

St Mary's New Mills Catholic Life and Mission



NEWSLETTER

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November Reflection from Dan

When we return after half term we enter the month of November with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. This month is the month devoted to all those who have gone before us and entered the Kingdom of Heaven. I just wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on this being a difficult time for many. We will all have lost someone at some point in our lives these are times of sadness and grief for us as we enter the new normal without them but it is crucial to remember that they are at peace with God the Father in Heaven. *Eternal rest grant unto them O'Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*
May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen



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Mini Vinnies

Class 3 have had the opportunity this half term to learn about St Vincent de Paul and begin to think about how they can turn their concern into action. We had the opportunity to vote for our leadership positions who are going to working alongside and Dan and the rest of their class to support the school and local community. Well done to all those children who put their names forward for leadership roles and spoke so beautifully in front of their classmates. We then had a blind vote to make the process as democratic as possible. Our leadership team for this year are:

President- Annabelle
Vice President- Aruna
Secretary- James
Treasurer- Penny L
Communications Officer- Poppy



Faith In Action

Year 6 have been continuing their Faith in Action by leading whole school Celebrations of the Word this half term. We have had Celebrations of the Word linked to the polar ice caps melting, homelessness and refugees. All the children planned these Celebrations of the Word while on retreat at the Briars and have enjoyed finalising their plans and delivering these for the whole school.



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One Million Children
praying the Rosary



For unity and peace
On the 18th October

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY ACN



On the 18th of October all the children joined in with the Aid to the Church in Need and children from all around the world to say one decade of the Rosary for peace and unity. Throughout the whole month children have been saying the rosary and focusing on Our Lady, Mary our patron Saint. All the children in Class 4 also had the chance to take a set of Rosary beads home to share a decade of the Rosary with their family at home.



"My heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad because of God my Savior,
for he has remembered me, his lowly servant! Luke 1:46-48

CLASS 2 WHOLE SCHOOL LITURGICAL PRAYER

Class 2 led a beautiful whole school Celebration of the Word in front of the parents all about respecting our world and God's beautiful creation and showing compassion to all those we meet. They used this as a way to share the message from Pope Francis' Laudato Si letter about care for creation. They also took the opportunity in the month Mary our Mother to say thank you to their Mums. Class 2 led us all so confidently and clearly through what happened on each day of creation. They set us all the mission to show kindness and compassion to everyone we meet.



CLASS 4 WHOLE SCHOOL LITURGICAL PRAYER

Class 4 led us in a beautiful Celebration of the Word on Thursday 10th October on the theme of the Most Holy Rosary. We learnt all about the history of the Rosary and how to pray the rosary together. We were then led in a decade of the Rosary by Class 4. They ended by setting us all the mission to complete a decade of the Rosary at home.



I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the small things, for the greater glory of God. *Blessed Dominic Savio*

