



RE @StJohnBoscoPrimarySchool

Religious Education is a core subject which is central to our whole school curriculum design.

Our Religious Education curriculum is delivered through the Diocesan scheme of work called ***Come and See***.

The programme is taught through 3 main areas; Church, Sacrament and Christian Living. In these areas children will be taught about their family, their local community, the sacraments such as baptism and marriage as well as key events in the Christian Church such as Advent, Easter and Pentecost.

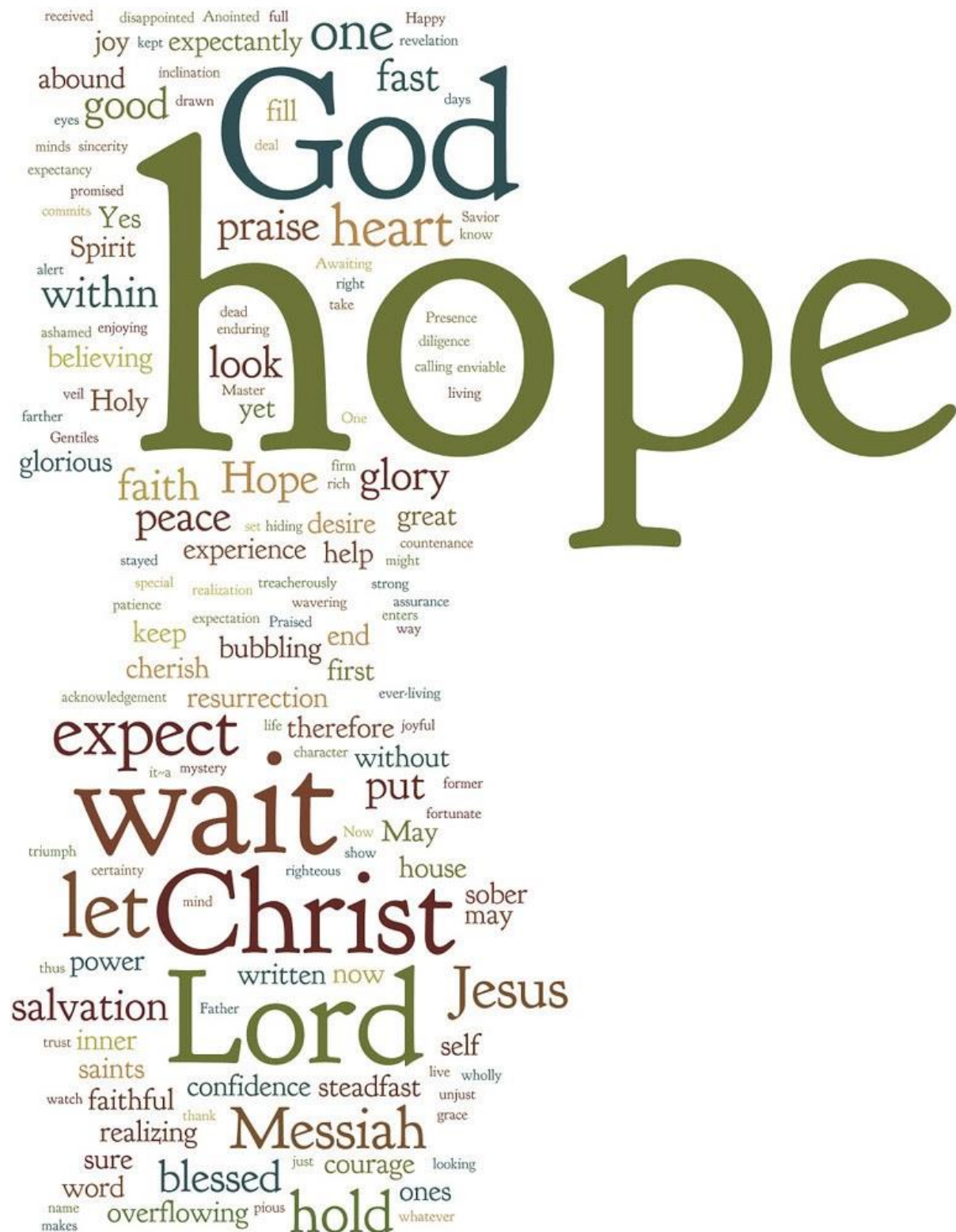
Within each topic the children will follow 3 stages: ***Explore*** (discuss their initial responses), ***Reveal*** (learn, discuss and understand the topic) and ***Respond*** (reflect on and celebrate their learning).

There are also Multi-faith weeks which allow the children to learn about other world faiths.

Please see a sample of all stakeholders' opinions on Religious Education at St. John Bosco. It would be impossible to share all comments but we have included some of our favourites.

<https://www.comeandseere.co.uk/>

Collective Worship







As a Catholic primary school collective worship plays a fundamental part of daily school life and enables us all to join together as one in prayer and worship.

