

10th February 2021

Dear families,

Despite the current restrictions and changes to our learning routine, the Catholic Life of our school community is still very much alive!

It has been a difficult time for many members of our school community and we continue to offer our prayers that we all work together to find our strength to stay safe and support one another during the pandemic.

We give thanks to the many members of our school community who are supporting the NHS during this time, especially those providing the vaccination to the most vulnerable members of our local community. We pray for your continued safety and dedication to helping the world return to some sort of normality soon.

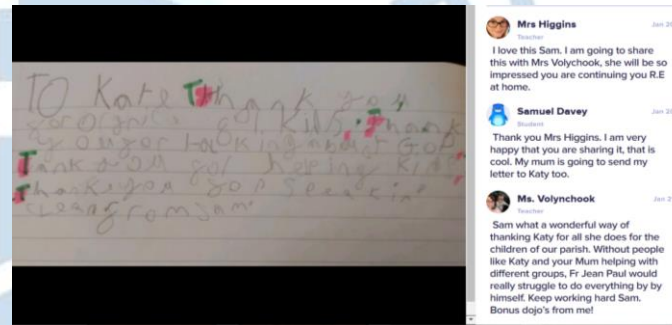
Gospel Values in action

During the pandemic, we have seen many acts of living out the Gospel Values around the country and the world. This time though, they are in St Helens! During Advent, Finley (Y3/4), Keaton (R) and Mylo (N) worked with their Dad and Step-Mum to complete a reverse Advent Calendar food hamper, which they then donated to the Foodbank.



Remote learning

We have been using the Home Learning Packs produced by the Christian Education Team at Liverpool Archdiocese to support our home learning in Come and See. Many of the teachers alert me when children have submitted work on Dojo. I have loved to see the range of work going on across the year groups.



One of our pupils even made the national news with her act of kindness! Tilly Mae in Year 3 has been volunteering with her Aunty in Liverpool each weekend to help provide warm drinks and home-made cakes for the homeless people of our local city. We are so proud and inspired by all of you. You are following Jesus' example to support those less fortunate than yourselves. Scan the QR code to be taken to the ITV News website to watch the report on Tilly.



Lent

Lent begins next week on Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 17th February). As many churches are not open this year, you may wish to take part in some reflection at home. The Cathedral in Liverpool will be live streaming a service, times to be confirmed.

<https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/>

For other Lent resources you can visit the Mission Together Website for activities. You will also find a Mission Together Lent Calendar on your child's class page on dojo to use at home each day of Lent.

As a school, we will be taking part in Mission Together's 'Lent through a lens' Photo Competition. Please see the posts on dojo for more information.



Cafod are also running their annual Lent campaign and this year's theme is 'Walking for Water'. Visit their website to watch their 'Water of life' National Assembly and to access resources, including the water droplet poster to display in your windows for children to look out for on walks around your local area.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources>

International news...

This month we heard the fantastic news from Pope Francis, that Elizabeth Prout, who worked in the community of Sutton over 100 years ago and is buried in St Anne and Blessed Dominic Church, is another step closer to becoming a Saint after being declared 'venerable'.

Elizabeth Prout was chosen by pupils a few years ago to be the name of one of our House Teams in honour of her tireless work in our community. She plays a large part in the school's history as she was once in charge of St. Anne's (although not the current building) and helped so many people in the local community.



We hope to be able to celebrate this wonderful news with the wider Parish family once restrictions allow. For now, we ask for your continued prayers to Elizabeth Prout for the cause of her 'Canonisation' or Sainthood.

