

REFLECTIONS

July gives us all an opportunity at St Joseph's to reflect on our academic year.

We have been thinking about how we have developed in our loving, learning and growing. So many new relationships have been formed, so much has been learnt and everyone has grown in their own individual way.

"I've got really good at reading."

Albie, RB

"I loved going to the Discovery Centre and finding out brand new things."

Freddie, 2F

"I loved exploring all the different stories in English because I love books so much."

Philippa, 1M



"I learnt in Year 3 how we can be kind to people. I think I am now really good at looking after others."

Harriet, 3GS

"I really loved going to Woodrow House and spending time with my friends. I learnt how to use tools to make a fire!"

Neha, 4H

"I enjoyed reading Beowulf and creating a setting description."

Harrison, 5G

"I have become more confident and independent. It has allowed me to show everyone what I can do."

Andries, 6W

PRAYERS THIS TERM:

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

St. Joseph's is our school.

Teach us Lord, to Love, Learn and Grow together.

Just as you guided your beloved son, Jesus.

Open our hearts to your plans for us and

Show us your path to follow.

Each day, help us to feel your presence among us,

Protecting us on our journey.

Holy Spirit be with us.

St. Joseph pray for us.

Amen

Dear Lord,

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God: for all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom. We thank him for the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced.

Amen

OUR FATHER
WHO ART IN
heaven
HALLOWED BE THY NAME;
THY KINGDOM COME;
THY WILL BE done
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY
OUR DAILY BREAD;
& FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES
& AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO
TRESPASS AGAINST US;
& LEAD US
NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
but deliver us
FROM EVIL.
amen

CAFOD

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

We have had a number of visits from CAFOD this year. It is always wonderful to hear about the incredible work they do to support people around the world.

Mr Nolan and Ms O'Connell visited each class this half term to teach us about Catholic Social Teaching. We look forward to exploring these further next year in assemblies, our classrooms and on retreat days.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



Stewardship of God's Creation

We believe that the earth and all its resources have been entrusted to us by God, who made us guardians of creation. Ensuring that nature is respected and managed sustainably for future generations is part of our Christian vocation.



Solidarity and The Common Good

We are all responsible for each other. It is a simple calculation: the world becomes a better place to live if we build a community where everyone can reach their full potential, through respect for each other's dignity, rights and responsibilities.



Option for The Poor and Vulnerable

We should combat poverty and promote the rights and dignity of poor and vulnerable people.



Peace

Peace is a cornerstone of our faith. Today, our troubled world is still in need of peace.



Dignity of the Human Person

Since every person is created in the likeness of God, we are called to treat every person and every creature with loving respect, seeing them as both a reflection of God and a mirror of ourselves.



Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Workers have the right to join trade unions, to a just wage, to spend time with their families and to rest. Work is an essential part of our human dignity and everyone has the right to participate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNcBCPVbYDU>

FAITH LEADERS

This year the Faith Leaders have worked so hard! They have been part of a number of Masses, visited the Oratory for a special Mass, put together a Harvest Assembly, led our Carol Concert and May Procession and created a prayer each month for The Year of Prayer. Mrs Davies has loved working alongside the team and watching them learn how to support Collective Worship in their classrooms.



The children have shared what they have enjoyed about their leadership role.

