

OUR CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY JOURNEY

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

2024-2026 and onwards.....



I CAN CHANGE THE

World



Our Display in the School Hall





As a school we made a pledge:
"We pledged to live simply ,
developing our outdoor area so that it
could be used for prayer, buy less by
initiating a book share system and
raise money for Cafod World Gifts."

Main Actions

Living Simply

1A) ___ We will create/develop a prayer garden/outdoor spiritu: prayers, leading worship). (Living simply)

Living Sustainably

2A) ___ We will develop a culture of buy less, share more (e.g. p

Living in Solidarity

1B) ___ We will raise funds to purchase CAFOD World Gifts. The the gifts. (Living in Solidarity)



Patrick, "It feels so peaceful outside"

Living Simply

We have created a forest school, prayer garden and outdoor spiritual space that will grow and evolve with our children over the years.

School built a polytunnel last year but it has since been an unused and neglected area. This area and the surrounding area has been created into a beautiful outdoor space for the children to learn in, pray in and work on to produce flowers and fruits and vegetables.

Miss Lund and the Eco friendlies received a delivery of 100 free tree saplings. With lots of love and care they have been planted by the children in EYFS and named as they will grow with them during their school career.



Wildflower Meadow

As mentioned in the bulletin last week, we are developing our outdoor provision and hoping to create a wildflower meadow on the back field. We would appreciate it if the children could bring flowering bulbs or packets of seeds (not fruit or veg) to school that can be scattered or planted as part of this project. Each class will be planting the seeds next week to create a beautiful wildflower meadow to enjoy for years to come.

If any parents/carers have any links with garden centres that may be able to help with funding or donations towards future planting projects please contact school to let us know, we would be grateful of any support.



We then held a special day of planting to make a wildflower meadow. Our school community was asked to donate bulbs, seeds, plants, wildflowers etc and everybody got involved in a day of gardening. Water butts were installed so that the children could water this area on a regular basis.





Miss Lund and Mr Williams now have seating for this outdoor area so that the children can sit and reflect and pray amongst this beautiful space.



Nelly, "I love praying outside because it makes me feel closer to God."





Easter Celebration of the Word

Our school families were welcomed to join for a beautiful prayer and liturgy session. There was a beautiful and peaceful atmosphere and the children filled the air with their lovely singing. In celebration of God's creation and our call to care for the earth, all 60 families then planted a tree together. A wonderful sign of growth, hope and stewardship.

"We pledge to
live simply by
praying
outdoors, to
thank God for
our wonderful
creation"





Matthew 6:21

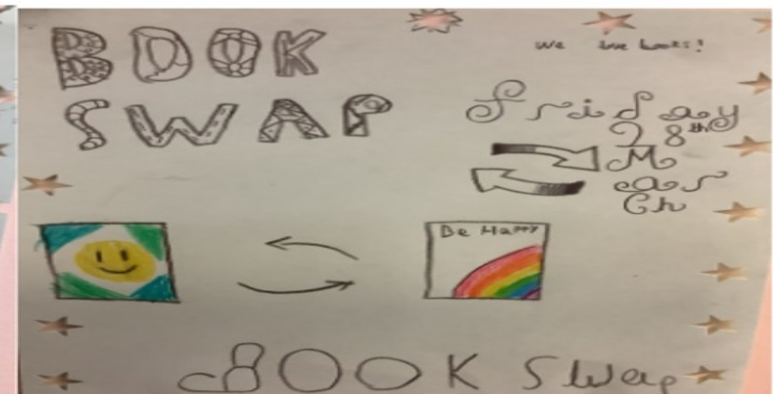
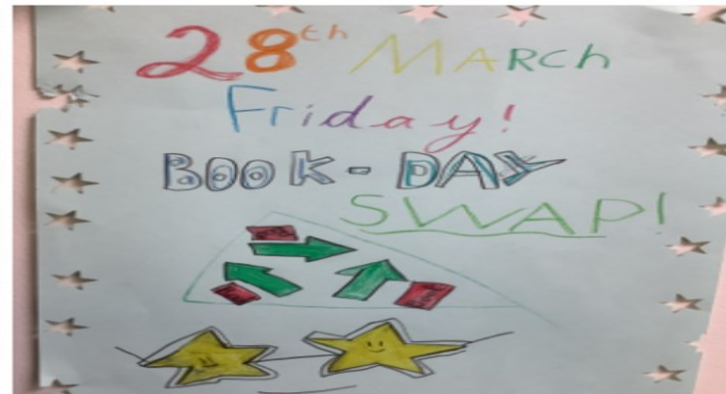
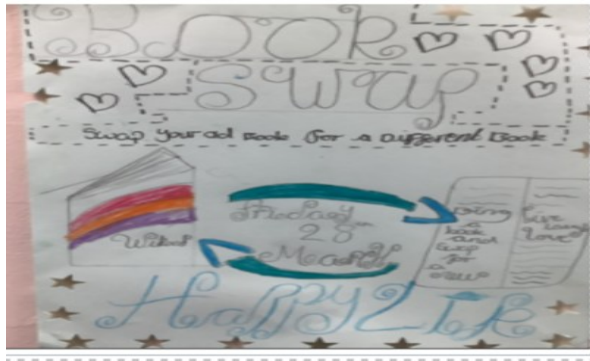
"For your heart will
always be where your
riches are."

