.



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Use plastic cups instead of cartons in the dinner hall

Electric Car scheme for staff

Refillable glue sticks

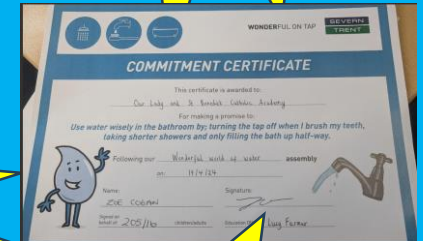


Refillable Soap Dispensers in all toilets

Whole School Initiatives



Benches made from milk cartons before they enter land fill



Pre-Loved uniform Sale



Recycled Toilet Rolls



Battery Recycling



Taking part **Participation**



Caring for God's gifts **Stewardship**



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Community Engagement



Battery Recycling



Blankets for the homeless made from recycled crisp packets



As part of our whole school Commitment to living more sustainably and raising awareness of this., each class has written a pledge that they will commit to. Children have created posters that have been sent home, put up in the classrooms and corridors and shared on our school face book page and newsletter.

A whole school homework task was created by the Eco- Club to promote our in-school battery recycling box.

Children participated in walk to school week. Children were enthusiastic and asked parents if they could walk rather than drive. This was shared on our school face-book page. The Eco-Club set up a crisp packet project that was shared with all parents and parishioners. The children washed the crisp packets and sent them to be made into blankets for the homeless.

The Benedictines launched a community litter pick. They created a video that was shared on our school Facebook page asking for members of the community to help. father Adrian also shared the time and date during Mass. We had members from the school, parents and Parishioners join to help to tidy up the local Community.

We have collected in worn school uniform. Parents ran a school uniform sale on the school playground. This was a huge success and means that uniform is recycled.



Walk to school week



Used School Uniform Sale



Community Litter Pick



Live in Solidarity - To commit to charitable fundraising the whole year round-in pledging to raise funds for charities, pupils will decide on their own global, national and local charities to support.



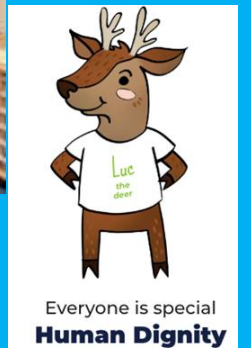
Father Hudson's
£197



£500
Dougie Mac



CAFOD
£82



Community Engagement

Dougie Mac
Coffee Morning
with parents
and Parishioners



Links with
the Parish for
Harvest, Advent
appeal for
the homeless



We have a wonderful Community at Our Lady and Saint Benedicts and we have good links with the Parish Priest. We have a small group of Parishioners who will always support all that we do. Mrs Exon and Father Adrian will discuss school-based Charity work and we will link with the Parish. Parishioners supported our appeal for the homeless bags. Every year they donate food during harvest for the local food bank. The attended the Dougie Mac Coffee Morning – Father or the Benedictines announce at Mass and shared on the Parish Newsletter.

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Parents,
Parishioners
and Governors
joined us for our
BIG Lent Walk



Weekly Community
Essentials Bank for
the local
community



School Pledges - Sustainability



This Academic Year we have had a huge focus on Sustainability. Each class has written a pledge and decided on ways that they can support their pledges.

Class Pledges

Nursery We pledge to recycle and reuse plastic, card and bottles.	Reception We pledge to reduce food waste.	Year 1 We pledge to walk to help reduce carbon emissions.	Year 2 We pledge to turn off the lights, recycle and walk to school.
Year 3 We pledge to save water by reducing waste and reusing.	Year 4 We pledge to reduce our use of palm oil and educate others.	Year 5 We pledge to help the oceans by choosing sustainable fish.	Year 6 We pledge to take care of the birds around our school.

Children have planned and led assemblies to raise awareness of their pledge. We have had walk to school weeks, visits to the zoo to adopt an orangutan, saving water by turning off taps etc... Pledges have been shared with parents via the school newsletter and website.

