

Love Jesus, Love Ourselves, Love Each Other, Love Learning, Love Life



CAFOD LiveSimply

Spring Term 2023
News at St Joseph's



The Eco-Council 2022-23



The Mini Vinnies 2022-23

Living Simply in Spring Term at St Joseph's

Our first Friday back at school was a Well-being Day.

Our Well-being activities focused on the Feast of the Epiphany.



What a wonderful start to the term with our visit from Archbishop Malcolm who spent the day meeting with the Mini Vinnies and speaking to the children in each class.

The visit ended with a very special assembly for Mrs Blenkinship, our former Chair of Governors. Archbishop Malcolm blessed a special bench in her memory, which will be placed on the Key Stage 2 playground for children to spend some quiet time. Each class made a beautiful prayer bouquet to place onto the bench.

Our visit even made it into February's edition of The Catholic Pictorial!



news diary

Archbishop Malcolm visits St Joseph's

On Tuesday, 10 January, Archbishop Malcolm visited St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Leigh. He was warmly greeted by the Headteacher, Miss Daley and RE Leader Mrs Mellings, before spending time talking to the school's prayer group, the 'Mini Vinnies.'

Miss Daley said, 'Archbishop Malcolm is a friendly and knowledgeable man whose warmth and kindness has created a lovely memory for us all to hold dear. His visit was the perfect start to a new term and indeed the new year – 2023.'

They told him all about the work they completed together with the School Council and Eco-Council in the autumn term to help achieve the Caritas 'Live Simply' Award. This involved: visiting a local care home, holding a Macmillan coffee morning, raising funds for Caritas through a Harvest fundraiser, visits to the local Foodbank and a Christmas jumper swap. The Archbishop thanked the children and staff for their hard work.

One child said, 'I was so excited because I've never met a real Bishop before. He talked to us about how Jesus teaches us to be kind and help each other. I felt very special meeting him.'

During the visit, Archbishop Malcolm attended a whole school Assembly and blessed the bench and prayer bouquets made in the memory of Mrs Angela Blenkinship, the much-loved Chair of Governors who sadly died recently.



Archbishop Malcolm also took time to visit each class to talk to the children. They asked lots of questions and even got to hold his crozier and wear his mitre. Archbishop Malcolm praised the children for their excellent behaviour and commented on how smart they all looked.

Mrs Mellings said, 'The visit was a huge success and a fantastic opportunity for the children to meet such an esteemed leader of our Church. The children were very excited and delighted to meet him.'



In February, Year 5 led an inspiring Assembly attended by parents and carers about the importance of supporting Fairtrade products. Each class spent time learning about the meaning of Fairtrade. The children enjoyed using the prayer area to find out more about the origins of fairtrade and where food comes from. Year 4 used the Cafod resources to hold a Fairtrade debate.





The Spring results are in, and
we feature in Wigan's top ten again....
4th place!
Well done everyone!

WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

WALK of FAME

TOP 10

WIGAN	
1.	Marus Bridge Primary School
2.	St Mary's CofE Primary School
3.	Tyldesley Primary School
4.	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
5.	R L Hughes Primary School
6.	St Mary and St John Catholic Primary School
7.	Castle Hill St Philip's CofE Primary School
8.	Wigan Worsley Mesnes Community Primary School
9.	St Richard's Roman Catholic Primary School Atherton
10.	St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hindley

SPRING 2023
#WOWWalkOfFame

Walk to School Challenge

The Class that has earned the most Walk to School badges this term is.....Year 5!

Dress Up for Digits

We raised £175.07 for the NSPCC whilst learning about Childline having fun and loving Maths!



Mr Breslin inspired our number activities in a whole school assembly.



Give
Give

Connect

RED CROSS APPEAL

The children were invited to come to school in their own clothes and our generous families donated £351 to the Red Cross to help their life-saving relief efforts in Turkey and Syria following two devastating earthquakes.



The Big Walk

Be Active

THE
BIG
LENT
WALK

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

The children completed five laps of the playground every day for the first two weeks of Lent. We could run, skip, walk or hop!

