



Bishop Hogarth

Catholic Education Trust

Newsletter



WINTER 2021

Welcome



Welcome to our new Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust newsletter.

We hope you enjoy finding out about what our wonderful schools have been up to over the last few months.

As we continue to journey through Advent and make our way towards the great feast of the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem we do so with a great sense of gratitude and thanksgiving. As we look back over recent months, we see something to celebrate in every school and indeed within our wider family. So much has been achieved, new schools have been welcomed, buildings and facilities are being transformed and we continue to strive for excellence in educational, pastoral, social and spiritual ways.

We are living our Mission and are growing in our Mission as one small yet visible part of the People of God. We do all this secure in the knowledge that we walk as people of faith.

As we anticipate our celebration of the birth of Jesus may we open our spirits to the very special blessing that Christmas brings and our hearts to share it with others.

Best wishes,

Dame M Regan, DBE, OBE DL
CEO

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust News

Senior Leadership Team changes

Mike Shorten has relinquished the post of Principal of Carmel College, so that he can focus on his role as Deputy CEO of the Trust and Head of School Improvement. We are pleased to announce that Melanie Kane has been appointed as Acting Principal at Carmel College.

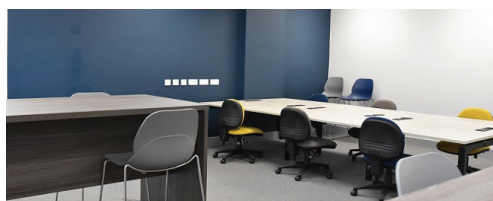
We hope you will join us in congratulating and wishing them well in their posts within BHCET.

New Study Centre for Carmel Sixth Form

Building work on the new Sixth Form Study Centre is now complete. Students are looking forward to having more dedicated Sixth Form space to complete homework and coursework.

The building includes a classroom as well as several study areas for students to access, a new gymnasium and a viewing gallery to the Sports Hall.

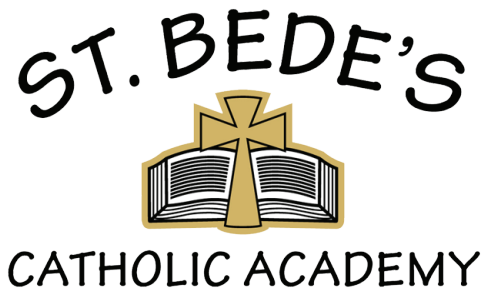
Furniture and gym equipment is now delivered and we hope to be officially 'open' after Christmas.



It's Good news for St Bede's Primary school in Stockton

On the 3rd and 4th of November St Bede's Primary school in Stockton underwent two days of rigorous inspection from Ofsted. We are proud to celebrate that St Bede's continues to be a 'GOOD' school and we are delighted that the inspector recognised so much of the outstanding practice and many of the positive things that St Bede's school provides for all of its pupils. The judgement for the school is based on a scrutiny of: the quality of education, the effectiveness of leadership and management, personal development and behaviour and welfare. The inspector also looked at the Early Years provision at St Bede's and safeguarding. The full report will soon be published on the schools own website for you to read and you will also be able to find it on the Ofsted site.

In the meantime I know you will want to congratulate St Bede's on their fantastic achievement. Well done St Bede's we are so proud of you!



Key Stage 2/3 Curriculum

Leading the way on Curriculum Transition!