The Children of Holy Rosary School
understand the importance of
prayer as it deepens our faith.



Living Sustainably

We want to develop a culture of buy less and share more. With this in mind, we decided to hold a BOOK SWAP EVENT and involved the whole school. The Charity Champions designed and made posters and put them up around the school. Information was printed in the school bulletin and books started to flood in. The day was a real success, so much so, that we have decided as a school that this is something we will be having at every classroom door. Children across the school were delighted with their book swaps and went home excited to read their new story. They also loved the idea of giving a friend their old book along with giving them a little synopsis of the story too!



John 6:12, "Gather the pieces left over, let us not waste any."



We used boxes at classroom doors for this but have since commissioned some wooden bird box type book houses to be made as a permanent feature in our school grounds.

Our Eco Friendlies went around classes telling them about the importance of recycling and reusing.



Book Swap Event

After a successful World Book Day, we plan to hold a 'Book Swap Event' on Friday 28th March. We would like to invite every child to bring in a used book that they have read and enjoyed at home to swap in school with the book of one of their classmates. We think this is a great way to encourage our children's love of books without any extra expense whilst continuing to promote our ambition to reduce, reuse and recycle.





Jersey, "Swapping our books was even better than buying new ones!"



Living in Solidarity

1 John 3:18, "My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love which shows itself in action."

We raised funds to purchase CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

To help our brothers and sisters overseas

Mrs Casey holds weekly assemblies using CAFOD'S resources and teaches the children about the 9 animal mascots to help them to understand the core principles of Catholic Social Teaching.



We sent out Christmas stockings for the children to design and colour. We asked for 50p to enter and the winners received chocolate selection packs. All monies raised went to Cafod World Gifts and we were able to buy a £70 worth of stockings. The children chose the stockings. The children picked the fantastic family stocking and the cheerful cheerful children's stocking.



