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English Martyrs'  
Catholic Primary School  
Loving Jesus, Loving Learning, Loving Life  
*Part of the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust*



## Summer Term 3b Newsletter



# A Message from Miss Elliott

***As we reach the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have all been on together.***

Our pupils have worked hard, had fun and supported each other; living out our school mission Loving Jesus, Loving Learning, Loving Life to the best of their ability.

Thank you to our parents and carers for your support and partnership throughout this journey. Your trust, understanding, and collaboration have been so important in our aim to create a positive and nurturing environment for our pupils to thrive in.

Thank you to our dedicated staff for your great commitment, creativity, and care shown to all our pupils. You have gone above and beyond to ensure that our pupils received such memorable learning experiences.

I am grateful for the privilege of being part of such an incredible school community.

We say Good bye, Good Luck and Thank you to Miss Fox and Mrs Atkinson, who both move on to pastures new, and wish Mrs Foster a happy retirement. May God bless them all as they embark on their new journeys.

As we enter the well-deserved summer break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge, and reflect on the achievements and growth we have accomplished together.

I wish you all a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled summer, and I look forward to the new school year with optimism and excitement.

*Miss Elliott*





# End of Year Mass



The whole school gathered together to celebrate mass and wish our Year 6 children well as they move on to their Secondary Schools. We hope that they look back on their time at English Martyrs' with fondness and that they have a happy and blessed time in their new schools.

# First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our lovely children who celebrated their 1st Holy Communion Mass.

May God continue to walk with you on your journey of faith





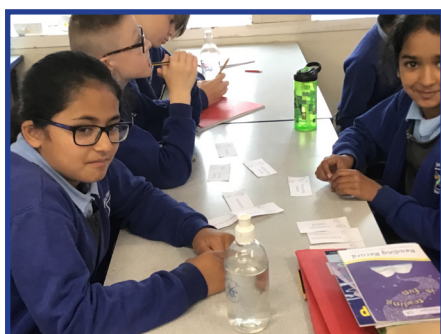
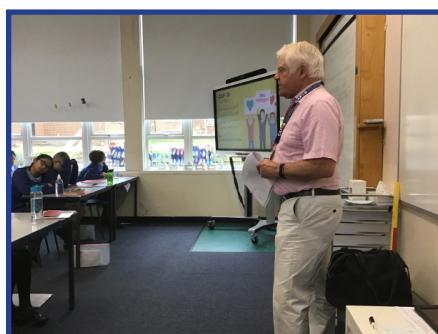
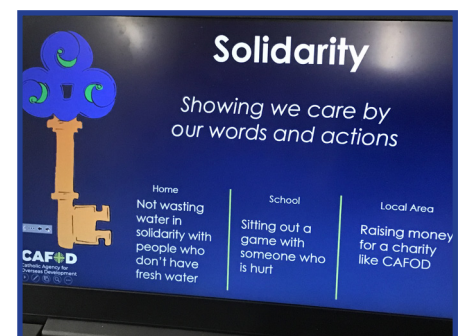
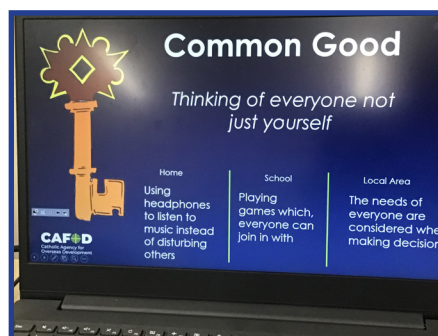
# Mass in School

**We were delighted to welcome Fr Mariadass and Fr John into school. They celebrated mass with some of our children and members of the Parish.**



# CAFOD

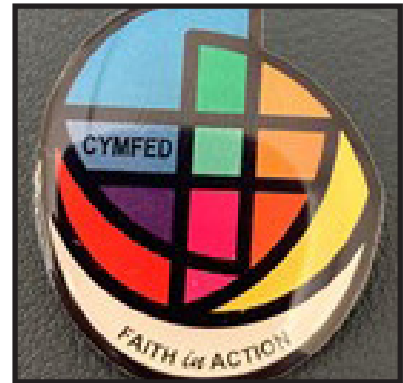
CAFOD came into school this term to deliver a workshop to all our KS2 classes on Catholic Social teaching. This was to inspire and guide the children to live out their faith in our world and supported our last unit in the RE curriculum. The children loved this and it has inspired them to think about how we can support charities, events in school and our wider community. Next year, Miss Elliott and the SLT are going to find it very tricky deciding on which ideas to use. Some suggestions included, 'Go Green for Cafod' day planting flowers and creating a class flower pot and a special afternoon spending time with our houses so we can all work together as one big team. Watch this space for the chosen ideas to be put into practice next year.





