



Catholic Social Teaching at St Aidan's

“Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is rooted in Scripture, formed by the wisdom of Church leaders, and influenced by grassroots movements. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we hope to make present in our unjust and broken world, the justice, love and peace of God.”

Scripture/
message
from Pope
Francis

At St. Aidan's, we learn about each of the Catholic, social
teaching principles..

Charity

	Dignity
	Solidarity
	The common good
	The option for the poor
	Peace
	Creation and environment
	The dignity of work and participation

Prayer/
Reflection
/ Question

Action/
Activity
response/
pupil voice

We looked at making links between the 10 commandments and human dignity.

Dignity



We are born equal. We all have rights, what are they?

Year 3



Charity
Save the Children
UNICEF

Thursday 24th October 2024

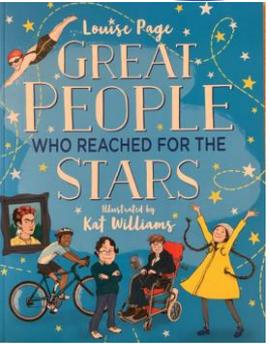
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3 Remember God's Name	4 Rest on the Sabbath Day and Keep it Holy
5 Obey your Parents	6 Never Hurt Anyone
7 Keep Wedding Promises	8 Do Not Steal
9 Don't Wish for Other People's Stuff	10 Don't Wish for Other People's Stuff

Commandments 5: Obey your parents.
This reminds us to listen to your parents. We have to treat them with dignity when we respect them.

Commandment 6: Never Hurt anyone.
This shows that we don't injure people even if they aren't the same as you. We respect everyone with dignity.

Commandment 8: Do not steal.
This shows that we don't take other



We learnt about human rights, we learnt that we all have rights. We drew around our hand and wrote what dignity means to us.

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Commandment 6: Never hurt anyone.
I think 6 is a Commandment because it reminds us to not to hurt others treat others how you would be wanted to be treated. Also don't hurt anyone because they are different.

Commandment 5: Obey your parents.
I think 5 is a Commandment because you care for your parents not just you.



Here are some emails we received from people who found our messages:



We learnt about Solidarity in class. We learnt that together we can make a difference. We wrote positive messages of hope and solidarity. We delivered these messages in our community.



Charity
CAFOD
Emmaus
Solidaritee

Solidarity

Year 4

To: Admin at St Aidan's Catholic Primary School <admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk>
Subject: Thankyou

Just writing to say thanks to your pupils in year 4 who presented me with a lovely card at the bus stop in Coulsdon this morning. It made me smile.

Sent: 18 October 2024 12:02
To: Admin at St Aidan's Catholic Primary School <admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk>
Subject: Spreading kindness

Whilst walking through Coulsdon today I came across a group of your year 4 pupils. I was handed a card and explained it was to promote kindness. As part of their RE lesson it was on solidarity and to promote peace. What a lovely gesture, from little acorns mighty oaks do grow lets hope it works.



God has created me to do Him some definite service.
 He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.
 I have my mission. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.
 He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good; I shall do His work.
 I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not
 intending it, if I do but keep His commandments.
 Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.

Big Question- Are we better together or alone? Why? Why not?

I think we are better together because when we are together we can share ideas and be a bigger group to stand out to others and spread kindness.

Solidarity



Year 4

Question
 Are we better together? Why?

Scripture
 Zachariah 8:16
 Roman 13:8-10
 Matthew 5:0

Friday 18th October 2024

L.O. As a philosopher I understand the importance of showing solidarity to others.

Genesis 12:1-3 God blessed Israel so that all nations would be blessed through it.

This shows solidarity because God isn't only blessing 1 nation he is blessing all of the nations.

Psalm 72 Living in right relationship with others brings peace.

This shows solidarity because good relationships mean to show kindness to everyone and treat everyone equally so bringing peace is making solidarity.

Psalm 122 peace be with you! for the sake of God the Lord, I will seek your good.

This is showing solidarity because this is saying seek you and that you is a saying a rule of showing solidarity.



Scripture
John 4:11
The Good Samaritan



Year 1

How can we
show God
we look after
the Earth?

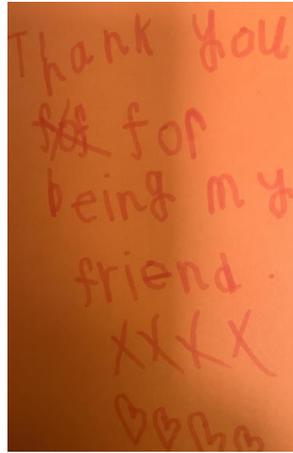


The common good

We read the story of the Good Samaritan. We read stories about kindness, and looking after our Earth. We carried out some random acts of kindness. We wrote messages and decorated biscuits to give out to all the staff.



