

Year 6 Spring Term RE

Branch Five: To the ends of the earth

We began this Term's RE by thinking about when Jesus was laid to rest in a garden. Mary Magdalene arrived on the first day of the week when it was still dark. She alerted the disciples that Jesus' body was not there. Peter and John ran to the tomb. Believing Jesus had risen, they went home. Mary stayed behind weeping. When she next looked inside the tomb the angels spoke to her, dressed in white (light), and when she turned around, she saw a man who she thought was the gardener. Mary did not recognise Jesus until he said her name. We used images as inspiration to create a piece of artwork showing Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene reflecting the symbolism of light and dark in our work.



We learned how Christians believe in the resurrection through their reading of scripture. The disciples believed that Jesus rose from the dead because they say him, he spoke to them and they experienced him through his breath upon them and the witnessing of his wounds in his hands and feet. Homework was set to explore links between doubting Thomas and the belief in Jesus' resurrection.

It's Thomas again, and something really amazing happened today! I almost can't believe it, but I must. This has shown Jesus really is the Son of God, the Messiah. Jesus appeared to me and the other disciples! Remember when I was talking about when the disciples came and told me Jesus was alive? Well, I doubted them, and I shouldn't have. I thought Jesus wasn't alive just because I couldn't see him. Ridiculous of me.

I'd say it's been around a week since that happened. Today, the disciples and I were all gathered in the house, just like when they had first claimed to see Jesus. Of course, we had no warning of what was to happen next, but me even more so. I hadn't seen Jesus yet, had I? I thought he was dead, still laying in the tomb where we had put him to rest with his father in Heaven.

The doors had all been locked, and we were all talking, but this bit is unimportant. The matters we were discussing were immediately forgotten like a piece of paper thrown in a bin when Jesus suddenly appeared. I was shocked. No, more than shocked. I was in awe. That's when I realised the others hadn't been lying. I felt so guilty. I knew it was wrong of me to doubt my friends like that. I had to apologise.

But before I could Jesus said "Peace be with you!" loud and clear, addressing all of the disciples. Then he turned to me, and said "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Jesus didn't sound disappointed in me, or hopeful I would believe. He wasn't stern but I saw him staring at me with love. I had seen Jesus, and his hands and wounds. Surely this was really Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God? I knew there and then: this was Jesus, the one and only! I felt all the doubt leave me like water out of a jug, and I suddenly felt much lighter, like a weighty burden had been lifted. I said "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus still didn't look stern and his tone of voice was kind, gentle and soft. He replied "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed,"

Jesus really is the Messiah, the Son of God. I will never doubt him again. Jesus worked miracles, and surely rising from the dead was his most amazing one of all.

Our learning then moved on to consider how Jesus is the 'new Adam'. We looked at the similarities and the differences and considered that through Adam, death was brought upon human beings, but through Jesus, human beings will have everlasting life.

We considered how the resurrection is the work of the Holy Trinity. We thought about how as Christians today, we meet Christ through the sacraments, through prayer and in in scripture.

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Dear Timmy,

I apologise for the delay for this letter. I have become increasingly busy since your last ~~one~~ ^{one}. First of all, thank you for your ^{advice} on Confirmation. I appreciate it. Last Sunday I completed my Confirmation! My family and I did much celebrating and we went to a restaurant, which is now my favourite restaurant. I would recommend it to you, but I have forgotten the name. Anyway, I know it may sound a bit... I don't know, strange, but I ~~feel~~ ^{see} I have changed/matured. I feel I have opened my eyes to God's world. I have started using the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in my daily life. //

First, you knew my baby cousin was ill. You saw her. After my Confirmation we received news she was to make a speedy recovery! I am in wonder and awe of how God ~~can~~ respond to our prayers, especially after we have opened our eyes to his excellence. //

Secondly, we have been much busier in school as well as home. Maths is just as it's always been, English is still fun, but R.E. has changed. Not in a bad way! I feel I have become more understanding in how to live my life. I find it easier to comprehend work and I know how to ask God for help when I need it. //