Fantastic family stocking × 1

£50.00

Postal / Christmas Stable



Cheerful children's stocking × 1

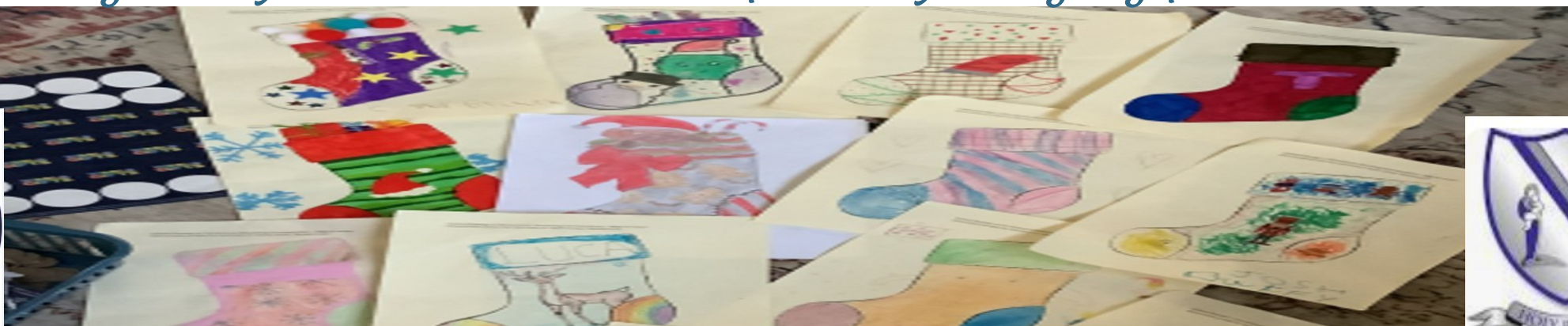
£20.00

Postal / Christmas Stable

Subtotal

£70.00

Amelle, "Raising money means that children far away will get gifts this Christmas"



Local Actions: Action 1 Caring for others in the Community

Our wonderful Charity Champions spent a day delivering Christmas cards to local housebound parishioners. They loved chatting to them at their front doors. One lady gave Katie a set of her own Rosary beads to keep. After that, the children walked to the parish club and helped to serve a Christmas lunch. Father Philip has given us a list of addresses, so the children were able to deliver Easter cards and chocolates too.



Mrs King took the choir along to a local nursing home to sing for them. Lots of happy faces all round. We learnt from pope Francis that “ a people who does not take care of its grandparents has no future.”



Jacob, "I am kind to the old people because I love hearing their stories"



Christmas 2025
serving
Christmas
lunch with
entertainment
too!



Action 2: Caring for the local environment – litter pick

Mrs Wall, along with the School Council made links with a cluster of local primary and secondary schools to clean up the nearby canal. The children worked hard with litter pickers and bags and did an excellent job.



Genesis 2:15 , “The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it.”





Stewardship is an important aspect of our school values. We believe that caring for the many gifts that God has given to us can help us live more simply. We know that we must care for our common home responsibly to make it a better place both now and in the future.

The children in Y5 learnt about how cutting down trees is having a negative effect on wildlife. We spotted so much wildlife on our walk along the canal.

Lilly, "I want to keep our local area clean because we need to look after God's beautiful world."



Action 3: Supporting our local foodbank

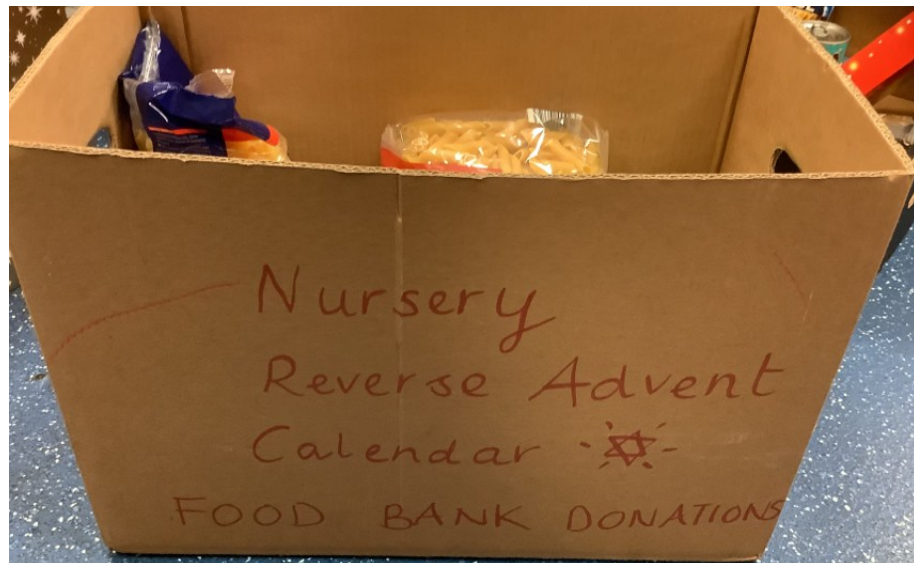
We supported our local foodbank at the Hope Centre during Christmas 2025. Each year group decided to hold a Reverse Advent calendar within class and each day during the month of December, non-perishable food items were brought in to fill the box. We delivered the boxes just in time for Christmas and they were very gratefully received. The items helped families within Aintree over the festive period and were donated by our school family.