**Charity
CAFOD**





Year 1

The common good



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Scripture-
Jesus feeds
the 5000

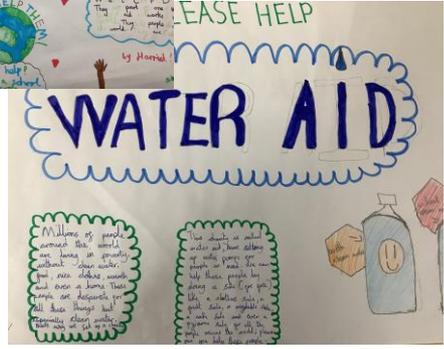
We researched charities
such as Water Aid and
Cafod and made information
posters.



Charity
WaterAid
Cafod
Oxfam



Year 5



Question-
Is the World fair?
How can we help the
poor?

Wednesday 16th October 2024
Catholic Social Teaching
Preferential Option for the poor
God wants us to help people who are poor.

Play station 4	Teddy bear
Nintendo Switch	Warm coat
Credit Card	Clean water
Nike trainers	Bank account
Socks	car
Prime	bike
Lucozade Sport	jumper
Football	pillow and duvet
Crystal Palace kit	Netflix account and TV
Food	iphone 14
Medicine	Lego

God wants us to help people who are poor, who don't have enough food, a safe place to live, or a community.

Good choices!

Clean water because they need to stay healthy and drink water to stay alive.

Food because they need to stay healthy.

A pillow and duvet so they can stay warm during the night.



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Food because the children might be starving. If they don't get the food they will get sick.

Clean water because they have to walk miles to get water and that water would probably be dirty.

Warm coat because when winter comes or there cold they have something to wear. If otherwise they can get sick.

We learnt about families living in poverty, we had a list of items that we could give to children living in poverty. We could only pick 3. We had a class debate over which items to chose.

Question:
Is the World fair?
How can you help the poor?

The world is not fair because some poor kids do not have the privilege of an education. And when they grow up they are not educated so they can't get a job so they grow up to be homeless. Sometimes people can't help being poor so they are born into a poor family. God said I bless is he who is generous to the poor. We can help by learning about all of the charities such as CAFOD and Water Aid and even more. Now we know about these charities we can donate money to these poor hungry, thirsty people. And toys and books. So when we not think about being broke/something.

How can we raise money for these charities?

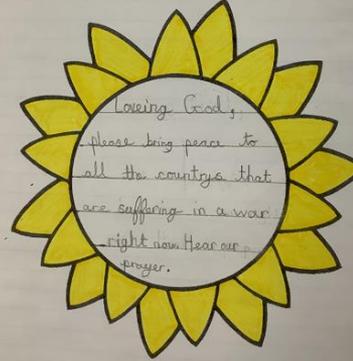
Scripture

Jesus
calms the
storm



Peace

As a philosopher I have been thinking about what peace means to me. I have written a prayer asking God to help us live peaceful lives.



Charity

Cafod
Catholic
Children's
Society

Being peacemakers



Poppy Poppy



Poppy poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy poppy what should we
know?

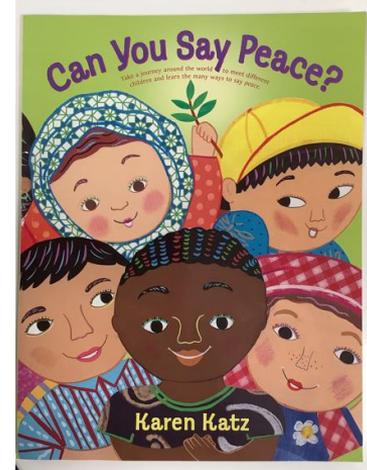
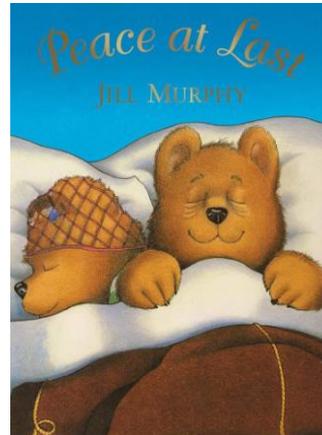
That peace on earth should
grow, grow, grow.

We listened to
stories about peace
and then we wrote
our own prayers for
peace.

We made links
between Jesus
calming the storm
and peace.

What does
peace feel
like to you?

Flowers make us feel
peaceful, we painted
flowers.