# Faith in Action Award

Our Year 6 children have completed their 'Faith in Action Award'. Over the year they have focused on improving the prayer and for all pupils by doing things such as improving the prayer room for child led prayer, leading prayer stations, leading prayer on a Friday lunch time and helping all children in school with praying the rosary through our liturgical year. They have made prayer accessible for all: by thinking creatively, leading prayer and supporting our younger KS2 children. They were awarded their pins during their leavers mass in church. A fantastic effort Y6. A great legacy gift to make a difference in the prayer life of our school.

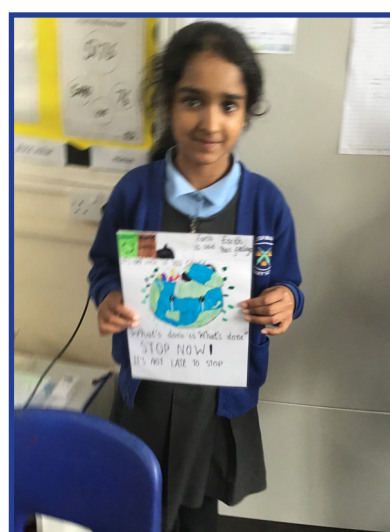
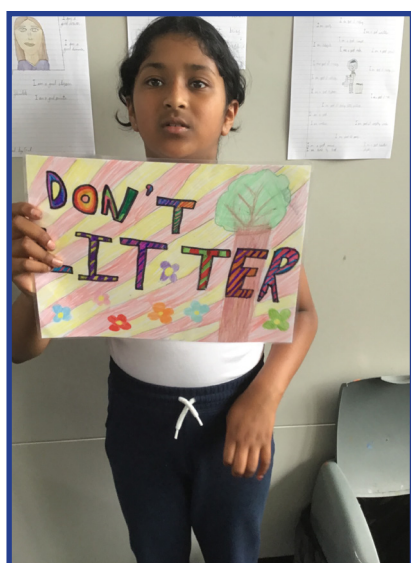
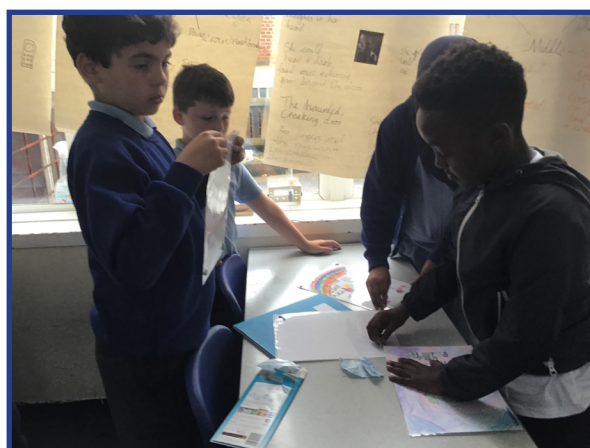


## Eid - Al - Adha

Thank you to Abdurahmane and Ibrahim who planned and led our KS2 assembly to celebrate Eid. The boys did a fantastic job presenting and explaining about the significance of Eid and taught everyone that EID means sacrifice. Afterwards the children asked them lots of fantastic questions. Other pupils who also celebrated EID told us a little bit about their faith celebrations.

# Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies area of concern for this half term has been litter and trying to encourage better care of the school grounds. They have produced litter poster, which are now in place near all doors to the yard and on the school gates. Recently the Mini Vinnies walked around the areas where posters have been placed and saw an improvement, especially near the gates. Thank you to everyone, for taking better care of our school.





# Year 6 Leavers Liturgy

*'Aspire not to have more but to be more'*

Year 6 are following in the words of Oscar Romero as they leave primary school and prepare for their new adventures in secondary school. They led the school and parents in a prayerful worship. Well done to all our Year 6 children who have been fantastic role models this year in all aspects of school life. We hope you aspire to be more and enjoy the adventures in the next part of your journey.



# Year 6 - Leavers Party





# Sports Day

We almost managed to get through the whole of sports day dry but all the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. They loved the competitive races of hurdles and sprints, while also being able to take part in a range of new sports as well.





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# Geography - Fieldwork

**Year 6 made the most of their visit to Borrowdale by carrying out a geographical study of the River Derwent. As part of our local study of the Borrowdale area we have considered the causes of the flash flooding there in 2022. Year 6 investigated the depth of the river in Summer. Wielding metre sticks, measuring tape and kalipers, Year 6 eagerly plunged their feet into the rippling, cool waters just outside the Youth Hostel. The task was carried out with great efficiency and fantastic team skills. Quite a few children got a bit soggy along the way!**





# Y4 Ceramics

Year 4 created clay monsters in the ceramics in the studio at Sacred Heart High School, which is normally used for GCSE and A level work. They began by making a simple pinch pot, then added details using slip and cross hatching. Finally they could use the clay tools to add further decorations. The children were very focussed, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We are so proud of them, for their creativity and because the staff at the high school were impressed by their good behaviour and lovely manners.