Reverse Advent Calendars

As part of our Live Simply Award, each class will be taking part in the Reverse Advent Calendar. This will take place throughout the month of December. Instead of opening a door each day to get a treat, children will add an item of nonperishable food, accumulating in a full collection to donate to our local food bank by Christmas. Ideas for donations might include canned food, pasta, rice etc. Thank you for your support.





Molly, "I hope they love my chocolates because everyone deserves a treat at Christmas"

We now have good links with the food bank. We did another one during Lent and we display their posters on our classroom doors permanently.



School Actions

Action 3: Walking to School- Cut the carbon!

Miss Lund, our Eco friendlies lead, set up a Cut the Carbon initiative to encourage walking to school alongside lots of other carbon cutting activities.

Decarbonisation – Cut Your Carbon

- Action Cut your Carbon Initiative (Eco-Schools)
- Steps Take part in Eco-Schools Cut Your Carbon for November. Use Carbon Calculator to measure and celebrate impact. Eco-Friendlies to work with School Council and RE Ambassadors to link whole school priorities (Live Simply, School Council).
- Timeline November 2025
- Resources Cut Your Carbon posters / stickers.

Our Eco-Friendlies joined forces with the School Council and RE Ambassadors to create the *Cut Your Carbon Crew*! Together, we met to develop an action plan to reduce carbon across the school. We kicked things off with an assembly, explaining what carbon is, how it affects our planet, and what we can all do to make a difference. Using Eco-Schools resources, every child received a scorecard and was encouraged to complete as many carbon-cutting actions as possible. Each week, the Cut Your Carbon Crew collected the scorecards and tallied up the results. The year groups that cut the most carbon were rewarded with an extra playtime—a fun way to celebrate their efforts!

Progress towards action Data collected Autumn 2025 and inputted into Eco-Schools calculator.



Eco
friendlyes
are busier
than ever
with their
tick sheets
and have
even set up
competitions
amongst
classes!



Cut Your Carbon



Click here to watch [Cut Your Carbon.mp4](#)

Our school has
cut 2,270 kilograms
of carbon!

That's like stopping the same
amount of pollution as:



Driving a car for
about 6,000 miles
(that's like going all the
way to America and back!)



Charging over
280,000 tablets
or iPads

Planting about 35 trees
and letting them grow
for a whole year!





Action 2 : Climate Justice Campaign Earth Day



The children were so creative in re -creating the landmarks of Liverpool from junk modelling /recyclable materials. We put them on display in the hall and walked around them like we were in an art gallery!

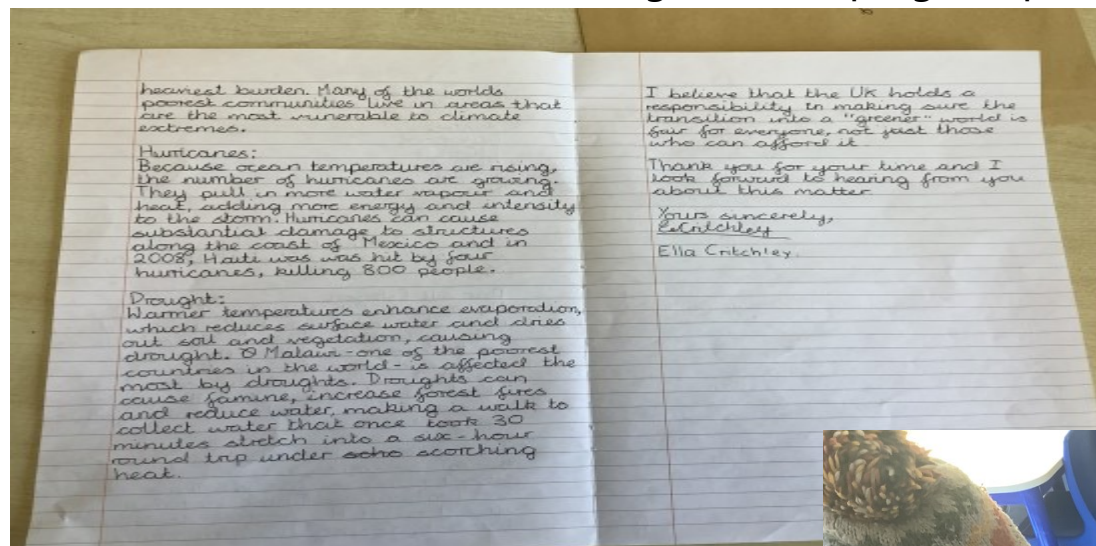
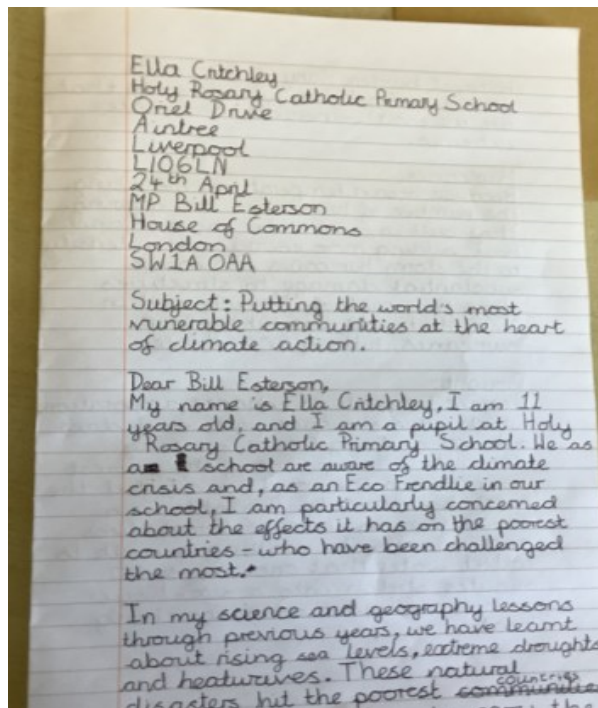


