



'In our school we learn and love, we pray and play, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.'

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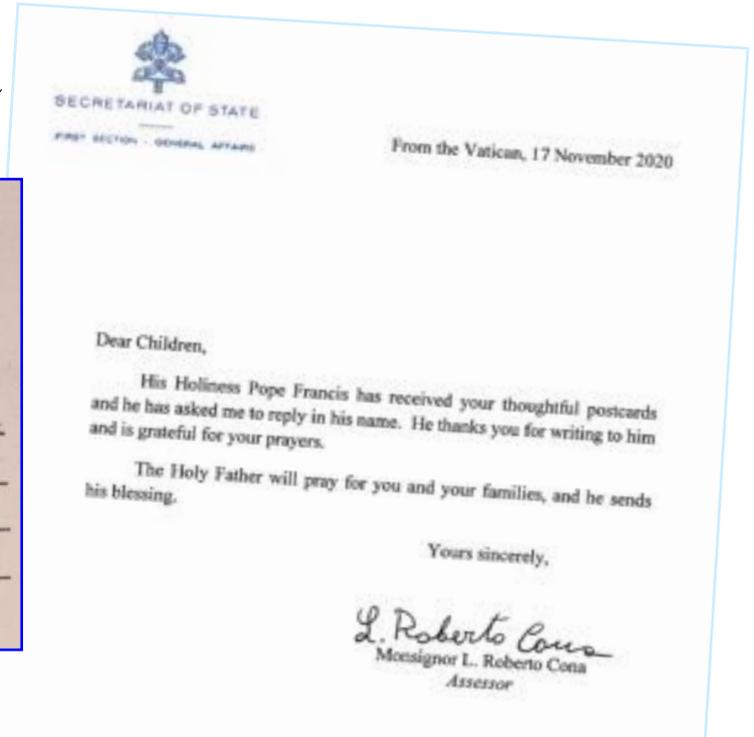
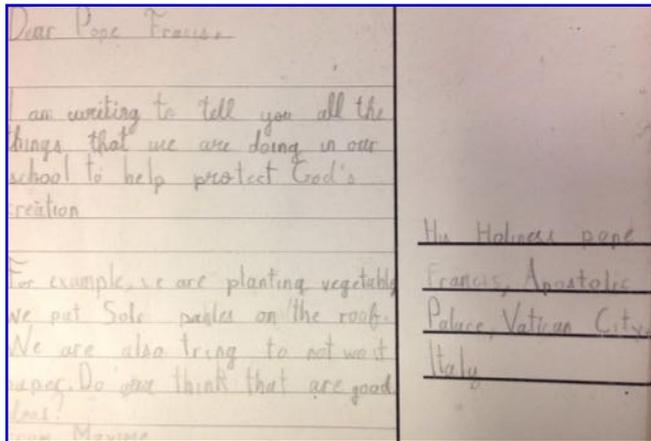
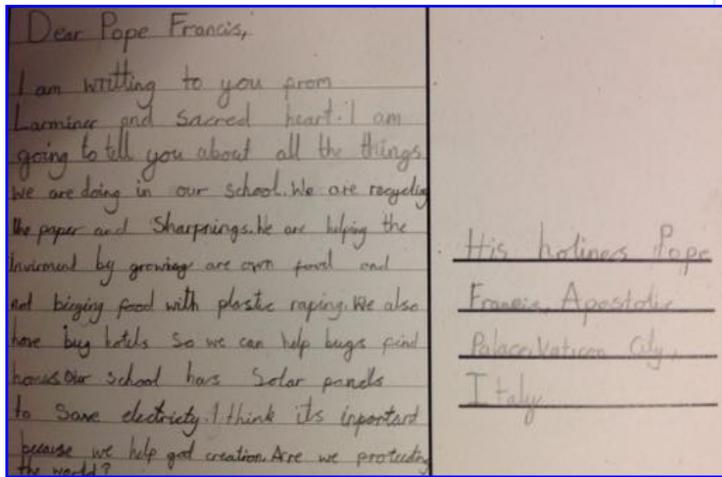
NEWSLETTER



Sustainable Travel
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A Letter from Pope Francis

Class 3B wrote to Pope Francis to tell him all about the work they are doing to look after our common home in response to his encyclical *Laudato Si'* and the Season of Creation (1st September - 4th October 2020).



