

St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy in the Lent term 2022

The Lent term has been both busy and successful packed with learning opportunities and extra activities.

Each morning, Nathan's 'Wake and Shake' attracts children from a variety of year groups and after-school multi-sports sessions are very well-attended. Staying with our sporting theme, we have numerous sporting achievements and events to be proud of:

A team of ten children from Years 5 and 6 went to the Highfields Centre to play Basketball in January; five girls from Years 4 and 5 took part in the Girls' Try football event at Goals; six children from Year 3 and six children from Year 4, who had shown enthusiasm in their Tag Rugby lessons with Leicester Tigers, were selected



to attend the Rugby Festival at South Leicester Rugby Club. Year 6 continued to take part in the Football League at St Margaret's Pastures; the season finished in March with the boys and girls showing great teamwork. As expected, during all of the above, the children's behaviour was exemplary and they all enjoyed their sporting opportunities.

We recognise the importance of well-being and mental health and in support of this, we welcomed back the Mindful Warriors and this term, Year 4 participated in yoga and relaxation sessions.



Six of our Year 6 girls entered this year's Dance Festival. They demonstrated amazing timing and musicality and gave a very polished performance. They showed great dedication and commitment by practising throughout their break times and even stayed for a few extra sessions after school.

Year 6 took part in another fantastic and new opportunity this year when five children were chosen to attend a series of Bike maintenance sessions. The children were selected due to their interest in repairs when a member of the Sustrans team came in to school on our 'bike/scoot to school day'.

In Reception, to celebrate Mother's Day, each child planted a sunflower for their mum whilst learning all about what a plant needs to survive. They provided instructions for their parents to help the flower to grow. The children also had the opportunity to paint a picture of their mum, looking carefully at pictures of facial features. Some children also used their own ideas and decided to make a card for their mum and write a message inside all by themselves!



Reception held a Red Nose Day cake sale, alongside the sale of red noses, and raised a total of £120 for Comic Relief!

Mrs Weaver's class has certainly been busy this term - they welcomed parents along to watch the children perform the story 'Superworm and the Chocolate Nests' which they created together using a Talk for Writing approach. The parents also enjoyed a chocolate nest that the children made to celebrate the Easter holidays.



On World Book Day, Mr Rabjohn visited the Reception children as their 'mystery reader' and read the story 'Some Dogs Do'.

To celebrate St Patrick's Day, we gathered together for a liturgy led by two members of our Chaplaincy team. We were very proud to send a group of children to sing and sign at a special mass held at St Patrick's church. Later that day, after school, Mrs Kelvey organised a whole school disco to mark the occasion.



The whole school took part in Mardi Gras. Classes learnt about what it is and how it began. As well as some fun facts, we also made the link to Lent. In the afternoon, everybody came together in the hall to take part in traditional carnival-type dances.

All classes took part in almsgiving for Lent. Everyone rose to the challenge with a range of fundraising events organised across the school.



Year 2 chose to raise money for those suffering in Ukraine. They did a sponsored clean around the school: picking up litter from the playground, tidying the planters and organising the books in the school library.



Year 3 completed 50 laps around the playground raising money for The British Red Cross; they raised over £200.



Year 4 completed a 3 mile sponsored walk to Cossington Park, 6 laps of the park and then walked back to school. They raised £220.



Year 5 made and sold toast during break times and Year 6 held a cake sale in aid of CAFOD.

During one of our regular litter picks, the Eco-team were joined by The Right Worshipful Lord Mayor, Councillor Deepak Bajaj after one of our pupils wrote and invited him to visit. After a tour of our school, he offered many wonderful ideas to help enhance our outdoor growing areas. During the litter pick, six large bags of litter were collected from around the local community - another successful event ran by our wonderful Eco-team here at St Patrick's.

Throughout the term, classes have continued to take turns to plan and lead mass and children have worked in small groups with our Chaplain, Miss Kearns, to prepare a range of liturgies. These children, and the Year 6 Chaplaincy Team, have shown great maturity and enthusiasm for the important role of witnesses to God's love in our school.

We ended our term by gathering together in the hall. Year 5 led a lovely Stations of the Cross. All the children read and acted out each station respectfully. It was a truly wonderful reminder of what Easter is really about.



We said a sad farewell to Mrs George, who was not only one of our Year 3 teachers, but also our Religious Education Lead. She will be greatly missed and we thank her for all she has achieved during her time at St Patrick's. Mrs Skye will be joining Year 3 after the Easter break and will share the role of class teacher alongside Miss Stanley.

We thank all of our wonderful pupils for their hard work and their parents for the support they give to both their children and to our school.