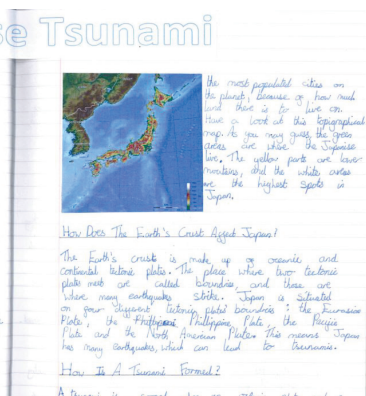
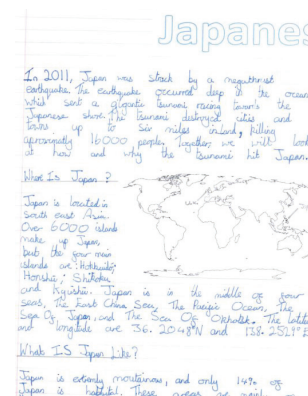
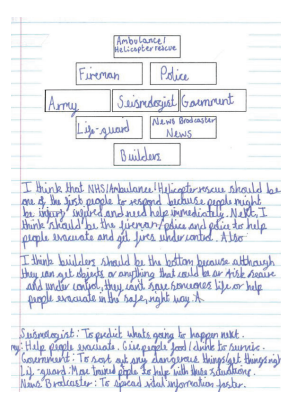
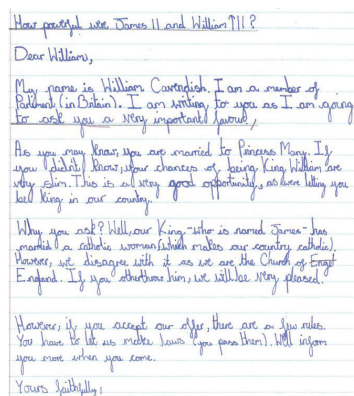
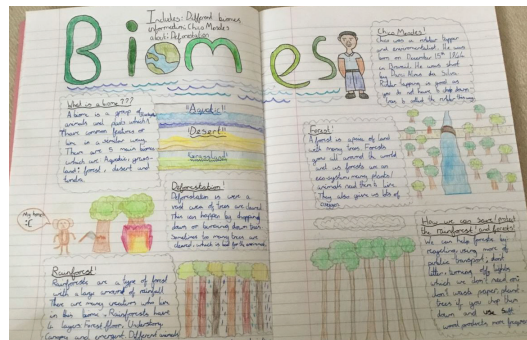
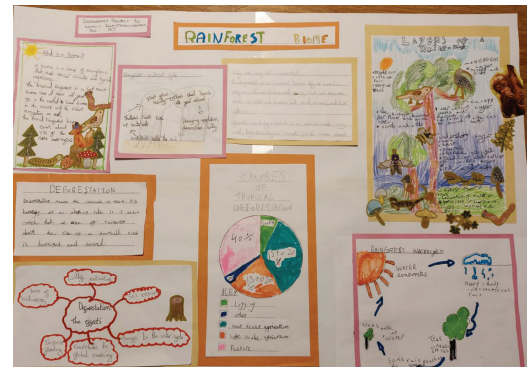
At the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust and in collaboration with the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust we are taking a whole new approach to answering the Year 6 to Year 7 transition challenge.

After securing funding from the DfE so far we have developed a curriculum for history, geography, science, art and modern foreign languages which spans Key Stages 1, 2 and 3.

Our curriculum, which is sequential, holistic and future oriented can be tailored by individual schools to ensure cultural capital for all of our pupils. It is knowledge rich, supported by high quality resources and professional development for teachers.

Our schemes of work are backed up by the very latest research and are geared to ensuring the transition from primary school to secondary school is as seamless as possible.

We hope you enjoy looking at some examples of history work from our Year 5 and 6 pupils and some geography from our pupils in Years 3 and 4.



Investment in new school minibuses for Stockton, Hartlepool and Bishop Auckland

The Trust has taken delivery of four new minibuses over the last few months.

Two buses have been specially adapted for wheelchair use, and are going to be used between a number of primary schools throughout the Stockton-on-Tees and Hartlepool areas. The buses will aid day-to-day student transport and assist with visits and trips. The other two buses are replacement vehicles for St John's Catholic School and Sixth Form College in Bishop Auckland.



Assessment Matters!

Within the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, we want our pupils to keep up rather than catch up! That is why this year we have invested significantly to provide an additional assessment tool. Accurate assessment is the key to planning next steps in learning for individual pupils.

