

Live Simply Award

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School
2023



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“We will create a Sanctuary Space to use for reflection and prayer. We will plant flowers and herbs to attract our local wildlife and to create a tranquil space.”

Children from across the school worked with an artist to design a mural which reflects our school's mission and ethos. This was painted on the side of a building within the space.

Children who have been supported by the John Muir Award (An environmental award scheme, focused on wild places) helped to create the garden working with staff and parents.



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Our children are regularly reminded of the need to appreciate our common home and the Sanctuary Space has been an ideal location to reflect on God's creation.

The children love helping to plant flowers, herbs and trees and show a sense of awe and wonder as they continue to care for them.

CAFOD

CAFOD children's liturgy resources are used to plan collective worship. This enables all of our children to experience the Gospel message of the previous Sunday Mass, even if they do not attend Mass.

CAFOD Big Assemblies are used in our school. The children took part in the COP26 Eyes of the World campaign and more recently Year 4 pupils enjoyed the CST workshops.



Live Sustainably with Creation

“As a school we will use our Ambassadors to generate ideas to help reduce waste within our school.”

Edible Playground

We have used produce from the Edible Playground to give to our school cook to supplement school dinners.

Surplus produce has been donated to our School Foodbank.

The gardening club have harvested seeds to share with families.

The children held a plant sale, the money raised will be invested back into the Edible Garden.



On Wednesday 29th March, Y5 are holding a seed sale at 8.30-9am, in front of the school building. They will be selling Sunflower and Calendula seeds. Packets will be 10p each so please bring change if you would like to buy a packet.

Reduce Waste

Our Faith in Action group and ECO group have collaborated to set challenges throughout the year to help us reduce waste within school.

We have held walking to school weeks.

We have held water waste weeks and switch off weeks.

Staff are encouraged to print in black & white and use both sides of paper.

Letters are sent home electronically.



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Swap Shop

Some of our parent volunteers have set up a uniform shop for parents to access and reuse uniform.

Staff have a book swap set up in the staffroom.

The Faith in Action & ECO group are now planning a book swap for children.

Donations of First Holy Communion clothes have been made available to our families for a small donation. These donations have been used to support our school foodbank.



Green Flag Award

Our Eco Team have worked together to complete the seven steps required by Eco-Schools to successfully achieve Green Flag status with merit in July 2023!

Children and staff from across the school contributed in this success, through participating in litter picks, learning about the environment and animals during lessons and assemblies.

Children have opportunities throughout the year to explore plants and wildlife in our Edible Garden which they really enjoy!

As part of our John Muir award to embrace nature and take greater care of our environment, we have supplied a vast amount of empty two litre bottles to create an eco-friendly greenhouse.

Blessed Sacrament contributed the most bottles making it possible for the greenhouse to be created.



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Live in Solidarity with the Poor

“We will run a weekly Food Bank for families and staff who are struggling financially. We will support others, both locally and globally who are in need.”

Food Bank

Some of our children help to pack bags with groceries which are then collected weekly by families in need.



Harvest Collection

During Harvest Time, tinned and dried foods are collected and donated to Seel Street, this is run by the Sisters of Mercy who feed the homeless.



Christmas Hampers

Christmas hampers are donated to families in need. These are created from donations by the school community, local businesses and Cash4kids.

Live in Solidarity with the Poor

Ukraine

At the beginning of the Ukraine War, school raised funds and donated essential items for the people of Ukraine. This was delivered through collaboration with the Parish.

The Faith in Action team created prayer bags, which were donated to Blessed Sacrament Church. Parishioners could take a prayer bag and make a donation towards helping the displaced Ukrainians.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

All of the children took part in the walk. We walked a total of 2747.72km to raise money in solidarity with those who are in need globally.