Growing Closer to God

In its simplest form, prayer is defined as “talking to God.” It is a personal time of opening our hearts to our Heavenly Father and bringing everything in our hearts to Him. Through the Apostle Paul, God asked us to pray. Prayer can be a powerful force for change in our lives, and the importance of doing it on a daily basis should be instilled in our children.

Communication is the foundation for success in any relationship. When we communicate openly and freely with each other, we learn to know each other as individuals. This principle also applies to our relationship with God. By talking to God, we can learn more about who He is and what plan He has for us.



Prayer Has a Purpose

It is important that our children understand that there is a purpose to prayer. Jesus frequently prayed during His life on Earth. He had a reason for doing so. Our prayers are something that God deeply desires. But our prayers are not for His benefit; as a perfect Divine Being, God is complete in his power and knowledge. Our prayers are for our benefit, and this is what we need to teach our children.

Morning Prayer

O my God you love me. You are with me night and day. I want to love you always in all I do and say. I'll try to please you. Father bless me through the day. Amen

Grace before meals

Bless us O God as we sit together. Bless the food we eat today. Bless the hands that made the food. Bless us O God. Amen.

Grace after meals

Thank you God for the food we have eaten. Thank you God for all our friends. Thank you God for Everything. Thank you God. Amen.

Night Prayer

God Our Father, we come to say thank you for your love today. Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me. Guard me in the dark of night. And in the morning send your light. Amen

Celebration

Collective Worship

Each Friday the whole school community comes together for a time of collective worship. Each class leads a collective worship throughout the year teaching the messages of the Gospel. We also celebrate the achievements of the school that week, awards are presented and one child in each class is chosen to receive a headteacher Award for acting out the school values.

Mass

Throughout the year we have the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist in school. Our local Parish Priests come into school and we celebrate Mass -

Beginning of term

Christmas Mass

St John Bosco Feast Day

Easter Mass

Leavers Mass

Days Of Holy Obligation that fall in term time.



Social Action Groups

What are the Mini Vinnies?

'Mini Vinnies' is the name for a St Vincent de Paul Group for primary aged children. We get together to organise and talk about helping others in need within our school community of Town End Farm

Mini Vinnies' meet once a week on a Friday breaktime.

What happens at a Mini Vinnies' meeting?

co-ordinates the group and gives help and advice on the practicalities of ideas.

- The president opens the meeting with a prayer
- A short spiritual reading/ reflection/ piece of music/ meditation follows the prayer.
- Group members then talk about the Mini Vinnies' activities they have done since the previous meeting. Any future plans are then discussed, shared and auctioned. For more information on the Mini Vinnies please visit their website - www.minivinnies.org.uk¹

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Cafod Club



LiveSimply Prayer KS1



Loving God,
you created the world
for us all to share,
a world of beauty and plenty.
Create in us a desire to live simply, so we can see your generosity.
You gave us responsibility for the earth,
a world of riches and delight.
Help us to live sustainably, so that those
who follow us may enjoy the fruits of your creation
Help us to act in solidarity with all our brothers and
sisters so that we help create a fairer world
Amen

Our LiveSimply prayer

KS1



Loving God, you made this beautiful world that we all share.



Help us to live simply,



and be thankful for all that you have given us



Help us to look after our earth,



So that everyone may enjoy it.



Help us to share with others,



so that everyone has
what they need.
Amen.

Faith In Action



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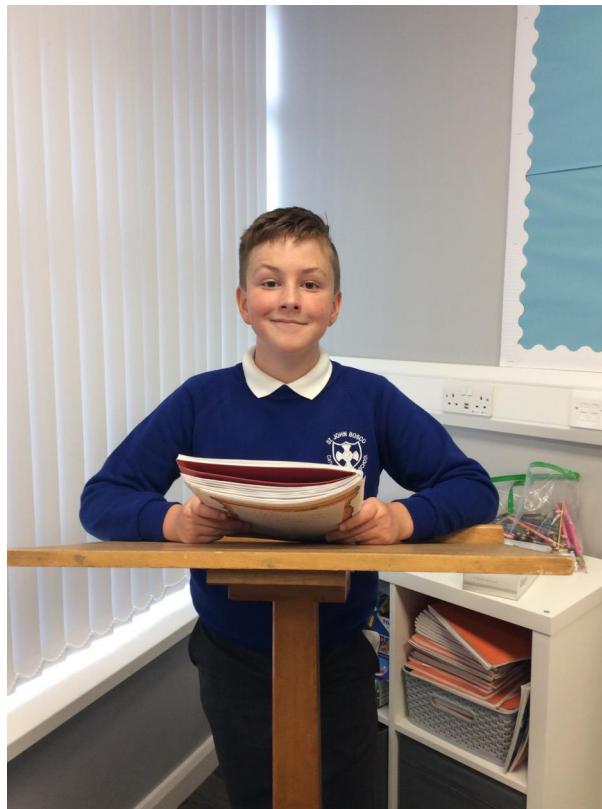
Faith in Action Award rewards young people's active service in helping to build the Kingdom of God on Earth. Many young people are doing so much to follow Jesus' example in serving others in their schools and parishes. The Faith in Action Award encourages young people to take that service into their wider community and accept greater responsibility for their faith in action.