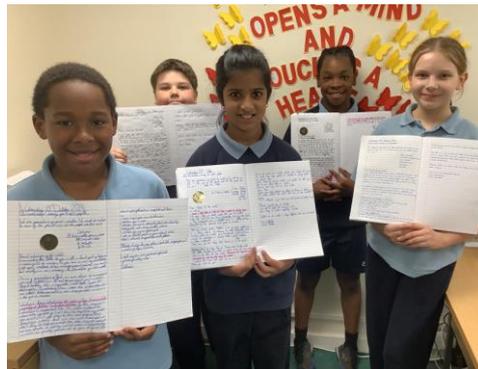
Year 2

Creation and environment



Year 6

Laudato' Si



Dear World Leaders,

My name is Charlotte and I am 11 years old. I am writing to you because our World is not being properly cared for, especially the rainforest, which are being destroyed every day. I am worried for our children and their children! We are cutting down trees so fast and destroying so many animals habitats and nothing has been done to try improve this problem.

We have learnt that the Earth is a gift from God and we should all look after it, not just parts of the world. Yet we are treating it like a giant waste land. We need to take care of our common home and all its animals. The Earth is crying out for a change as Pope Francis said in Laudato Si.

World leaders I am pleading you to help change our planet for the better and to protect the rainforest not cut them down. Please don't let short-term profits and political disagreements stop you from doing what is right.

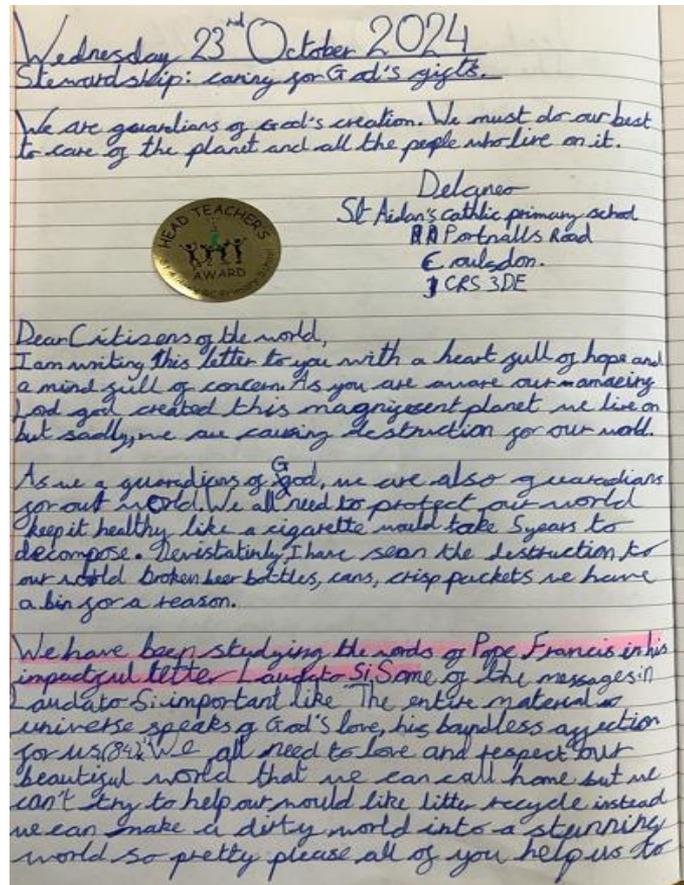
Our planet deserves better care. Projects around the world are trying to patch up our planet but only you have the power to change the world.

I thank you for listening,

yours sincerely,

Charlotte O'Connell ST Aidan's primary school

After reading Pope Francis' Laudato' Si, we wrote 2 letters, one to World Leaders and the other to Citizens of the World. We are guardians of God's creation and we must do our best to take care of our common home.



Wednesday 23rd October 2024
Stewardship: caring for God's gifts.

We are guardians of God's creation. We must do our best to care of the planet and all the people who live on it.



Delaney
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RA Portnall's Road
E. Cusackon.
J CRS 3DE

Dear Citizens of the world,
I am writing this letter to you with a heart full of hope and a mind full of concern. As you see, our amazing Lord God created this magnificent planet we live on but sadly, we are causing destruction for our world.

As we are guardians of God, we are also guardians for our world. We all need to protect our world keep it healthy like a cigarette would take 5 years to decompose. Disturbingly, I have seen the destruction for our world broken beer bottles, cans, crisp packets we have a bin for a reason.

