Year 3 Spring Term Virtues

Grateful and Generous

St Ignatius Loyola (1491 -1556), founder of the Society of Jesus and Jesuit schools, developed a pathway to God and to human fulfilment which many have found helpful. The starting point for Ignatius is always gratitude – an attitude of mind that habitually notices daily blessings and the good things that happen to us, giving our lives meaning and enjoyment, and sometimes pause for thought and a nudge to put things right.

We hunted for minibeasts in the undergrowth of our forest. We made a bar chart outside to display our data. We found worms, spiders, snails, centipedes and slugs. We thanked God for our world and all the creatures in it. We talked about our duty to look after our world and all living things. We sang 'He's got the whole world in His hands.' The end point of Ignatian spirituality is generosity – the impulse to give and not to count the cost, to serve without reward, to have big hearts and great minds, to be men and women for others.
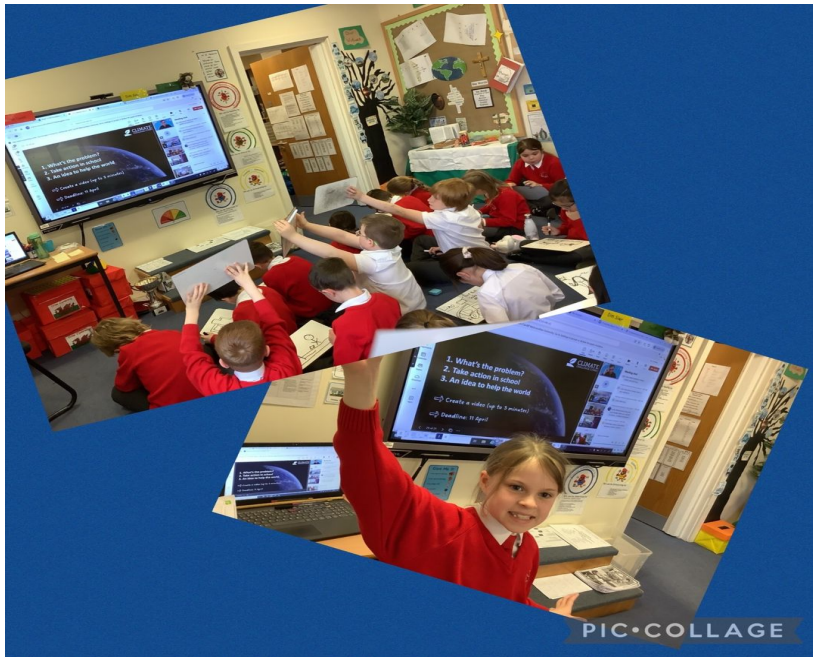
Attentive and Discerning

Ignatius tells us that we need to be attentive to the big and the small things, to the responses of other people, to the stirrings in our hearts, and to the preoccupations that thread their way through our lives.
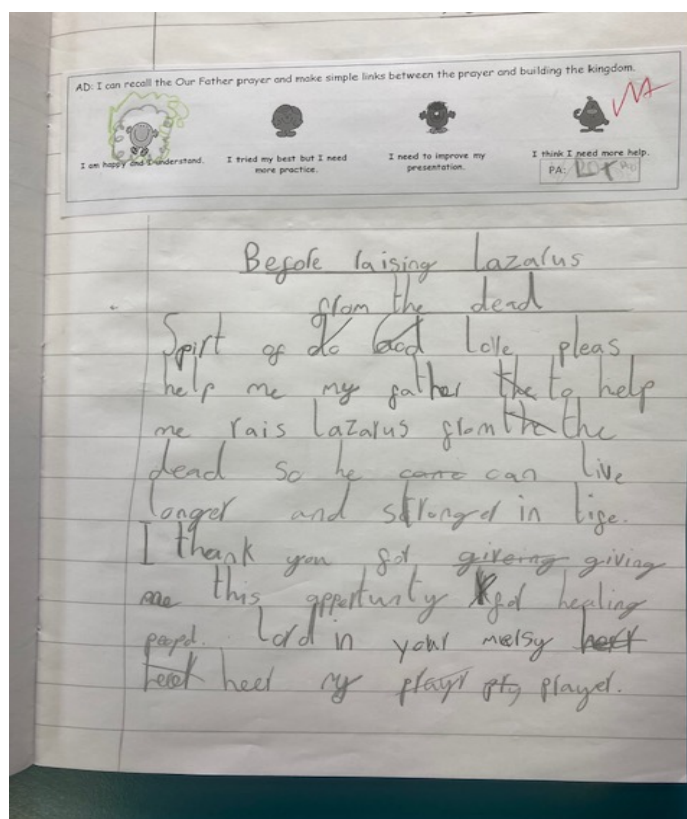
Here are our Eisteddfod winners! This is our 'Chairing of the Bard' ceremony where we celebrate the achievements of our amazing writers in St Helen's!

Being attentive takes practice; it is much easier to rush from one thing to the next, taking little time to notice anything. Once we develop the habit of being attentive, we can begin to discern what is good for us and what is not; and what God calls us to be, and to do.

We joined children across Wales in a live lesson about looking after our world. We learnt how rubbish can have a negative impact on our environment.

AD: I can recall the Our Father prayer and make simple links between the prayer and building the kingdom.

I am happy and I understand. | I tried my best but I need more practice. | I need to improve my presentation. | I think I need more help. PA:

Before raising Lazarus from the dead

Spirt of do God love pleas help me my father the to help me rais Lazarus from the the dead so he came can live longer and strongd in life. I thank you for givering giving me this appertunty Red healing papd. Lord in your melsy herT feeT heel ry playr pty playel.

The story of Lazarus being raised from the dead is linked with this virtue. We have read about this miracle and wrote prayers of thanks to God for showing us how much he cares and loves us.