



RE NEWSLETTER

English Martyrs Roman Catholic School



Autumn Term 2



Dear Parents

Welcome to the Autumn 2 term. We had a very busy end to the last half term with several events that were well attended by parents. Thank you for your contribution and support.

During the Black History assembly pupils shared a wealth of information about the important contribution black people have made to literature, architecture, music and politics in British society.

We were treated to several poetry recitals of Valerie Bloom from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils.

Mrs Pannell provided the Rosary breakfast for parents and pupils.

Year 6 presented a Harvest assembly to pupils and parents. They used role play, dance and song to explore two themes linked to Catholic Social Teaching - Option for the poor and Dignity. The Option for the Poor role play followed the 'See - Judge - Act' model - using the idea of learning about hunger in homes, *judging* what they could do and *acting* by collecting for a foodbank.

The Dignity role play was a reminder that we are all created in the image of God and therefore should love one another.

The assembly was very well received by all parents and pupils. After the assembly, we asked for some pupil voice. - one child wrote,

'My job as a Catholic is to have justice and help the poor. I can see people in tents or sleeping bags. I have to judge what food I can give. I act to see who I can help.'

We raised £163.95 in total for CAFOD, thank you for your support. It is not too late to make your contribution.

November is the Month of Remembrance

Year 5 performed the Remembrance assembly for school and parents. The children delivered a beautiful Remembrance service. They acted, narrated, read poems, played in the orchestra and sang with great respect and dignity. The children helped us reflect and pray during the month of remembrance. We remember - we pray.





Each class prepared a poppy wreath which they laid at our Remembrance altar. Mrs Moore was very impressed with the children's reverence and respect throughout and especially during the period of silence.

Our Book of Remembrance is now displayed next to the Remembrance Altar if you would like to add names.

Faith Friends

The Faith Friends continue to meet Fr Ray each week to support children in all years with prayer and reflection. During October they helped pray The Angelus in KS2 classes to honour Our Lady. We will continue this prayer during Advent. This half term our mission is to consider 'the option for the poor'

Advent Assembly

To help us prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day the children in Early Years presented an Advent assembly to parents on Wednesday 29th November.

Christmas Carol Service

The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 presented a carol service on 12th December.

Nativity

The children in Years 1, 2 and 3 presented a Nativity Play on Tuesday 5th December.

The Common Good and Preferential Option for the Poor

Thank you for your generous donations for Macmillan Cancer Support which raised £239.00. Well done.

The Harvest Festival

During Advent we supported the Homeless in our society by helping The Passage and Providence Row with donations of food and clothing. We hope you will continue to be generous in your giving.