We had our very own fundraising page. Thank you for helping us to tell poverty to.....jog on!

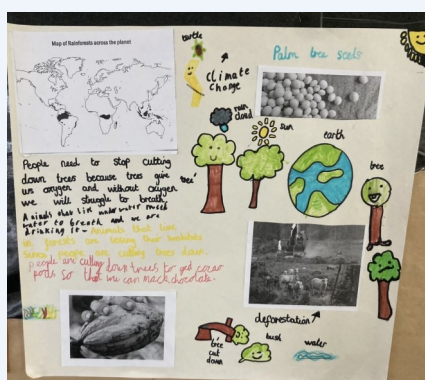
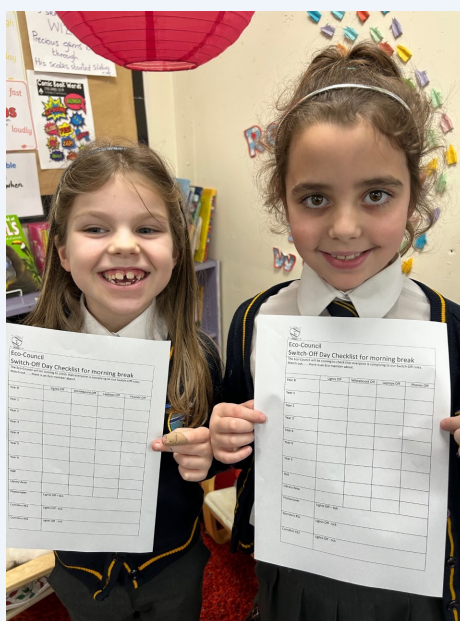
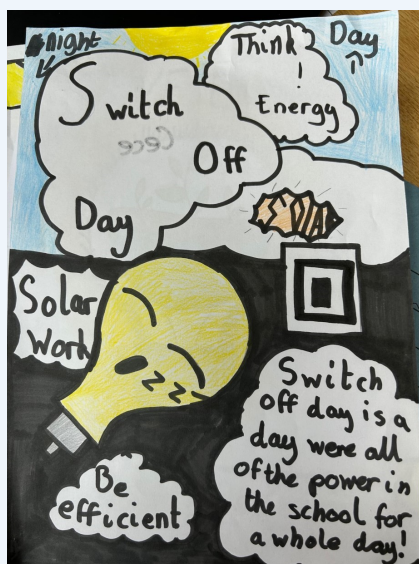
The screenshot shows a fundraising page for 'The Big Lent Walk' on the CAFOD website. The page features a header with the CAFOD logo and the title 'The Big Lent Walk'. Below the header is a large image of two children walking, with the text 'THE BIG LENT WALK' and 'WALK 200KM IN 40 DAYS TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY' overlaid. A 'SIGN UP NOW' button is visible in the bottom left of the image. To the right of the image is a progress bar showing '66% Funded' and a target of '£200'. Below the progress bar is a button to 'Add offline donation'. At the bottom of the page, the school's name 'St Joseph's Catholic Primary School' is displayed, along with a 'My Story' section and a 'Donate' button. The 'My Story' section includes a small logo and the text 'We are taking on the Big Lent Walk! 5 laps of the playground for two weeks during Lent.'

Give

The donations are still coming in, but so far we have raised an amazing.....£302

Switch Off Day

On **Friday, 24th March**, the whole school participated in a **Switch Off day** inspired by Pope Francis' letter, *Laudato Si*, asking us to help protect our common home. We came to school in our brightest clothes to brighten up our dark school and spent the morning learning about the devastating effects of climate change. We had brioche, hot cross buns, fruit and breadsticks instead of toast and a cold, picnic lunch. Luckily, the sun was shining so some of us ate our lunch outside. The Eco-Council designed posters and completed switch off checks at breaktime and lunchtime. In the afternoon, we played traditional board games to remind us that we don't always need to be using electricity. We finished with an assembly where we all shared what we had learned. We then took our message home and encouraged our families to switch off too!



Take Notice



Thank you for all your generous support
again this term.

Enjoy a happy and holy Easter.