Through its investment in the assessment tool 'Testbase' for use by all our primary schools the Trust can be assured that good assessment is at the heart of teaching and learning. Making use of 'Testbase' materials will support our teachers to confidently judge whether our pupils are meeting age-related expectations. Tests are designed to keep motivation high whilst identifying learning gaps.

Reading Deep Dive

Tell me about your teaching of phonics

- Why does your school teach their chosen phonics programme?
 - Why is it appropriate?
 - How does it show high expectations?
 - What does progression look like?
- Teaching and monitoring
- Staff training
- Impact
- What else?

English Hubs
Department for Education - St Michael's English Hub

Characteristics of Great Pedagogy

Clive Davies
October 2021



Staff Continued Professional Development in October

A Gold Standard for Literacy!

Working in collaboration with the St Michael's English Hub, the primary School Improvement Team was able to provide bespoke training on the Reading Curriculum for all the primary school teachers in our Trust; including some from schools yet to join us. The teaching of reading is a high priority for our Trust this year and the training, delivered by two Literacy specialists, emphasised the importance of ensuring our youngest children have a firm foundation in reading through engaging in a quality structured phonics programme. The training also stimulated discussion about the importance of reading for pleasure. Within the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, we aim to ensure our schools are book rich environments; providing opportunities for our pupils to open windows to new worlds, explore new themes and fall in love with reading.

Leading Learning in Our Schools

Our bespoke transition curriculum, currently in History, Geography and Science has been praised several times this term by Ofsted inspectors. Clive Davies, OBE, and founding director of Focus Education, attended our training day in October to provide insight to Primary colleagues on curriculum leadership. Using his vast experience in Primary Education and as a former Ofsted inspector Clive's training focused upon the very latest research by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) into teaching and Learning.

New cooking facilities for St Charles

A new oven and cooking facilities have been installed at St Charles, Tudhoe. The high specification oven alongside upgraded menus will improve the range of catering able to be provided, and make sure the children have a good selection of hearty meals and termly themed dishes. The school has not had a cooker in their kitchen since it was built, so now the catering staff and children are delighted.



Investing in High Quality Resources to Support Learning in our Schools

The best available evidence indicates that great teaching is the most important lever schools have to improve pupil attainment. Ensuring every teacher is supported in delivering high-quality teaching is essential to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils... The Education Endowment Foundation.

Here at the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, we support teachers to deliver the best learning through investing in quality professional development and by providing the very best resources for our schools. This term the Trust has invested significantly in resources linked to one of our Key Improvement Priorities, which is to enhance the teaching of reading and the promotion of a love for reading. Many of our schools now benefit from Accelerated Reader – a web-based programme that encourages children to read extensively and for pleasure. Accelerated Reader is an internet-based software programme which assesses reading age and suggests books that match pupils' needs and interests. Pupils take computerised quizzes on the books they have read and are incentivised by earning points as they make progress.



Learning to read is a complex undertaking, our youngest readers benefit from a systematic approach to the teaching of reading through our fidelity to the systematic teaching of phonics. Some of our primary schools use the Read Write Inc. approach to phonics teaching. Read Write Inc., developed by Ruth Miskin, provides a structured and systematic approach to teaching literacy. It is used by more than a quarter of the UK's primary schools and is designed to create fluent readers, confident speakers and willing writers.



Each Read Write Inc. programme meets the higher expectations of the National Curriculum and uses effective assessment to accelerate every child's progress and prepare them for the National Curriculum Tests. Our Read Write Inc. schools continue to receive extensive high-quality training from Ruth Miskin's professional development team. For those schools not affiliated to this scheme we have invested significantly this year as a Trust in the training, resources and reading books to support the Sounds-Write phonics approach. Both approaches are backed by research, and both have a positive impact upon pupil outcomes.