Again, a scenario in school. It was one of those days where everyone was hot and tired. Two children were arguing about a water bottle. Everyone was gathered in a circle around them, chanting 'Fight, fight, fight.' Suddenly I felt very uncomfortable and I realised I didn't like them arguing, so I stopped them. They stopped soon enough. I believe this is fortitude. Courage. //

Next, the two said I could decide who would get the bottle. //

I thought long and hard about this, and then I walked away. They seemed surprised at first but then saw me talking to the teacher. I will not doubt God and the decision he helped me make. I do not doubt I made the right judgment. //

The next gift, I presume, would be piety, or reverence. To do this I have been praying more frequently. Every morning, lunchtime, dinner time and bedtime. In-between if I need to. I also make sure I go to Mass every ~~questio~~ Sunday, and ~~if~~ if I can't I do extra praying. //

I believe I have also ~~wisend~~. Wisened - I can use stories from the Bible and adapt them to modern life and use them according to others, and ~~my~~, experiences. //

I also believe my knowledge of God has grown. I know I can trust him and never doubt him, and he will help me whenever I am in need. //

Thank you for the advice on Confirmation and helping me through it. You are truly my best friend. Did you get this spelling as well? Did you feel God had recognised you? If you didn't that's fine, but if you did thanks for everything. //

From
Elose

2 (re) Daw Elose. I'm glad you didn't put 'yellaw' for your evaluation this time. Inherent understanding of the gifts! //

Next, as a class we explored the words that inspired us from the Act of Faith, Hope and Love Prayers...



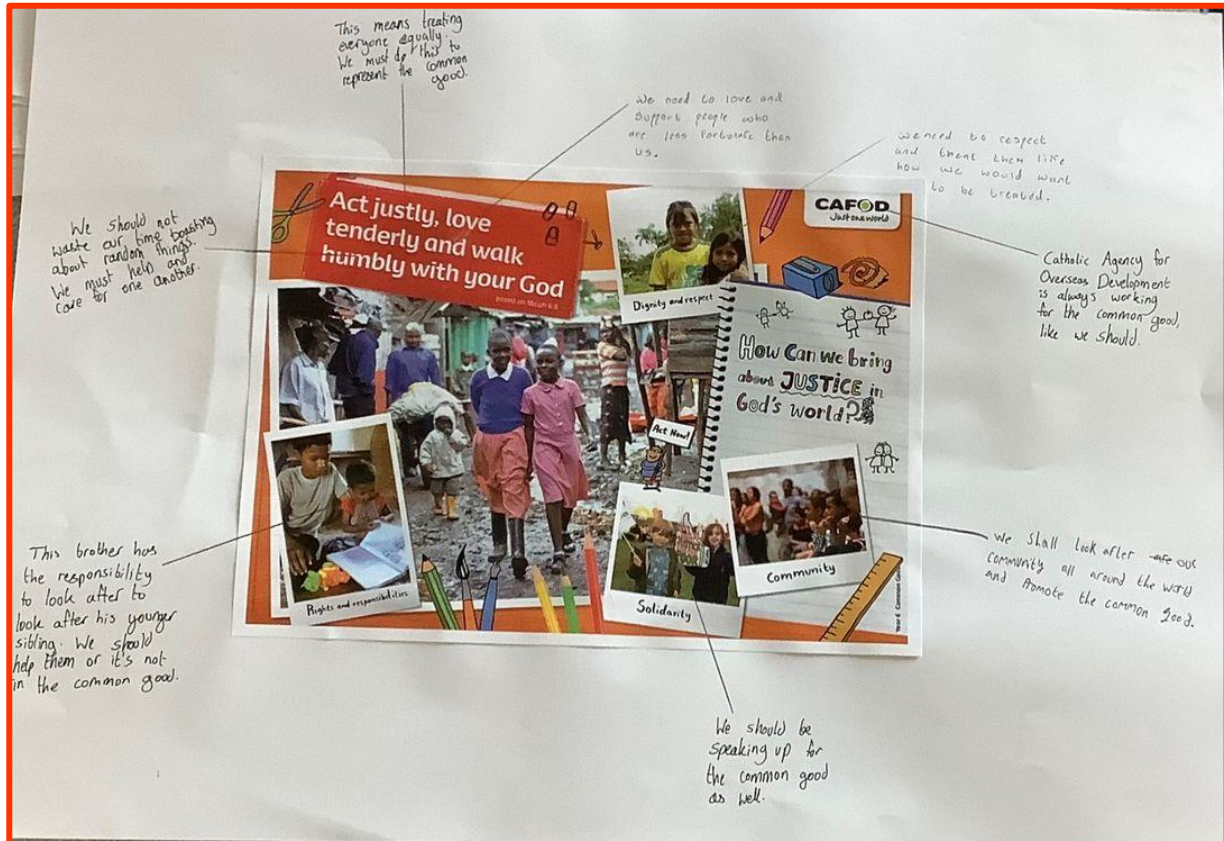
We learned how Stephen and other Saints bore witness to their beliefs and finally described how charities witnessed their Christian Faith through their work.



