

Putting Catholic Social Teaching

into action at St Richard's

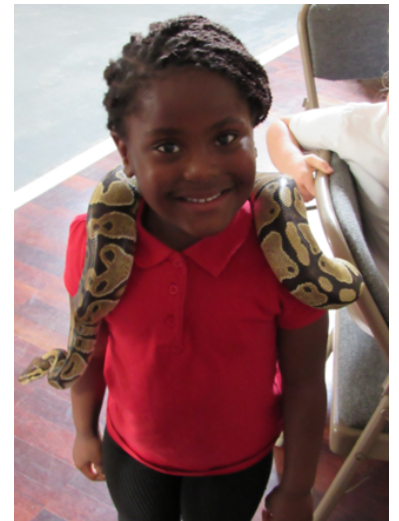
In November, Mrs Frankish was thrilled to launch our brand new Catholic Social Teaching focus. During the launch, children learnt more about what Catholic Social Teaching is and about role models for social action from the past and present. Each class was given a special bag to take back to class and asked to consider their Catholic Social Teaching statement and how they can make an impact on their brothers and sisters in the local and global community. The projects that each class decided upon then took place across the course of the year.

EYFS: Care for God's Creation



As part of their project about caring for God's creation, EYFS learnt how to care for animals. A special visit from Furry Friends Animal Therapy allowed our pupils to learn more about Gods' creatures and how to look after them – as pets and when living in nature too. The children were so gentle and calm!

The visit was fully paid for by a sponsored litter pick around school that EYFS carried out to support the Furry Friends charity and also make sure we cared for our beautiful school grounds and all of the wildlife that inhabits it.



Year 1 - Call to family and community

Year one and their parents, got us off to a magnificent start in Autumn term, by packing Christmas shoeboxes for elderly people in our community which were delivered to the Help the Aged head office in Hull. They did a superb job and received this wonderful thank you card from some of the recipients of the boxes.



Year 2 - Solidarity

Year 2 have been learning about standing in solidarity with their global brothers and sisters. Year 2 took on the challenge of The Big Lent Walk to raise money for children without access to clean, safe water. We challenged ourselves to walk 200km and WE DID IT! In total, we have raised £337 for CAFOD.

Year 3 - Rights and

Next up were Year 3 and their project was about



Responsibilities



Homelessness. The children hosted a poignant event with a gallery of their work to raise awareness about this plight. This included acrostic poems about what it means to have a home and drawings of safe and unsafe homes and biographies of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati whose philanthropy inspired their project. The money they raised was sent to Shelter to support those who find themselves living on the streets.

Year 4 - Option for the poor and vulnerable

In Year 4, we are busy collecting donations of tinned and dried foods from local businesses and within our school community. Food parcels will be created, which will then be donated to the Sacred Heart food bank, which supports those in need within our parish community.

The Hub



As part of our Catholic Social Teaching project the HUB went to plant flower bulbs in the allotment at Sacred Heart church in Hull. They are going to keep a close eye on how the flowers are growing. Once the bulbs have flowered we will return to cut them to be used on our altar in school for when Canon John celebrates Mass with us.

Year 5 – The life and dignity of the Human Person

Year 5 worked together to create welcome packs for Hull Help for Refugees. This crucial charity supports families and individuals who are new to the country and in need of essential items that meet their basic needs. This builds upon the work that Year 5 have been doing learning about the plight of refugees this year. The children collected everyday items to support them and wrote beautiful prayers too, asking God to help them.



Year 6 – Dignity of Work



Year 6 worked as a team to bake treats for our annual Summer Fayre. These specially baked items were created using only Fairtrade ingredients, ensuring the farmers and workers involved in the manufacturing of the ingredients are paid a fair, liveable amount. Year

6 held a very informative assembly to explain to parents and the rest of the school why dignity of work and fair pay is so important.