Establishing Sounds-Write in some of our Schools

On December 2nd and 3rd, the first cohort of primary school staff from across Trust began four days of training in Sounds-Write Phonics, a linguistic phonics programme for teaching children to read.

This will be introduced into the following Trust schools from January 2022

St Augustine's, Darlington

St William's, Trimdon

St Joseph's, Norton

St Joseph's, Coundon

St John Vianney, Hartlepool

St Cuthbert's, Hartlepool

Holy Family, Darlington

St Charles, Tudhoe

Our Lady of the Most

Holy Rosary, Billingham

St Bega's, Hartlepool

St Joseph's, Hartlepool

"The Sounds-Write training has provided us with a new perception of how we teach reading and spelling and how children learn. It will change our practice in school in a positive way. The programme is presented in a logical structure with time to review and practise conceptual knowledge and skills."

*Jane Dolphin, Headteacher
St Bega's Catholic Primary School,
Hartlepool*

The Sounds-Write programme ensures that:

- Children develop key concepts about the way English is written.
- Children practise the skills essential for reading and spelling accurately.
- Children learn the sounds and the spellings of English.

In the English language, there are 44 speech sounds and around 175 different ways to spell those sounds, using a combination of the 26 alphabetic letters.

The Sounds-Write programme, focuses on four concepts for teaching whole classes of children to read and spell:

- Letters are the way we represent sounds.
- A sound can be spelled with 1, 2, 3 or 4 letters.
- In English the same sound is often written with different spellings (same sound, different spellings).
- In English, the same spelling can spell different sounds.

Advent 2021

Speaking at an event for young people just prior to Advent, Pope Francis highlighted 'the light of Christmas' which he described as shining 'all the brighter amid the darkness of pandemic' he spoke about this period of Advent which every year introduces us to Christmas and its mystery as a time for courage and creativity. It is a time 'to place ones-self at the service of the community' We are grateful that this year, despite once again the lights of Christmas seeming dimmed by the pandemic our schools have used their creativity, and their enthusiasm to share with us their praise for the birth of Jesus.

Although the pandemic still weighs heavily upon activities in our individual school communities we are able to share joyfully in a whole range of wonderful school nativity scenes, Christmas concerts and carol services. Some of our schools have provided open air events and some have welcomed us into their schools through the use of technology. Whichever way you have been able to share with us this Advent we hope that you have had the opportunity to reflect prayerfully upon the joy of the Christmas message.



Can you guess which bauble represents each school?

The BHCET family of schools

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust (BHCET) is going from strength to strength. The Trust has grown to 30 schools, 5 secondary schools and 25 primaries across Darlington, Bishop Auckland, Durham, Hartlepool, Billingham and Stockton. A further 5 primary schools will join by the summer of 2022.

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust has overarching accountability and governance of 35 Academies

 Carmel College Darlington Melanie Kane	 English Martyrs Hartlepool Sara Crawshaw	 OUR LADY & ST. BEDE CATHOLIC ACADEMY Our Lady & St Bede Stockton Mo Wilkinson	 St John's Catholic School & Sixth Form College St John's Bishop Auckland Lisa Byron	 St Michael's Billingham Helen Keough
 Holy Family Darlington Jane Weatherall	 Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Billingham Beverley Tester	 St Augustine's Darlington Martina McCollom	 St Bede's Darlington Pete Norman	 ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY St Bede's Stockton Bernadette Rizzi-Allan
 St Gregory's Stockton Marie Best	 St John the Evangelist Billingham Julia Rea	 St Joseph's Billingham Ruth Whyte	 St Joseph's Newton Aycliffe Fiona Brown	 St Joseph's Norton Gill Dowson
 St Paul's Billingham Sheena Sinclair	 St Teresa's Darlington Paula Strachan	 St William's Trimdon Michael Tiplady	 St Chad's Bishop Auckland Kirsty Evans	 Sacred Heart Hartlepool Amanda Howell
 St Bega's Hartlepool Jane Dolphin	 St Joseph's Hartlepool Rachel Williams	 St Teresa's Hartlepool Mary Frain	 St Cuthbert's Hartlepool Joanne Wilson	 St Cuthbert's Stockton Elaine Dodsworth
 St Patrick's Stockton Steve Williams	 Our Lady & St Thomas Crook Ruth Veitch	 St Charles' Tudhoe Lisa Thompson	 St Joseph's Coundon Madeleine Brown	 St John Vianney Hartlepool Mrs Adamson
 Blessed John Duckett Tow Law Jenna Ellison	 St Cuthbert's Crook Miss M McElhone	 St Wilfrid's Bishop Auckland Miss J Sands	 St Mary's Barnard Castle Mrs Box	 St Mary's Newton Aycliffe Mrs A Sowden

