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St Cecilia's Catholic Life Newsletter

Castlerigg 2024



Our Year 10 students recently enjoyed an unforgettable school trip to Castlerigg Manor, nestled in the stunning Lake District. This Catholic retreat provided an excellent opportunity for our pupils to bond with friends, engage in spiritual activities, and have a lot of fun along the way.

The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the wonderful Mass we attended. The atmosphere was serene, and the students appreciated the time spent in reflection and prayer. Fr Ajish's presence was a special treat; not only did he lead the Mass, but he also joined us for some lively football matches and an energetic karaoke session. His involvement added a unique and personal touch to the retreat, making it even more memorable.

Saturday was another exciting day as we ventured into the charming town of Keswick. The pupils enjoyed exploring the town, soaking in the local sights, and experiencing the vibrant community.

Overall, the retreat at Castlerigg Manor was a fantastic experience for our Year 10 students. It was a perfect blend of spiritual enrichment, fun activities, and the joy of spending time with friends. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this retreat so special. Year 10, you truly made the most of this wonderful opportunity!

Foodbank Collection



Today, Friday 19th July, our school community came together for our third food bank collection of the summer, supporting the Ribble Valley Foodbank. As a Catholic school, it is important for us to embody the values of compassion and service by aiding our local community, especially those in need.

Each pupil contributed to this meaningful cause by bringing in an item, showcasing their generosity and commitment to helping others. The variety of items collected will go a long way in supporting families and individuals who rely on the food bank.

Our students' participation reflects the spirit of our school and the teachings we strive to uphold. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and willingness to make a difference.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make this collection a success. Together, we are making a positive impact on our community.

Whole School Mass



As the end of our school year draws to a close, we chose to celebrate together at the beautiful Alston Lane Church on the 28th June. Our Pupils really enjoyed the experience. We also managed to avoid the rain and enjoy the countryside as we walked down to the church. We especially thank Canon Doyle for his continued support and for celebrating two masses for us today. We really appreciate all he does for us. The theme of our Mass was our school Mission statement, Discover, Develop and Rejoice. There was amazing artwork from all pupils as well as on display in the church, highlighting what we have discovered about our gifts and God given talents. Our Choir led by Mrs Canavan performed beautifully and really made the occasion special. After the offertory, our pupils shared prayers, poems and reflections on the school year as we also thanked our staff for all they have done. A wonderful way to celebrate together.

CST Week



Each year we have one week called 'Mission Week'. During the week we focus on Catholic ethos and reaffirm our mission to 'Make Christ known'. We highlight what makes us a Catholic school and use the week to further explore Catholic Social Teaching and the ways we 'Put our faith into action'. There are guest speakers from CAFOD, CARITAS and retreat and spiritual exercises to allow pupils to experience a variety of ways to pray. There is an extra focus on CST in form times as pupils explore the 7 strands of CST with their form tutors. In curriculum areas, each department plans activities around Catholic Social Teaching within their subject area. This demonstrates to pupils that living out our faith extends RE and reaches into the wider world and all subject areas

CST Week - CAFOD



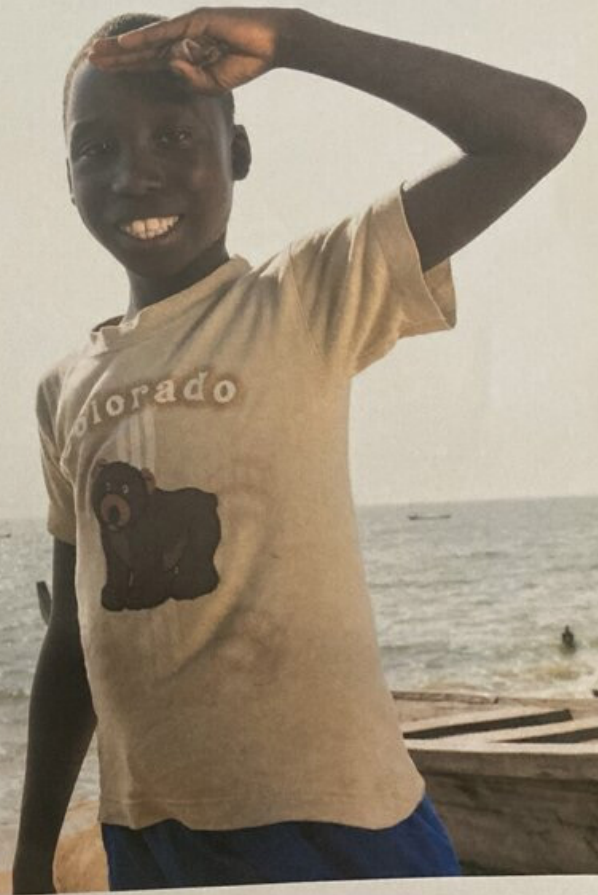
As part of our Mission week at St Cecilia's we welcome Bob and Anna from CAFOD they delivered interactive sessions on CST the amazing work of CAFOD with a focus on sustainability. The Year pupils really enjoyed it and we look forward to meeting them again next year. Anna and Bob met our CAFOD team and thanked them for their work this year.

St Cecilia's RC High School

has raised the sum of

£130.48

for Lent 2024 to help people
build a brighter future through
CAFOD's projects around
the world



THANK YOU

Your fundraising will help children like Messi in Liberia live their lives to the full and flourish.

St Cecilia's R.C. High School

Thank you to every single member of your
Team

From

Every single member of the

Foodbank Team

For your outstanding support, kindness,
thoughtfulness and cheerful smiles

2023—2024

You are amazing!



Year 9 Retreat Day



Year 9 had a wonderful day at St Helens Animate Retreat Center. Fr Simon and the team led the day. The theme of the retreats was discovering our gifts and talents. Pupils discovered they are all "children of God created in His image and likeness". Pupils played confidence building games and the session themes focused around trust and self discovery. They also had a wonderful opportunity to explore the beautiful church of St. Marys attached to the Center. Pupils enjoyed the treasure hunt and the chance to access all of sacred spaces. A special thankyou to Mrs Bretheron for such a lovely day.

Rosemere Cancer Foundation Charity Walk



We are thrilled to share the fantastic achievement of one of our students. Matthew participated in the Rosemere Cancer Foundation Charity Walk, covering the 11-mile distance from Chorley Hospital to Royal Preston Hospital.

Despite injuring his foot at school on Friday, Matthew was determined to complete the Walk in the Dark event. With immense perseverance, he finished the walk in an impressive 3 hours and 40 minutes. His dedication and resilience are truly inspiring.

Matthew's efforts didn't go unnoticed. He received a well-deserved medal and successfully raised sponsor money for a great cause. We are incredibly proud of his commitment and spirit.

Congratulations, Matthew, on this remarkable accomplishment! Here are some photos from the start and finish of the walk, showcasing his outstanding effort.

Keep up the fantastic work!