**Wearing my badge
makes me feel really
important and special.**

Teddy, Year 1

**One of my best
moments in Year 1 has
been becoming a Faith
Leader.**

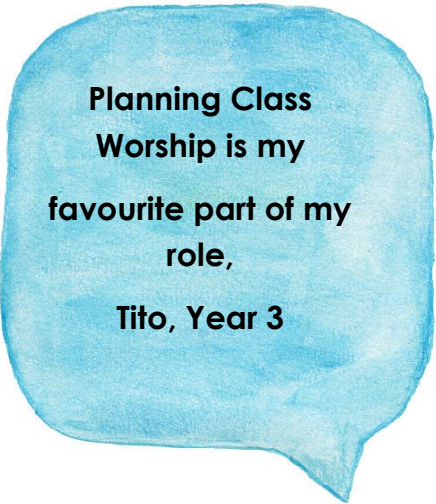
Hattie, Year 1

**When I get to lead
Collective Worship, I
feel really happy.**


Grace, Year 2

**Being a Faith Leader is good
because I can tell people
things in assembly.**

Maddox, Year 2




**Planning Class
Worship is my
favourite part of my
role,
Tito, Year 3**




**I really enjoyed helping getting all
the food ready for the Harvest
Festival.**

Reggie, Year 3




**I like being able to help
people in the community.**

Olivia, Year 4



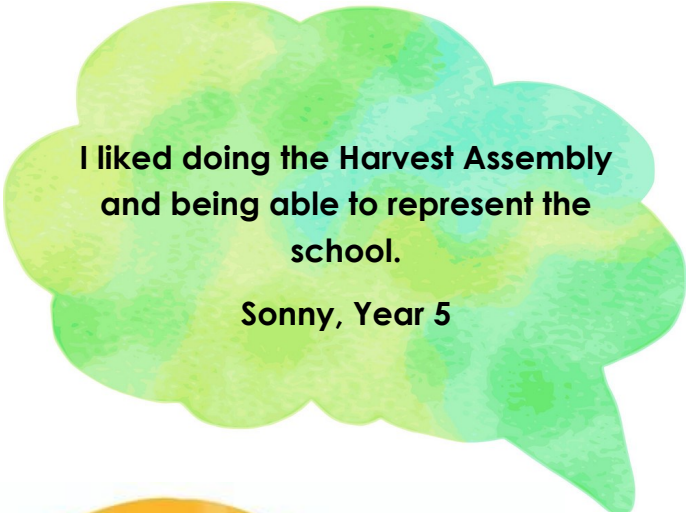
**It feels good to have an
important role and have
responsibilities.**

Cleo, Year 4



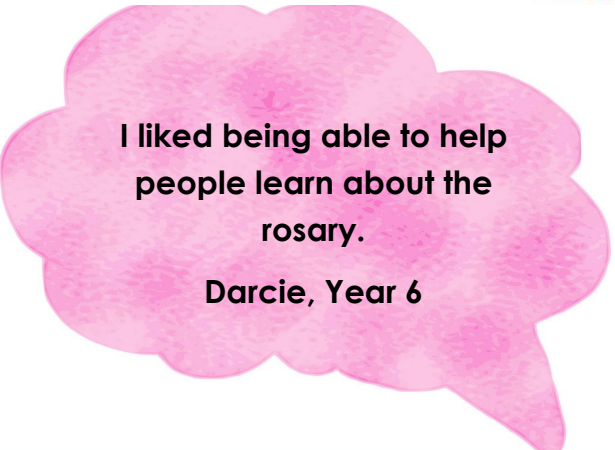
**I really loved leading the May
Procession and seeing all the flowers
everybody made.**

Sophie, Year 5



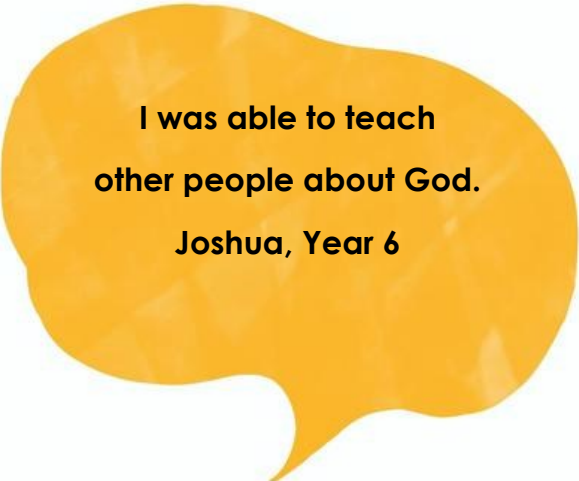
**I liked doing the Harvest Assembly
and being able to represent the
school.**

Sonny, Year 5



**I liked being able to help
people learn about the
rosary.**

Darcie, Year 6



**I was able to teach
other people about God.**

Joshua, Year 6

MONTH OF MARY

During May, we offered our prayer and thanks to Mary. As a whole school, we processed around the school grounds and gathered in the prayer garden to sing, pray and present our flowers to Mary.



YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 are getting ready for KS2, but before they take this big step they shared a liturgy with their parents. The children sang and spoke beautifully and it was so special to see how much they have grown so far.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' MASS

As our Year 6 children prepare for their next chapter, they had one final Mass to say farewell. We thank all those who have helped Year 6 throughout their journey at St Joseph's. A big thank you to parents, governors, Father Bob and Mrs Jacobson for celebrating the Mass with the children.



MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN



Dear Children,

It was such a privilege to get to know you this year. I hope you got to know me too. I celebrated Mass for each year group and I was so impressed with you all. I wish you every success for the coming year, especially those who are leaving. I remember well when I left to go to secondary school, it is a big change but one that I am sure you will be able for. Do enjoy the summer. I look forward to seeing most of you next academic year.

Fr John McGowan