Catholic Life



Twenty Y11 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Robert Byrne CO during a special Mass at St Thomas Aquinas' RC Church in Darlington.

Following a very challenging few months with restrictions on worship, singing and numbers able to attend Church, this was a very joyful occasion in which the families of the students were able to come together to celebrate this milestone in their children's journey of faith.

School Retreats

Over the last few months, our schools have been going on Retreats to The Emmaus Youth Village. Students have taken part in lots of exciting activities including an Escape room based on the parables of Jesus, liturgical dance, outdoor activities and prayers.

It was lovely to see the children immersed in activities, working together, being prayerful and enjoying spending time with pupils from other schools within the Trust. They had great fun learning about the story of The Road to Emmaus.



Acts of Remembrance

All of our Schools and Academies marked Remembrance Day with a Livestream Liturgy to give thanks and remember those that died for us. At each School individual events were carried out to remember the fallen.



School Spotlight

Holy Family Catholic Primary School Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark

283 Primary Science Quality Marks have been awarded to infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools to celebrate their commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

Holy Family Catholic Primary School in Darlington have secured the PSQM following their excellent work in science over the past two years.



Deputy Headteacher, Mark Shield and Leanne Elgie, Science Lead at Holy Family, have led the project and promoted this subject.

They commented, "It's been a great opportunity to highlight the importance of Science in our curriculum and inspire the children. They have really enjoyed experimenting and we hope to encourage and build on this enthusiasm in the years to come."

Further to the work they have been doing on the PSQM, the school is working on a curriculum, which will ensure continuous progression from age 4 to 16 in Science and other subjects.

The PSQM programme ensures effective leadership of science, enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning. Schools that achieve PSQM demonstrate commitment and expertise in science leadership, teaching and learning.

Associate Professor Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: "There was never a more important time for primary children to have a high-quality science education. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."



Carmel College

School of Sanctuary Project

Carmel College were fortunate to have a visit from author and human rights advocate, Gulwali Passarlay.

He spoke to Year 8 and VI Form students about his experience as an unaccompanied refugee from Afghanistan when he was just twelve years old.

Gulwali then met with the School of Sanctuary group and shared ideas about how we can make a positive impact. Students also met with a representative from the Tees Valley Schools of Sanctuary organisation who will be using Carmel College as a case study and example of best practice for other schools in the region.



Year 9 and 10 mixed hockey match took place on Carmel's artificial grass pitch against Hummersknott School. The students were so pleased to be able to play competitively again and displayed some fantastic skills, after such a long time away from team sport.

The Y8 football team have also made an outstanding start to their season. They are playing in the town league and County Cup competitions and are currently undefeated. Well done to everyone involved!

Our Lady and St Bede

The pupils and staff brought some fantastic cakes to sell for our MacMillan Coffee morning and the pupil leadership team helped to sell the cakes at break time. We were also treated to live music from some incredibly talented pupils. In total £710 was raised. Thank you to all pupils, staff and families who contributed.

Four of our Year 8 pupils, have created their own Parliament Club and pitched their proposals to Mrs Wilkinson, Headteacher. Their next step is to hopefully meet with the local MP to present their ideas to take forward to Parliament.