We watched the Laudato Si' animation and said the prayer, Caring for our earth

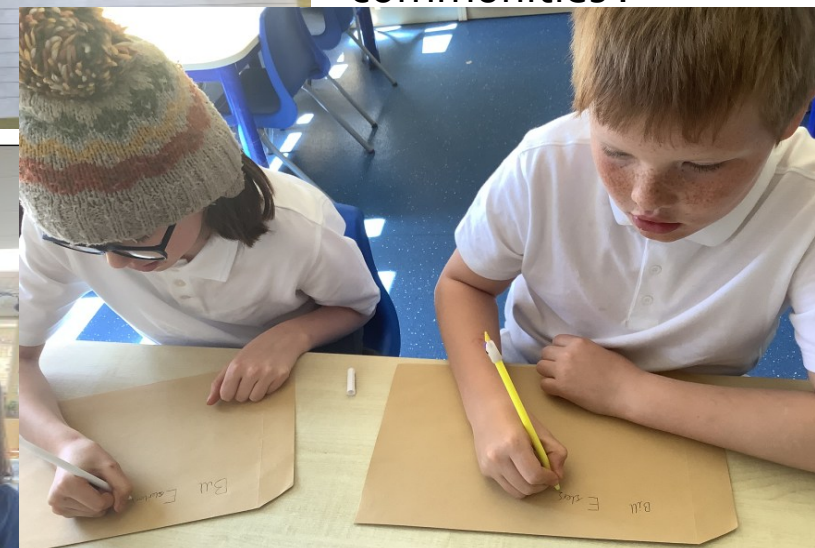
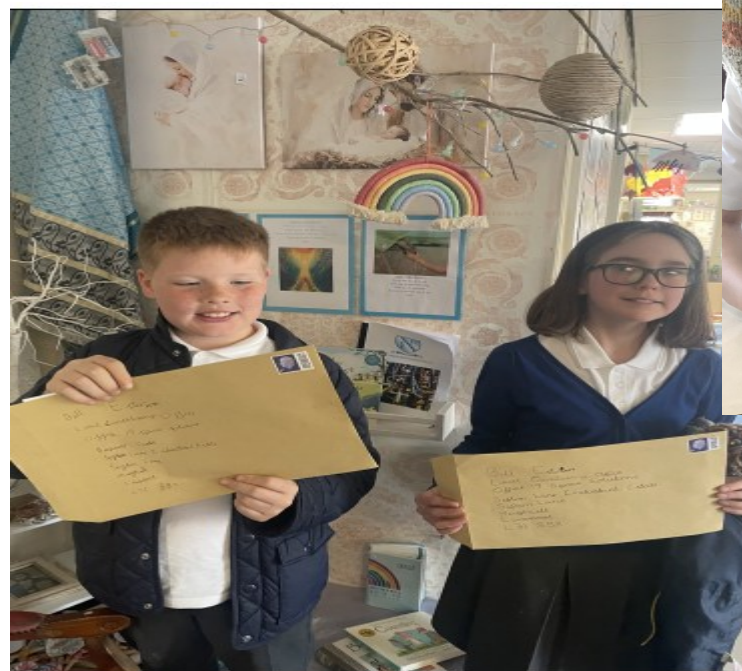