Branch Six: Dialogue and Encounter

At the end of their primary education, year 6 pupils think about what it means to be a good neighbour, how Christians and others collaborate for justice and freedom for all people and how people share their spiritual riches.

Initially, we thought about what is the meaning of 'The Common Good' and Catholic Social Teaching?



We quickly understood that we could work together to promote unity and love.

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 AD: To know that we should work together to promote unity and love

A prayer of Unity and love

God I ask, help make our planet a better place to live ✓

I ask you to stop us being competitors, but to be brother and sisters ✓

We must work together in unity to break the barriers ✓

To ends the wars that keep our cultures distant

Being the wonderful and loving

God you are I hope we can achieve this dream ✓

Amen

Next, we learned about the term 'worldview'. We understood that it is more than a point of view. It recognises that everyone is shaped by life experiences and has beliefs that matter to them. Worldviews are not exclusive. People may hold multiple world views. We played the CAFOD auction game



First, we learned all we could about our individual: their name, age, location, occupation.

Then, we considered what that individual might need in their lives. As entities were put up for auction, we bid against other groups to obtain what we felt our person needed to improve their standard of living.



Finally, we considered our experiences in the game: our choices, what we achieved and didn't and how we felt about it.

Our group was representing Kepha Ngito He is twenty-four years old. From Kenya. We had £7 to spend. We bought a Education and a large Family because they started a community and it would be nice to have more help or people there. We bought a good education because he wanted to go to college but didn't have the money. We would have brought a some more Friends but the bidding was too high and it would raise all our money. I think it was quite unfair as the price range was different for everyone. Yes, it's terrible that communities can't afford to meet their needs.

During this topic we learned about another faith that followed a Dharmic pathway. Dharma encompasses the right way of living, righteousness, and duties that every individual has toward themselves, others, and the universe. We explored Hinduism. We recalled previous learning and then decided upon our own line of enquiry by thinking about questions we wanted answered. We presented our findings in a way of our choosing.



What are Hindu Weddings like?

By Elinor

Other Ceremonies and Celebrations

- Mehendi: The bride's hands and feet are adorned with intricate henna patterns.
- Sangeet: Families participate in a song and dance.
- Basant: A procession where the groom travels to the wedding venue often with music and dance.
- Reception: A celebratory event with music, dance and food.

Hindu weddings don't last 1 day, they could last a week!

In India, to be married the wife must be 18 or over and the husband has to be 21 or over.



A mandap, a sacred fire, prayers and the exchanging of the six vows often involving seven steps around the sacred fire often happens in a wedding. Luckily fathers do also walk the bride down the aisle.

The ceremony lasts between one and a half to three hours.

The couple receives blessings from other priest often with rice as a symbol of fertility and prosperity.



Traditional wedding dress!

A Hindu wife duties is to serve her husband and her family with love and respect.