A huge well done to one of our Year 9 pupils Evie, who has recently competed in the International Judo tournament in London at the weekend and secured the Gold medal! Evie performed exceptionally well winning all four of her fights. Congratulations Evie, we are so proud of you!



St John's mark remembrance with special memorial

A specially commissioned art installation took pride of place as a school mourned those who died in conflict and a much-loved arts co-ordinator.

The life-size steel silhouette of 'Tommy' became the centrepiece of the annual Remembrance Day service staged at St John's Catholic School and Sixth Form College, Bishop Auckland.

The figure was unveiled on the eve of the second anniversary of the death of popular arts co-ordinator Jaquie Holloway, whose son Richard, a Captain in the Special Forces, was killed in 2013 while serving in Afghanistan. Continued on next page...

English Martyrs School Pumpkin Carving Competition

To celebrate Halloween English Martyrs had a House Pumpkin Carving competition. Teams of two from each House designed, carved and displayed their own pumpkin. The students from St. John and Blessed John Ingram took joint first place taking 8 points each for their houses. All the students did a fabulous job!



New Library for St Michael's

We have recently refurbished and opened our new school library. Bringing the library back to school has proven



extremely popular with our students; it is often bustling at both break and lunchtime with people checking books in and out, reading and discussing literature. It truly is a joyous sight to see.

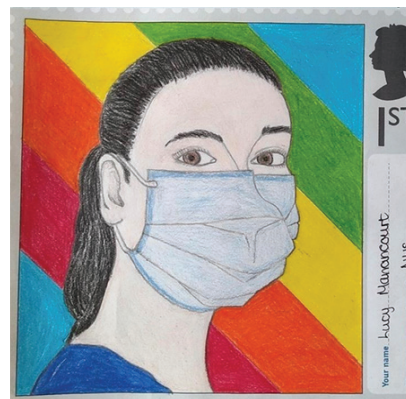
So many of our older students have volunteered their time at break and lunch to act as school librarians.

They are also introducing a buddy reading system with younger students to aid their reading development alongside our Accelerated Reader programme. This shows a wonderful reflection of their dedication to reading, our school and the Catholic ethos.

Congratulations to all our students who entered the Royal Mail stamp competition. This has been the largest stamp competition ever, and this has contributed to making it into the Guinness world record book. Royal Mail emailed to say that Lucy's design has made it through to the next judging round. So she is in the last 120! The next stage is to get to the last 16; the Queen picks the final eight winners. This is a huge achievement, and she has won a prize for herself and the school. We wish her luck.

....The Remembrance Service at St John's, attended by staff and student representatives, including scouts, Air and Army Cadets, was streamed live into classrooms throughout the school.

Headteacher, Lisa Byron read *In Flanders Fields*, by John McCrae, and prayers were said by Jaquie's husband Neil and Chair of Governors, Ann Wake. Head of Music, Kim Wearmouth played The Last Post on the cornet and the school observed the two minutes silence at 11am. Mrs Byron said: "The month of November is always a time when we remember our loved ones who have passed away. Jaquie and Captain Richard Holloway were part of our St John's family and they will always hold a special place in our hearts."



New state-of-the-art nursery for St Charles



In June St Charles joined the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust and in September, opened a newly updated nursery to even more children, to love, learn and grow together.

The nursery now includes:

- A fantastic new classroom
- Extensive outdoor play area providing stimulating learning experiences
- Sensory play area to develop awareness and communication
- Play based learning to nurture your child's creativity
- Technology integrated classrooms
- A child centered curriculum, focusing on the whole child
- Half day and full day sessions available
- Breakfast club from 7.45am

Banging the drum for celebrating Hartlepool's cultural diversity

Black History Week and a cultural diversity day—An absolutely amazing day in school was organised by one of St Joseph's parents. All children participated in drumming and singing sessions and I know many parents joined in as well during the end of the day assembly. Headteacher, Rachel Williams said: "Every single child was engaged the whole day and the people who led it were superb.

