

Live Simply Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to our first Live Simply newsletter. We are delighted to be able to share some of the wonderful things that we have been doing in school and within the community as we strive to do our best to live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity with others. We have been busy!

LIVE SIMPLY PLEDGES

At the end of the Summer term, we invited all children and families to make a 'Live simply' pledge. Thank you so much for these. It was wonderful to read them and you demonstrated perfectly your commitment and enthusiasm to play a part in our mission. We have since collated these and they are displayed in St Mary's Lowe House Church where we have invited parishioners to make their own pledges and join our mission.



HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

We were so happy to invite CAFOD into school to start our Harvest celebration with a very informative assembly about the need to help our global neighbours in ensuring that nobody goes hungry. The children came into school dressed in bright clothing as part of our fundraising. We raised a total of £174.00. The children and families also donated food items and toiletries which we gave to our local food bank. THE BIGGEST THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

WILLOWBROOK

We hosted our annual Willowbrook coffee morning in September. Again thank you to all families that came along. We raised £231.74

MINI VINNIES

Our Mini Vinnies have been working hard in their efforts 'to turn concern into action' by helping those in need within our school and local community. In November they once again went along to the Gerard Arms to meet our friends in the Dementia Café. The children wrote messages of good cheer and took them along to share and also did many arts and crafts there too. They will be visiting the café once again during December for a good Christmas sing along and to spread some festive cheer.

They have also encouraged their school friends to make Christmas cards using recycled Christmas cards from last year and these have been donated to people in our community who are struggling this Christmas.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

With the help of Sarah, our vegetable garden is developing brilliantly. We have just pulled up our first carrots! We are also growing lettuce, chard, sprouts, cauliflower, beetroot, raspberries and herbs (thyme, mint, parsley, lemon balm, rosemary and chives.) We are so pleased with the results so far and we are beginning to prepare the beds for next year's crops. Watch this space!

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

You may have noticed our rockery area as you walk into the school grounds. The pebbles were decorated by the children and are a reminder that we are all different and unique and together we make one big school family. We also have some bird feeders in this area now. We look forward to spring time when hopefully, there will be lots of colour when our wildflowers begin to grow.

PRAYER GARDEN

Plans are underway for our prayer garden. We will be asking the children for their ideas and what they would like to see/have in the garden. The garden once complete will be dedicated to Mrs Shields.

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH

On the 1st November we celebrated the feast of All Saints with a Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury. This was the first time that the church had opened for Mass since Covid and we were so excited to be returning to our much loved parish church. Father Michael welcomed us and the children led the readings and the singing. Our parish community had a real treat! It was simply beautiful and we look forward to many more visits.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

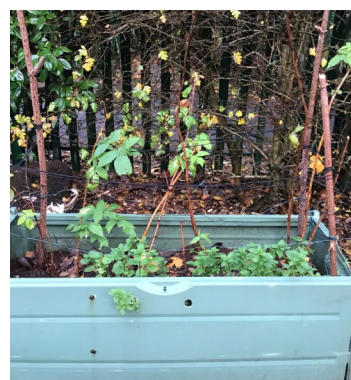
In September, each class invited families and friends of the community to stay and pray and be a part of their daily collective worship. Everyone left with big smiles on their faces and commented on how it was a perfect start to their day! We also welcomed families and friends of the community to our Friday collective worship throughout November and December with each class taking a turn in leading.

INTERACTIVE ADVENT CALENDAR.

Y3 contributed to the Liverpool Archdiocese interactive calendar. They led a short worship on the first week of Advent, This was shared throughout the Archdiocese on their social media platforms. Well done, Year 3!

RECYCLED UNIFORM

We still have a good selection of donated school uniform for you to reuse. Please help yourself!



Look out for the Spring newsletter in the New Year.

Best wishes everyone and remember to live simply!

Mrs Houghton