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Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy team at Holy Trinity Church are currently posting a weekly Children's Liturgy presentation on the parish's Facebook page. Due to ongoing restrictions, the team is unable to lead the liturgy group. Therefore, this weekly presentation has been developed to give parents/carers the opportunity to go through the Sunday liturgy in a way that is adapted to their child's age.

Please click [here](#) to access the Children's Liturgy resource.

Welcome to the Children's Liturgy

- Sunday 29th November 2020
- 1st Sunday of Advent



Autumn

Acorn and Willow have had lots of fun exploring the topic of Autumn. We spent a messy morning scooping out the pumpkins and roasting the seeds which we ate later in the day. We used the leftover pumpkins to develop our fine motor skills through hammering in golf tees!

We have also shared our experiences of Bonfire Night with each other and created a huge collaborative piece of artwork outside. We have produced lots of lovely Autumnal artwork in a variety of media and using the PCs too.



Class 4G made poppies for Remembrance Day and wore them proudly!



IN NOVEMBER, WE
REMEMBER

Religious Links

Historical Links

• What prayer is said?

✝️ Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

AMEN.

• What feasts are celebrated?

The Christian holiday of 'All Saints' Day' is on the 1st of November, followed by 'All Souls' Day' on 2nd of November. There is also the feast of Christ the King in November.

• Why are poppies worn?

Wearing the poppy is intended to help us respectfully remember the British men and women who were sacrificed for us. Poppies were the first flowers to grow out of the ground on the battlefields where soldiers had fallen.

• What is Remembrance Day? Chelsea Pensioners?

Remembrance Day is a day to remember all those who died for us in the First World War. We wear poppies because they were the first flower plants to grow on the battlefields. A Chelsea Pensioner is a resident at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, a retirement home and nursing home for former members of the British Army located in Chelsea. The Royal Hospital is home to 300 retired British soldiers, male and female.

By CM, Class 6G

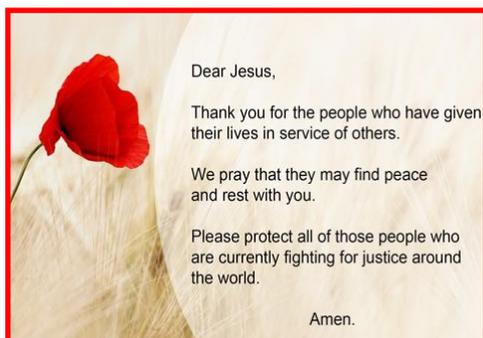
Armistice Day - Virtual Assembly

As a school, during the month of November, we thought about and remembered all those who have died. Especially family and friends.

On Armistice Day (11th November) we remembered those who have fought, died or been injured in wars so that we may live in peace and harmony.

We also prayed for the millions of men and women who have made, and are still making great sacrifices, so that we may live in freedom today.

We observed a 2 minute silence together and shared the prayer below.



Sea Adventures - Journey of the Mayflower, Class 5B

This month, Class 5B featured in the Barnes Music Festival as an online performance. They rehearsed and performed the two songs 'Sailing' and 'A New Home' which were premiered, as part of the festival, on YouTube. The children worked incredibly hard to learn several songs last year including 'Moana', 'Under the Sea', and 'Seal Lullaby' which were due to be performed live in concert with St Paul's Boys' and Girls' schools along with two songs composed by Mark Wilderspin. The online premiere was a magical performance that took the audience on the Journey of The Mayflower. Well done, Class 5B!

By Ms Hayes



Anti-Bullying Week

To launch Anti-Bullying Week, the school was awash with colour as we showed off our uniqueness through our zany sock choices – it was Odd Socks Day! This shows that we should celebrate everyone's uniqueness and the fact that we are UNITED AGAINST BULLYING!

Year 6 carried out a range of activities. We discussed how negative words and name-calling can affect us. We carried out an experiment with two apples: one apple was treated with care and the other was called names and dropped on the floor. At the start, there was not evidence of any damage but when we cut the apples open a few days later, we saw bruising on one apple – the one that had been 'bullied'. This experiment teaches us that even though we cannot always see the effects of our words, they can cause hurt on the inside.

We know that we each have our part to play so that we are UNITED AGAINST BULLYING.