We have supported CAFOD with a non uniform day for GO GREEN DAY as well as collecting food for the Hartlepool Food Bank.

"The children have got so much respect for each other and it's important they learn about different cultures."



Family fast day and fundraising



Sacred Heart have spent a week collecting food for Hartlepool Foodbank. They had a spectacular turn out and on CAFOD Family Fast Day, children wore green to support CAFOD's Go Green appeal and brought in a small donation and we raised £300 for CAFOD!

It means we are supporting a local charity and an international charity too.

St Teresa's #SquadGoals for developing a love of reading

Our mission is to make sure everyone knows how amazing reading is! We are developing a love of reading for the whole of St Teresa's school family. We decided that we wanted to continue the love of reading, from the classroom and new school library, outside during playtimes and lunchtimes. The weather was our greatest enemy, and we knew we needed a way of keeping the books safe and dry.

We discovered 'little libraries' but knew they would be expensive. We decided to reach out to all of the parents for help and we were not disappointed. After sharing design ideas, we have so far received two libraries. Once they were weatherproof, we helped to decide the perfect places for them. All that was left to do was to fill them with books!



STEM Mentoring at St Teresa's Hartlepool



JDR Cables, a subsea technology and services company, kicked off this year's STEM Mentoring at St Teresa's Primary School in Hartlepool. Students rose to the challenge of building free-standing structures out of spaghetti and marshmallow after learning the fundamentals of structure building.

The Year 6 students are excited to meet up again next month for their next challenge to improve communication skills and awareness.

A school dog for St Paul's

St Paul's strive to be innovative and welcome a challenge. So, when the opportunity arose for us to become the proud owners of a school dog, we knew this was a chance we couldn't miss.

After careful consideration, we chose a Cockapoo puppy named Mabel. Cockapoos are ideal school dogs because the breed does not moult – their coat is non-allergenic, meaning there is a reduced risk of allergic reactions. The breed is known to be child-friendly, lively, highly intelligent and respond excellently to training.

The excitement of Mabel's imminent arrival was tangible and when she finally made a 'live' appearance at school she was welcomed by everyone. Mabel took part in training, and from our research the benefits are huge. She is so well loved by our school community and even though she has found her voice and seems to have her own opinions about what she likes and doesn't like to do, she is always happy and loving so fits in perfectly at St Paul's.



International STEM day at St Joseph's, Norton



On November 8th, the pupils at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy, in Norton, celebrated International STEM day.

The children developed their skills in each of the STEM areas. All pupils focused on the same question for the day, 'How can you protect an egg from impact?'

Some amazing work was produced and the progression of skills was clear to see across the whole school from our youngest pupils in Nursery, through to our oldest children in Year 6.

During the day, the children looked at various materials and costs. Considered which forces would be working against their egg, and which materials would protect it the best. They designed and made packaging and carried out testing, then discussed what they had learned. Some designs were truly inspired; others were not so successful but so much fun and new learning was had by all. What an wonderful day!

Environment at the forefront at St Chad's

With the recent COP 26 taking place, all eyes are on climate change. At St Chad's, we dedicated November to thinking about our part in it and what we can do to help. Across the month, each class deepened their understanding of their area and took part in a range of activities, such as litter picking, creating awareness posters, building bug hotels/bird houses and planting fruit and vegetables.

Each class has also created a banner which will be permanently displayed in the hall to remind us all about what we can do.

Even our Poppies were made from recycled materials.



St Joseph's Primary School, Newton Aycliffe



On Saturday 27th November the year 5 children at St Joseph's Catholic Primary took their First Holy Communion at St Mary's Church.

The children were very excited as it has been delayed from June due to the COVID restrictions.

The children were joined by friends and family to share in their special celebration. Fr Cornforth prepared a wonderful mass in which the children read beautifully.