Letters to our MP Climate change and helping the poor

We asked the Year 6 children to write letters to Bill Esterson, our local MP to express their concerns about the effects of climate change on the poorest communities.



Joseph, "Even though these countries and people are far away, we cannot forget about them and it's up to us to help them"



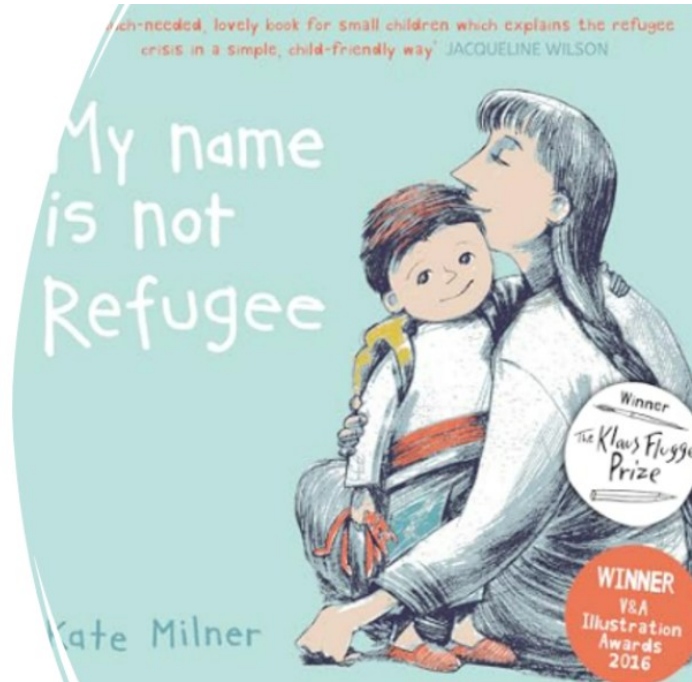
Ella asked to ensure the world's poorest communities are kept at the centre of any decision making.



Action 3: Refugee week

REFUGEE WEEK June 16th – June 22nd

- Story assembly
- Each class teacher to bring in an empty suitcase.....
- Children to think about an item they couldn't leave home without....
- Family photograph
- A soft toy
- An item of clothing
- Anything at all
- Add them to the suitcase, encourage discussion around the items, take pictures etc for evidence