We have been studying the words of Pope Francis in his impactful letter Laudato Si. Some of the messages in Laudato Si important like 'The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us.' We all need to love and respect our beautiful world that we can call home but we can't try to help our world like litter recycle instead we can make a dirty world into a stunning world so pretty please all of you help us do



We are learning about the rainforest in Geography and we wanted to help to care for our common home. We felt compelled to respond to Pope Francis' Laudato' Si. We are stewards of the Earth and wanted to take action.

We planned our own charity events in groups and invited the rest of the school to participate. There were different fundraising events such as guess the teddy, pin the tail on the jaguar and spin the wheel. We even did a class assembly all about the rainforest and held a tea and coffee morning for our parents.

Charity

We raised £537.79
for WWF and The
Rainforest
Alliance.



Creation and environment

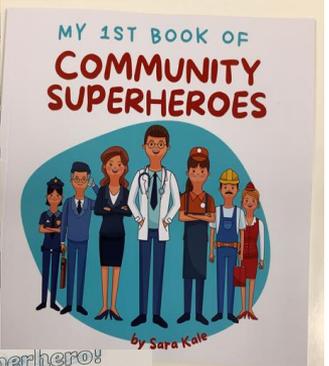
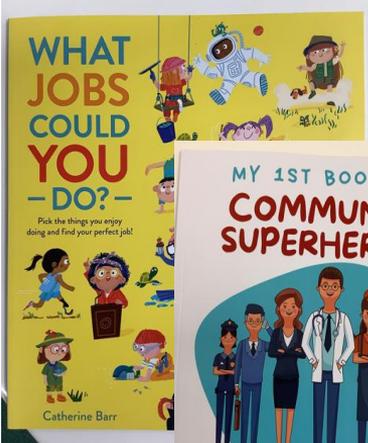
Year 6

Scripture
Zacchaeus

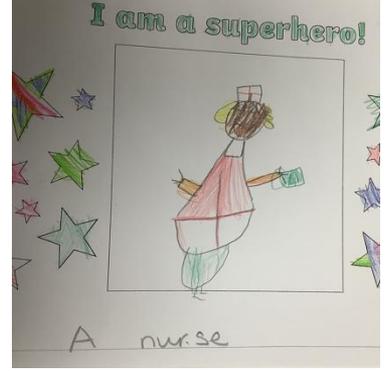
We have circle time and we all participate, we all take turns and we all listen to one another.



Charity
Cafod



The dignity of work and participation



Reception

We learnt about different jobs in our community.

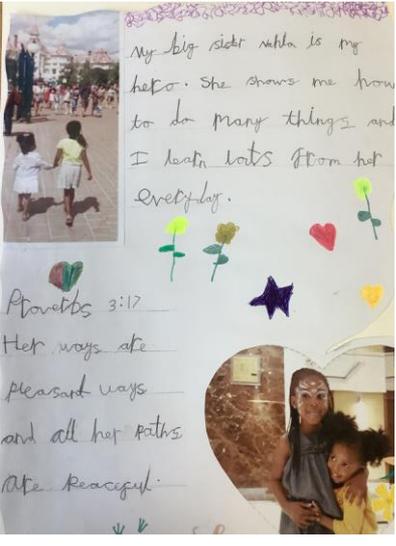
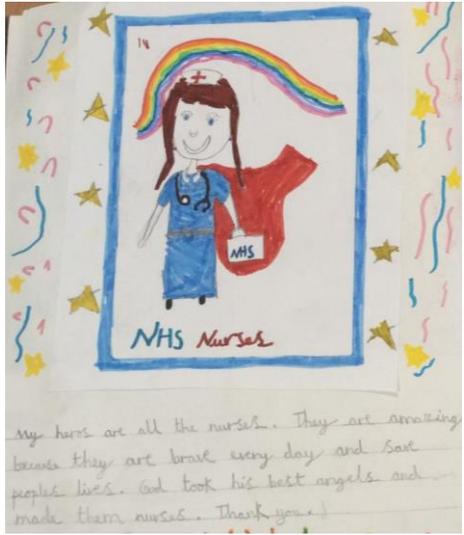
What does it mean to participate?

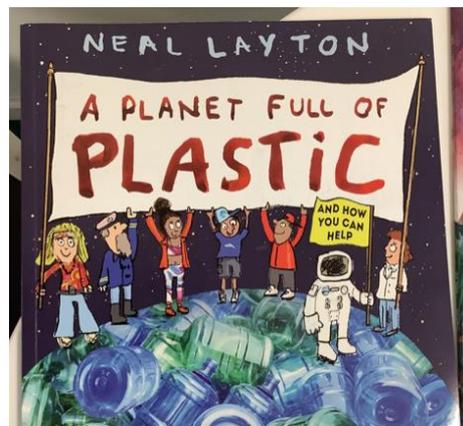


October 2024
As a philosopher I can talk about important people who help our community.
Reception spoke about participation in their Catholic Social Teaching RE lesson. They explored real life superheroes in our community and discussed all the hard work they do.
Reception say
"Thank you to all the amazing community superheroes!"