It was a day the children will never forget.

Mayor visit to open trim trail at St John the Evangelist



On 5th November, The Mayor of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, Councillor Kevin Faulks, visited St John's.

He performed an official opening of our newly installed Trim Trail. He met members of the school PTA who had undertaken fundraising events to provide the trail. The Mayor was very impressed with their dedication to providing something so wonderful for the children.

He shared with the children his aims to improve civic pride by caring more about our area. The children shared their recent work, on the Pope's encyclical 'Laudato Si' and also on the COP 26 Conference. The children spoke with great knowledge and enthusiasm about the dangers of climate change and their role in being a force for positive change. The Mayor was very impressed with them!

Saltholme experience for science at St Bega's

Years 1-6 visited Saltholme as part of their learning in science. Each visit embedded learning from our recent topics, whilst also making pupils aware of the various species of wildlife which visit our local area. Children enjoyed being plant detectives and made fascinating creature discoveries during pond dipping workshops. They also took part in minibeast activities and bird spotting.

Class 6 wrote thank you letters on behalf of the whole school, which were gratefully received. The visits highlighted the importance of conservation in the environment.



Service of Remembrance at Our Lady the Most Holy Rosary



On 13th November our Year 5 and 6 pupils attended a service of remembrance at The Moline Cross in Norton. The children were given the opportunity to march with veterans, lay a poppy and pay their respects to those who have lost their lives in conflicts past and present. They performed the song 'A Wish for Peace' during the service, praying for peace throughout the world and putting the words of Matthew's Gospel, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" into action.

At the end of the service each child was presented with a gift from a veteran. It was a remarkable experience and a privilege to be able to take part. We are sure that the children will remember the day for many years to come.

St Gregory's new prayer garden

We recently celebrated the opening of our beautiful prayer garden at St. Gregory's Catholic Academy. Father Mark Millward blessed our garden with holy water and we prayed together.

The Mayor of Stockton-on-Tees, Councillor Kevin Faulks, cut the ribbon with our Chair of Governors, Mr Tyler Holmes, to officially open the garden. In one corner of the garden, we have our Pebbles of Remembrance – each pebble painted by the children is a symbol of a life lost, in Stockton during the COVID pandemic. This is a place to remember the pandemic and have a peaceful quiet space for prayer and Collective Worship. Thank you to everyone who helped with the creation of this special place.



Stockton MP visits St Patrick's



We were delighted to welcome Matt Vickers, MP for Stockton South, into school recently. He had selected St Patrick's as his school of the month in recognition of our support of Macmillan Coffee Morning and came to present us with a certificate.

Matt stayed to field questions from a group of children and spoke to them about how they could contribute to the democratic process, and of his journey from a local primary school to Parliament.

Bikeability and St Augustine's, Darlington



This term Year 5 pupils have been learning about cycle safety in their bikeability sessions. Giving them essential skills for riding and looking after their bikes. They will be well prepared for some lunchtime bike rides when they are in Year 6.

Y2 and Y3 have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Author Adam Bushnell. Trainee teachers also joined us for a morning workshop, where Adam worked with the children to inspire their writing and develop their creative skills.



Carmel Teacher Training Partnership

**Have you ever considered a career in teaching?
You could train to teach at any of our Trust Schools**

Carmel Teacher Training Partnership (CTTP) is an 'Outstanding' Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Provider. They work with primary and secondary schools across Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust and the North East of England, within the cities and surrounding areas of Newcastle, Durham, Sunderland, Gateshead, Alnwick, Darlington, Bishop Auckland, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and the Tees Valley.

In 2018, CTTP were awarded 'Outstanding' status by Ofsted proving the overall quality of teacher training they offer each academic year. Their bespoke training programme aims to meet the individual needs of trainees in both primary and secondary schools. If you are looking for personalised training, in a nurturing and supportive environment, there is no better place for you to start your teaching career, than with CTTP!

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