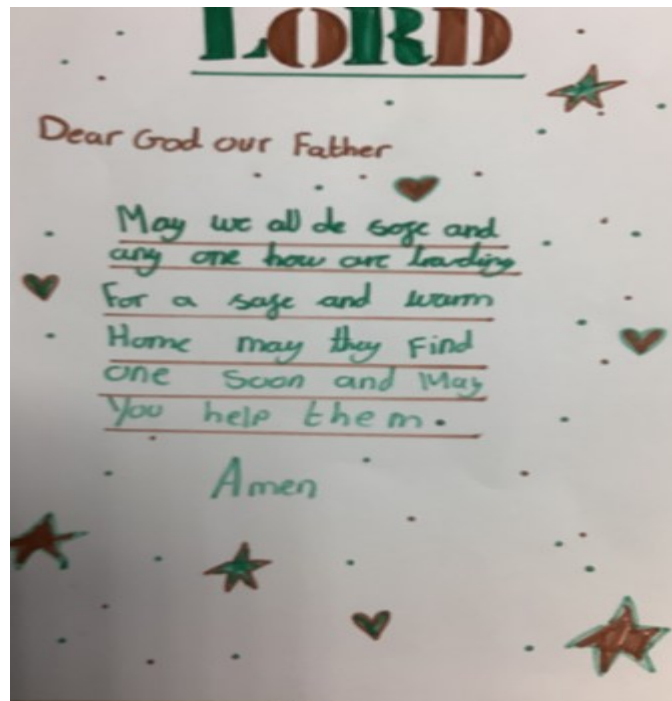
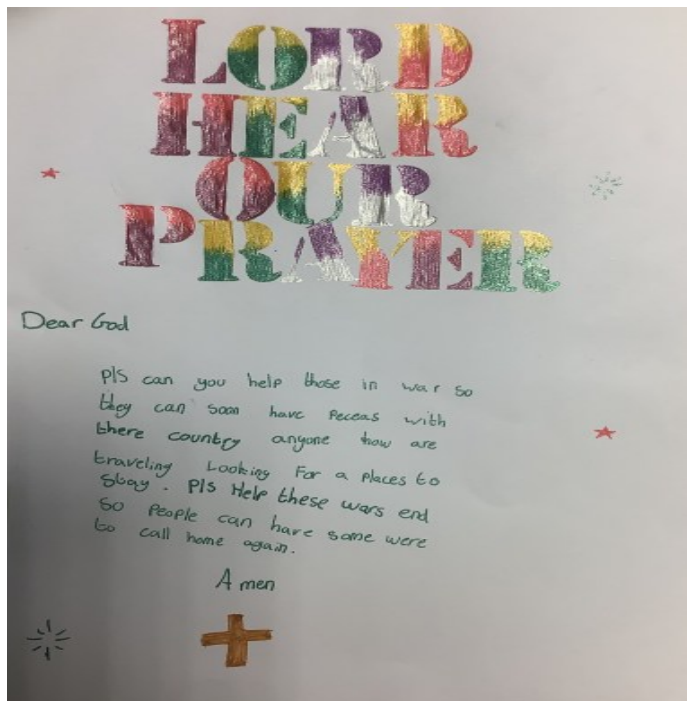


Esme, "It is so important that we help our global neighbours now."



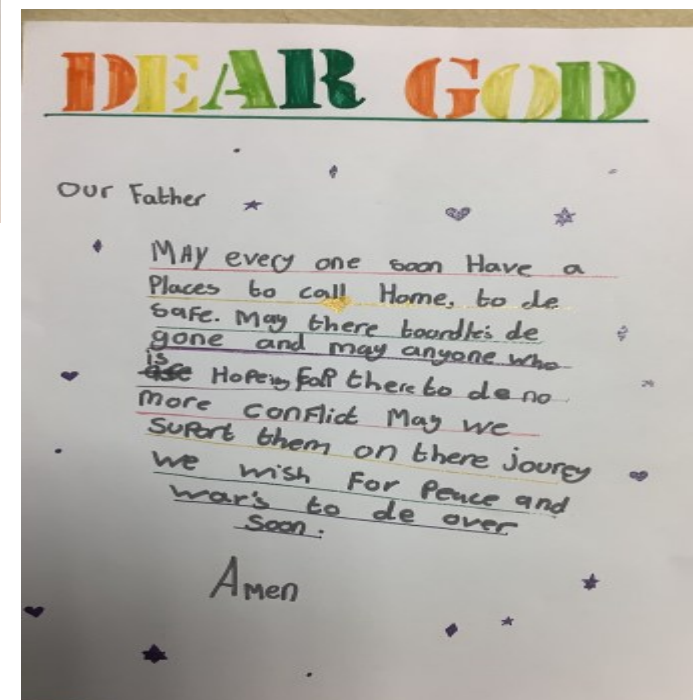
We had a very thoughtful week considering the thoughts and feelings of a refugee. Mrs King delivered a beautifully inspiring story assembly and read, "My name is not Refugee" written by Kate Milner and Mrs Casey showed clips from the Cafod resources. Children brought into school a treasured item that they could not leave home without, if they were ever to become a refugee. Suitcases were filled with items in every class and they provoked lots of lovely discussion around this very moving subject. We even had tears in some classes from both teachers and students!