# Y2 Music at St Nicolas' Cathedral

Year 2 had an excellent opportunity to take part in 'Newcastle Sings' at St Nicholas Cathedral. The children spent many weeks practicing and rehearsing ready for the festival. They sang beautifully and were a credit to our school.



# Art - Gelsenkirchen Project

Year five have been celebrating the 75 year anniversary of the twinning between the cities of GelsenKirchen and Newcastle by taking part in an art project along with the German Rainbow school. The children met pupils via video link in Germany and worked with a local artist to create art with the theme of unity between the cities.





# Y5 Innovation Festival

Year five went on a trip to Newcastle racecourse to be part of the Innovation Festival, providing STEM experiences for children. The children found different inventions created to harness clean energy and to get involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) related careers. They also got some extra basketball training with the Newcastle Eagles.





# Reception - Hall Hill Farm

Reception children had a fabulous trip to Hall Hill Farm. They enjoyed learning about lots of different animals. They enjoyed feeding the large animals and even got to hold some of the smaller ones. They had a very bumpy tractor ride and finished the day exploring the adventure playground.





# Y6 Dance Festival

Year 6 took part in the dance Festival in the Whitley Bay Play House. They performed one of the dances for their production of Peter Pan the pirate song. Well done to all of those children who went along and also for being a fantastic 'flash mob' during the Y6 performance.





# Year 6 YMT Festival

Year 6 have had a great day at Youth Ministry Team Primary Festival. They have reflected on how they can be Bold and Brave as they take the next steps into High School.

Have Faith Year 6, light your light shine and BE BOLD AND BRAVE!





# Outdoor Classroom Day





# Football Team

Congratulations to our Year 6 football team who won the end of the season under 11s tournament.



# Parent Lunch

We were delighted to welcome the parents of our Year 2 children into school for lunch. Thank you to all those who attended.



# Music - The Big Gig

To mark world music day our Year 4 ukulele, Year 5 penny whistle musicians along with our Year 6 woodwind and guitar pupils joined 1,500 other children from across the City for a fun day of playing singing and dancing at the Vertu Arena. The children in Year 3 attended via live stream and joined in by playing their recorders.





# Music - Parent Showcase



**We were delighted to see so many parents in school for our music showcases. The children demonstrated what they have been learning in their music lessons with Mrs Clarke. We are very proud that all children in school have the opportunity to learn a range of instruments as part of their whole class music lessons.**

**Children in Key Stage 2 also have the opportunity to learn additional instruments through our peripatetic teachers. Look out for more information on this at the beginning of next term.**

# Reception Graduation

Reception children were joined by their parents and carers to celebrate their Graduation.

We all had a wonderful afternoon, first singing our favourite songs with Mrs Clarke, followed by a lovely treat of ice creams before receiving a special certificate from Miss Elliott. All the Reception staff are so proud of how hard the children have worked this year, well done!





# Nursery - Picnic

Nursery had so much fun at their Teddy bear's picnic. They enjoyed playing with their teddies in school and having some sweet treats and juice, even when the weather wasn't great!



# School Performance

## Key Stage 2 SAT's

**83%**  
achieved the  
expected  
standard in Reading

**National Average**  
73%

**87%**  
achieved the  
expected  
standard in Maths

**National Average**  
73%

**82%**  
achieved the  
expected  
standard in Writing

**National Average**  
71%

**77%**  
achieved the  
expected  
standard in Reading  
Writing and Maths  
combined

**National Average**  
59%

## Key Stage 1

**69%**  
achieved the  
expected  
standard in Reading

**Newcastle Average**  
65%

**76%**  
achieved the  
expected  
standard in Maths

**Newcastle Average**  
68%

**55%**  
achieved the  
expected  
standard in Writing

**Newcastle Average**  
57%

## Phonics

**86%**  
achieved the  
expected standard  
in Phonics

## Reception

**63%**  
achieved a 'Good  
Level of  
Development'



# Upcoming Dates.....

**Monday 4th September - Staff INSET Day**

**Tuesday 5th September - Pupils Return**

**Wednesday 27th September - Ways to Wellbeing Workshop**

**Monday 16th October - Year 6 Borrowdale Residential**

**Wednesday 18th October - Ways to Wellbeing Workshop**

**Friday 20th October - School Closes (Half Term Holiday)**