By AL Class 6B and AB Class 6G



Year 3 Science

The children were really enthused by our new Science topic, 'Rocks, Fossils and Soil'. Some members of the class wanted to bring their rocks and fossils in to share with the class and they got to share them around and hold them all. They were amazed to see the ammonites and scaly fossils.



Football Fun!

JD is the very proud owner of this fantastic trophy which he won during the Autumn half-term. JD said, 'I got this trophy when I was playing in a tournament. There were lots of other teams but I got this for working the hardest out of everyone!' A wonderful achievement. Well done!



MT entered an the Young Artists Summer Show competition hosted by the Royal Academy of Art. Out of thousands of entrants, her piece - which she had worked on in school with Miss Chance - was selected for the exhibition! MT proudly shared her work with the class which was exhibited at the Royal Academy and can be viewed online. A fantastic achievement.

The Bridge

Two children are proudly selected to be part of the Bridge programme each year and have the opportunity to attend a monthly Saturday session at Godolphin and Latymer School. They are taught by a variety of professional tutors and the Godolphin and Latymer staff. This experience continues for a year until the children graduate to secondary school at the end of Year 6. The Bridge programme is a great opportunity to learn lots of new information and develop new skills. It is also a chance to make new friends via working with other children from different schools during these sessions.

By AG, Class 6G



Advent



Each of the Year 1 classes have made a whole class Advent Calendar. They are learning about how Mary and Joseph prepared for the birth of Jesus. Like Mary and Joseph, we must get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas as we journey through the Holy Season of Advent.

Year 5 have been creating Advent Kindness Calendars, reflecting on how they can prepare their hearts for Jesus through love and prayer.

On each window, they have written a different act of kindness that they can perform in the 24 days leading up to Christmas as they prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.



The children in Acorn and Willow classes have been making Advent wreath hats. They have been naming the different parts of the Advent wreath.



Advent is the countdown before Christmas. The first Sunday of Advent was on Sunday 29 November, even though you only start your Advent calendar on the 1st December! Advent is a time when we prepare for Jesus' birthday. In churches across the world people will be lighting a candle on the Advent wreath each Sunday as we move closer to Christmas.

By J H-L, Class 6B



Class 2G have written Advent prayers and displayed them in their classroom. They will be sharing the prayers as part of their class worship throughout the season of Advent.

Virtual Visit from the Fire Brigade

Last week we had a visit from the London Fire Brigade. They told us not to keep electricity on at night time. For example, to not charge a phone at night time. This is to be really safe and not create a fire.

They also said that the best thing to do is to check once a year if your smoke alarm still works or if it needs a new battery. If you don't have a smoke alarm it's ok because the fire brigade will give you one for free. My favourite activity was when we had to pretend that we were a member of the fire brigade.

By AR, Class 2B



An Introduction to Fr Rajiv Michael

I was ordained two years ago, along with Fr Mark Dunlinson who was at Holy Trinity before me. I was sent to Westminster Cathedral on ordination which was a big surprise. I had a wonderful two years over there. I was once again surprised by my appointment to Holy Trinity, in such a short time. When you give your life to God – let alone become a priest – you learn very quickly to be surprised constantly!

I never expected to come to London or live here for that matter. I grew up in Chennai, India, where the rest of my family live. I was a software analyst around 12 years; about eight of those were in the City of London. I was sent here on a six month contract by my company. I was fully expecting to go back, but my contract kept getting extended and finally, having found a home and good friends here, I stayed. Part of staying was also finding my vocation to the priesthood here. It was big change, but my vocation was very tied to my discovery of my own faith.

I was brought up Catholic, but this did not mean much to me. About sixteen years of age, I had an experience of God's love and his goodness at a retreat. It convinced me he was real. It came with a conviction that I would find meaning in life only if I preached the Gospel. That conviction remained, through all the (surprising and sometimes painful) twists and turns of life. It finally led me to the priesthood. All through this, my initial experience of discovering that God was good – and always kind – has been confirmed over and over, especially in times of difficulty.

A lot of my time outside ministry is spent with my books. One of my regular subjects is Scripture. Others tend to be among the things that make me curious (like what Malcolm Gladwell writes about). When that gets a bit lonely, I find some friends for a meal and bore them talking about what I've read. I was delighted to find that there was a school (two, in fact) associated with Holy Trinity. I've always enjoyed visiting schools and engaging with students. I look forward to getting to know the students and staff at Larmenier & Sacred Heart.

Fr Rajiv Michael