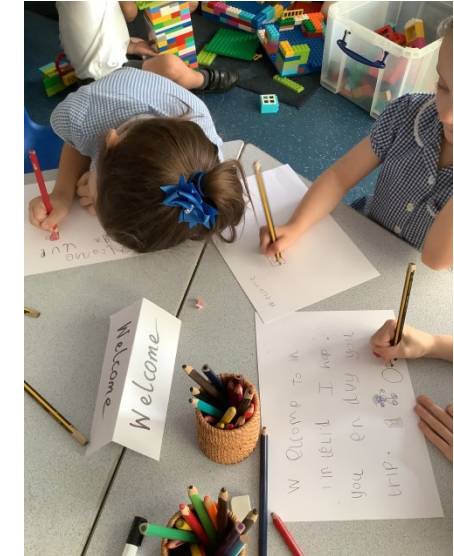
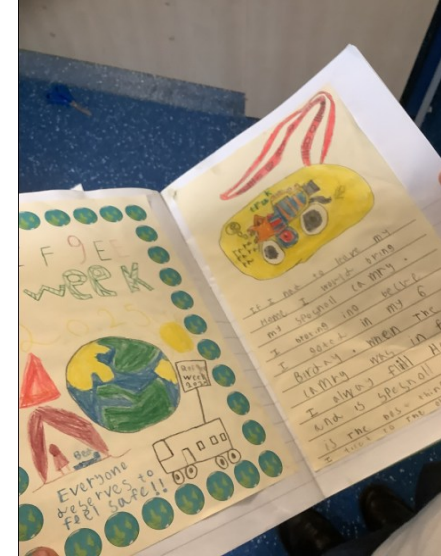
Matthew 25, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

Prayers that some of the Year 6 children wrote



Jack, "Pope Francis teaches us that we must welcome, protect, promote and integrate refugees."





Refugee Week

To mark Refugee Week this week, the children engaged in some thoughtful discussions in assemblies, as well as sharing stories, texts and watching short clips in class. Many of them brought in objects from home to add to the class suitcases. This activity really illustrated to them how difficult it is for refugees and asylum seekers who have had to leave their homes to seek sanctuary and to be able to live safely. It was clear from some of the comments shared that we have some very caring and thoughtful children in our school.



Ruby, "It must be so scary when you have to leave your home suddenly. I would be so sad"





Eco Friendlies

Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School

9 Mar



Our clothes & shoes recycling bin is ready for your donations!

Your pre-loved items help raise funds and support our eco work with the children. 🌱 You'll find the green recycling bin at the bottom of the staff car park, next to the hall.

Thank you for supporting our children's eco projects and helping us look after our world! ♻️ ✨ ❤️



Eco Friendlies

Holy Rosary Catholic Primary School

2 Mar

Sefton Council



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HELP US NAME OUR 14 NEW FOOD WASTE VEHICLES



Sefton Council are running a fun competition, giving our pupils the chance to get creative and share their brilliant eco friendly ideas 🌱 ♻️ 🌍. It would be wonderful to see one of our children's ideas selected – we know how imaginative they are!

<https://yourseftonyoursay.sefton.gov.uk/recycling/food-waste-trucks/>



"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience".

(Colossians 3:12)

Myles initiated a want for care packages to thank the nurses at Alder Hey for the care he received after operations on his brain.

The group quickly designed posters asking for donations of tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits. Once all the items had been collected, we grouped them accordingly, ordered hamper baskets and made them up with cellophane and ribbon. We made 10 in total which Myles and his Mum delivered just before Christmas when he had his appointment for a scan there. Not only did Myles get good news but the staff got a lovely treat too. They wrote a lovely letter thanking our school.



Thank you to our school community and to CAFOD

Live Simply Prayer (from CAFOD)

Compassionate and loving God,
you created the world for us all to share,
a world of beauty and plenty.
Create in us a desire to live simply,
so that our lives may reflect your generosity.

Creator God,
You gave us responsibility for the earth, a
world of riches and delight.
Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so
that those who follow after us
may enjoy the fruits of your creation.

God of peace and justice,
You give us the capacity to change,
to bring about a world that mirrors your
wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in
solidarity,
so that the pillars of injustice crumble
and those now crushed are set free.

Amen.

Linda Jones / CAFOD



We are so excited to continue on our Live Simply Journey as a school.

We believe we have made a huge difference in the last two years, showing ways to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with others but know that we can still do more!

We are so proud of what we have achieved so far and can't wait to see where our journey takes us.

