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The Global Learning Programme

During the Autumn Term we explained one of the Global Goals in our weekly newsletter. Global learning is an approach to learning about international development through recognising the importance of linking people's lives throughout the world. Global learning encourages critical examination of global issues and an awareness of the impact that individuals can have on them. At St Catherine's we recognise the impact that knowledge and understanding of development can bring to our children's learning across the curriculum. This year's [World's Largest Lesson](#) project asked pupils to consider the impact of their food choices on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals.

Our Catholic Ethos & British Values

'We seek to live out the values of Jesus Christ. We promote these values by our words and deeds, and Catholic doctrine and practice therefore permeates every aspect of the school's activity. We provide a Catholic curriculum, which is broad and balanced, recognising that every pupil is unique and is created in the image of God (Gen 1:27).

Our curriculum is designed to enable every pupil to be well-equipped to follow it as active citizens in service to the world. We promote these values in many ways.

Democracy

We have a school council

Highlight the development of democratic ideas in history lessons

Allow children to vote for House or Sports captains

Ensure all pupils are listened to by adults

Invite many speakers to the school- CAFOD, Social Justice, NSPCC, Homeless (The Passage)

The Rule of Law

Classes create Class Charters

Have a clear behaviour policy that is explained to all

Organise visits from the police service to reinforce the message of right and wrong – WPC Amanda

Highlight the rules of the Church and God in the RE curriculum, for example the 10 commandments

Teach about the development of the Rule of Law in English Law, a legal system created uniquely in a Catholic England, inspired by Christian values and becoming a major influence across the world

Individual Liberty

Encourage children to be independent in their learning

Provide children with opportunities for reflection as they take responsibility to discerning their vocation

Mutual respect

Having a mission statement that is inclusive

Constantly promote respect for others as good manners

Reinforce the value of everyone's opinions in class discussions/ debates

Have an effective anti-bullying policy

Emphasise in RE, P4C and PSHE lessons that every person is unique and "created in the image of God"

Have active educational links with other schools both in Barnet and local boroughs

Support charitable works

Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

Religious Education provides pupils with a deep understanding of their own faith as well as awareness of the faith and traditions of other religious communities as a basis for understanding and respecting them.

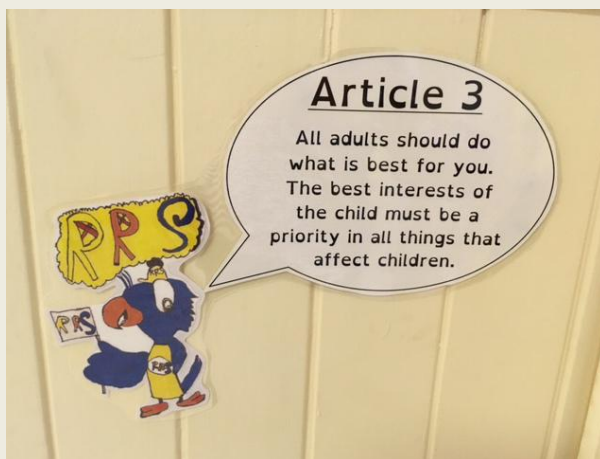
Class Charters

The classes are all displaying their new class charters and these have been shared with our school community via our newsletter and website. The creativity and uniqueness of each charter is wonderful to see.

Article of The Month & Thought for the Month

Every month we continue to share our Article of the Month and Thought for the Month with our whole school community.

December Article of the Month



Thought for the month



Let us remember the true meaning of Christmas

Class 3C Prayer Service

Thank you to Miss Coy and Class 3C for leading the prayer service this week. The service began with a message from Pope Frances in a video prepared for all schools called 'Laudato Si'- Care for Our Common Home". Through their amazing acting, artwork, prayers and singing they really made us all reflect on what we had to do to care for our world. They have drawn up a plan for St Catherine's School and over the coming months will monitor our progress in ensuring we recycle as much as we possibly can.

It was wonderful to see so many of their parents. They looked extremely proud of the children.



Class 5M Prayer service



Thank you to Mrs Moore and Class 5M for leading our prayer service this week. The theme of their prayer service was Remembrance Sunday. It gave us all the chance to reflect on the many men and women who gave their lives during the wars and for the people whose lives are still affected by conflict today.

The children were very reverent. They spoke clearly and with great confidence. During their prayer service they sang 'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace'. This reminded us that we all strive for peace in our world each and every day. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us at this very special gathering.

Anti-Bullying Week



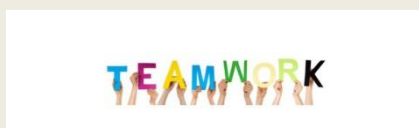
The children participated in a range of activities throughout the week. On Wednesday they attended an assembly led by Mrs Ainger and Mrs Isaacs. As you know the theme for Anti-Bullying Week was 'All Different, All Equal' - something we all truly believe at St Catherine's.

Celebrating Diversity

At St Catherine's we celebrate the many countries our families come from. In all the classes there is a map of the world showing this. Here is an example from 5M. The variety of different flags on display really celebrate the rich diversity within our school.



Rights Respecting Ambassadors meeting



On Thursday 7th December the Steering Group met with Mr Coster to draw up a draft Parents Charter. We put the draft in the newsletter and welcomed any comments or suggestions. One very important responsibility of parents and carers is to ensure your child comes to school every day, is punctual and collected on time. This will give your child the best opportunity to achieve. (Article 28, 29, 30) We are delighted with the attendance of our children and know how proud they are when their class wins the Attendance Trophy on Friday.

FSSA Coffee Morning

Thank you to Mrs Madzimure and Mrs Queenan for organising our coffee morning in aid of FSSA Zambia. It was lovely to welcome Stephen Crabb as our guest to celebrate all his work to help orphans in Zambia to go to school. Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported this fundraising event. It also gave us the opportunity in a busy world to stop and chat to one another over a cup of coffee. **FSSA Zambia**

On the following Monday we welcomed Stephen Crabb and his daughter Anne- Marie to our assemblies with both the KS1 & KS2 children. They came to tell us about the wonderful work they do for FSSA Zambia. They talked about the importance of every child having the opportunity for a good education. We look forward to fundraising events in the new year.

'Save the Children' Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning this morning. The money raised will be sent to 'Save The Children'. They protect children; give them a healthy start and the chance to learn. We raised over £340. Thank you for your generosity, as always.

Wednesday Club at Immaculate Mary & St Peters

It was such a pleasure to take some of our year 5 children to St Peters on Wednesday to sing carols and Christmas songs to the Wednesday Club members. Sue Allen invites us every year and it is always such a joyous occasion. Mr Bell, Mrs Ainger and Mrs Kraushar were extremely proud of the children. They sang beautifully and with such enthusiasm, bringing Christmas cheer to all!



THE TERM AHEAD

We look forward to a very exciting but busy term. This term our fundraising is centred around raising funds for FSSA Zambia. We look forward to sharing our achievements in our next newsletter.