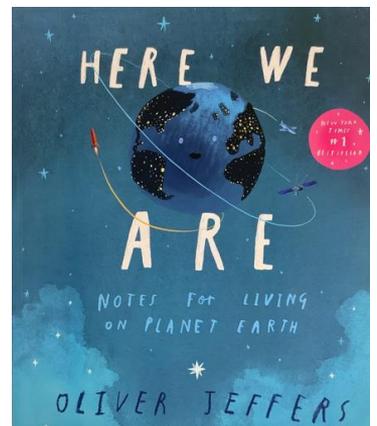
Fratelli Tutti

At St. Aidan's we work together, look after one another and treat each other the way God calls us to.

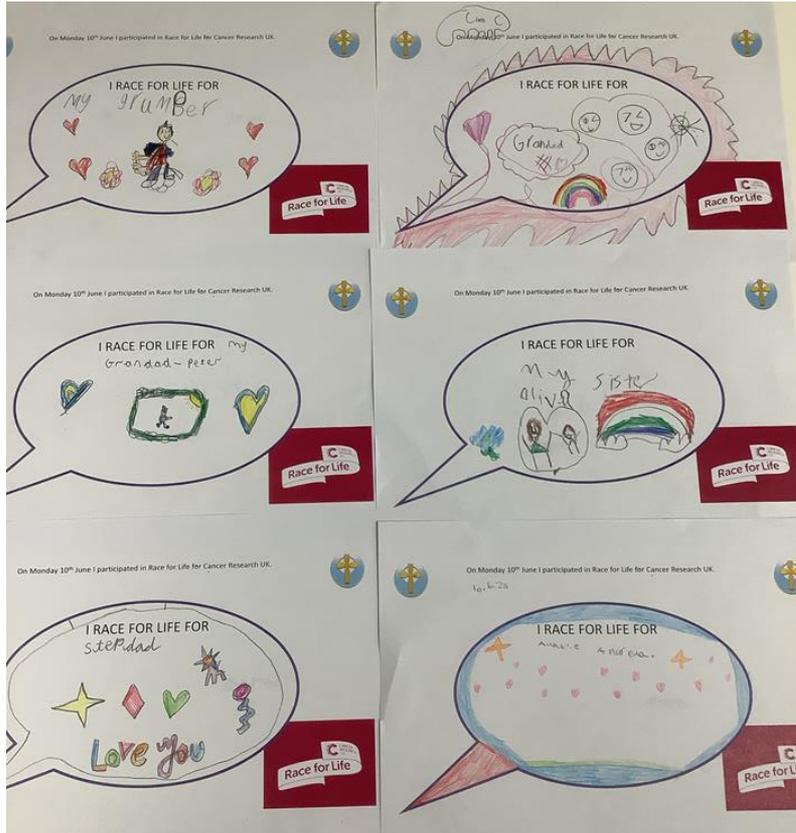




Laudato Si'



Faith in Action at St. Aidan's



Race for Life
for Cancer
Research.

Foodbank: Harvest for Purley Food Hub



Families donated food items throughout October and our children sorted and delivered to Purley Food Hub to distribute to those in need.

Macmillan cake sale



We had a cake sale after school to raise money for Macmillan.

School Council



During Anti- bullying week, our school council decided they wanted to help raise awareness. The children gave up their lunchtime breaks to make friendship bracelets for children in the school. They sold them at the end of the school day on the playground to raise money to buy books that promote kindness.



Letters to care home residents

THANK YOU

Thank you for your kindness card. my favourite food is also pasta particularly spaghetti Bolognese. My favourite sport is football and I support Arsenal I agree with you - smile and you make everyone happy. P.S. I am 94

Dear home resident,

I am a pupil at St Aidan's primary school in Coulsdon. My favourite subject is English because I love writing I also enjoy Harry Potter and playing with brother.

I would like to ~~wish~~ ask you a question
What job did you do?

I wish you a very ^{merry} christmas. I hope this card brings you joy.

From
a year 4 pupil.

All of KS2 wrote a letter to a care home resident. It was particularly exciting when we received some replies.

Charity mufti days throughout the school year



CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



We use Charity ribbons to raise awareness for different charities. The children decide by voting for which charity they want to raise money for.



We had a Christmas Jumper day to raise money for Save the Children.