The programme facilitates an exploration of scripture and Church teaching, with an emphasis on translating this into action. It encourages young people to shine the light of faith upon their experience of service through guided and personal reflection.

Pin Level is for young people of Year 6 age (10/11). It is designed to allow young people to discover how faith shapes lives, thus acting as a stepping stone to the higher award levels. The requirements of Pin Level should fit alongside existing structures within your parish or school and should be undertaken as a class or group.

Having taken early steps in establishing a personal relationship with God, participants begin to see that this relationship has an outward and visible effect upon them and those around them. As they seek to know God better, they become aware that others, of all ages, are trying to do the same. This draws us together in community. Seeking to serve the community helps us discover even more about ourselves, each other and God.

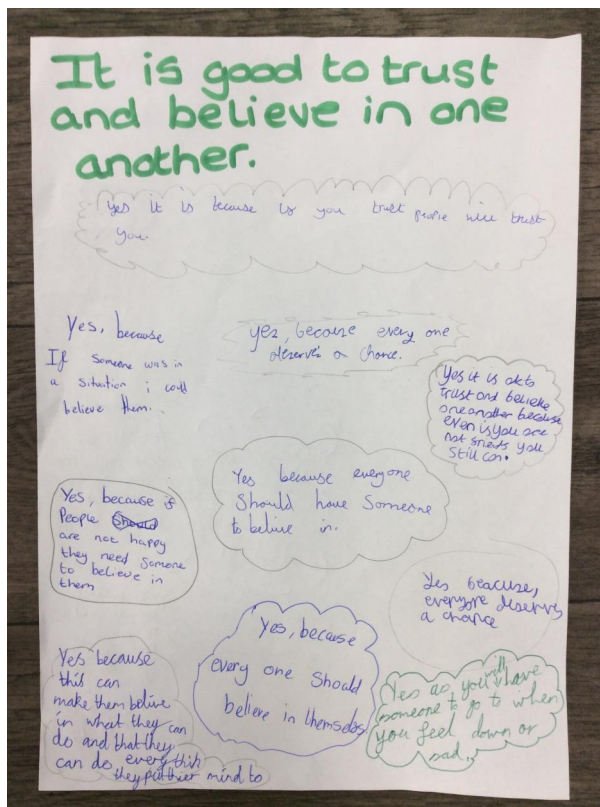
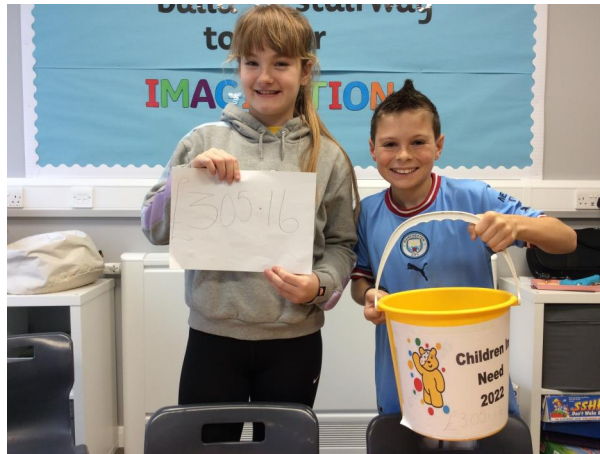
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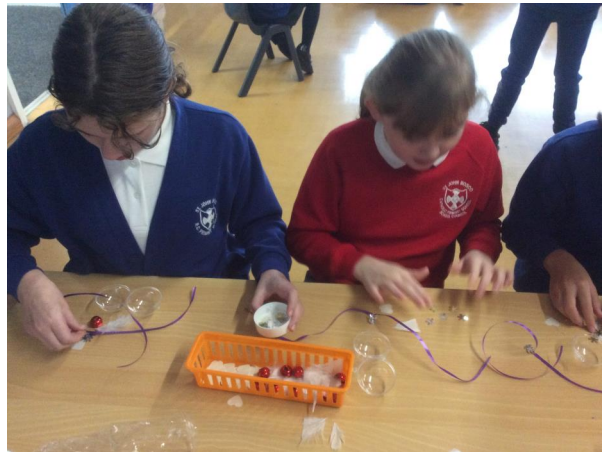


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Mass Times

- Saturday No Saturday vigil Mass
- Sunday Morning 9:30am
- Sunday Evening No Sunday evening Mass

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