

St Joseph's Journal

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Lent.

a season of renewal

As we begin this season of Lent, let us see it as an opportunity for renewal. The entire Church prepares for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum, and we are asked to make special efforts to pray, do penance, and do good works. Every day of the forty-day Lenten season is an opportunity to live simply and prepare for Easter.

We are called to:

Pray

Fast

Give

EnviroLENT

During Lent last year Bishop John called on us all to reconsider our role in caring for creation and the environment. As you know, this is a concern that our school have prioritised and continue to develop. This Lent, to build on this good work, we will once again be reflecting on our responsibility to care for our common home. We will be using a series of resources called **EnviroLENT** which we also hope to share with the Parish.

Each week during Lent we will focus on practical actions centred around a different R:

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rewild and Reclaim.

The posters will feature around school but if you would like to take a larger copy home, please call into the office to collect one.

Focus 1: Reduce

This week, think about how you can reduce the things you use all year round to help us all to protect our planet. What could you pledge to use less of? A few ideas can be seen on the poster.

What can you do?

Speak with a friend and choose one thing you can reduce in your life. During Lent, make a promise with each other to try to use it less. At Easter, think about whether you can carry on with your action.

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ENVIROLENT: REDUCE

This Lent, lots of us will be giving something up. Maybe for you it's chocolates or maybe it's your favourite video game. This week, think about how you can reduce the things you use all year round to help us all to protect our planet. What could you pledge to use less of? Here are just a few ideas.

REDUCE ELECTRICITY

Simple acts add up. Make sure that when you leave a room you turn off the lights and don't leave your computer or video console on standby.

REDUCE WATER

Don't waste water. When you're brushing your teeth, don't leave the tap running. It's also important to understand why water is so important and how much of it our daily tasks use.

REDUCE STUFF

Do you ever buy clothes or things you don't need? Clothes go on a long journey before they get to our shops. Before you make that next purchase, think about whether you could go without, or buy it second-hand.

REDUCE PLASTIC

We can all try to reduce the amount of plastic we use. Whether it's bottles, straws, toothbrushes or technology, you can play your part in reducing the amount of single use plastic in the world.

THINK ABOUT IT

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DID YOU KNOW?

In the UK last year, 7.7 billion plastic bottles were thrown away. Help reduce this number by carrying around your own reusable water bottle!

Attendance Target 97.0%

Beech	95.6%	Elm	97.6%	Oak	90.0%
Cedar	96.7%	Larch	95.4%	Acorns	91.5%

Whole School Attendance this week 95.0%

Whole School Attendance YTD 95.6%

Lenten Pledges

Children across the school have been reflecting on how they can fulfil our mission statement of following in the footsteps of Jesus this Lent.





Beech Dexter H - Having a superb attitude all week

Cedar Jasmine - Super learning & super listening

Elm Whole class - Improvisation and resilience to changes in class due to flooding

Larch Natalia - Always ready to work & always on task

Oak Y5's - Really well behaved on Dynamic Day at BT



Beech James - Brilliant problem solving

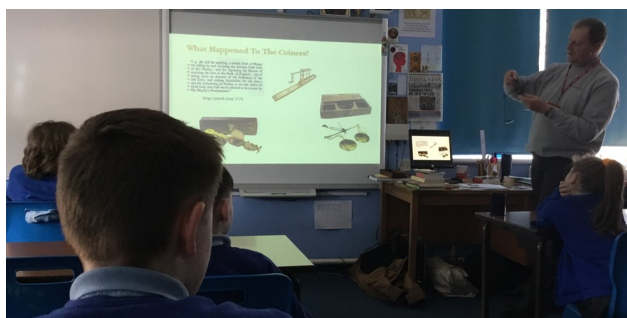
Cedar Eden - Fantastic PE and amazing Yoga

Elm Nancy - Beautiful recount in English

Larch Zofia - Well made sewing

Oak Maks - RE work

Visit from Steve Hartley



Oak class would like to say a big thank you to Steve Hartley. Steve visited the school this week to share his knowledge of the Cragg Vale Coiners, show us examples of clipped coins, and various items he has collected that are linked to the Coiners. Steve is a direct descendant of King David Hartley, the leader of the Coiners. It was a wonderful visit that helped bring our local history work to life and has inspired us all to continue our work on the coiners.



KS2 Google Internet Safety Assembly

To make the most of the internet, children need to make smart decisions. Google provided an assembly for our KS2 children this week and taught them how to be 'Internet Legends'. The focus was to empower children to use the web safely and wisely, so they can be confident explorers of the online world. The assembly was not only very informative but engaging too. The children have been left a game to play without subscription that can be found simply by typing 'Be Internet Legends' into the google search bar.



Year 5 Dynamic Day

Year 5 had a wonderful day at Blessed Trinity for their dynamic day. They experienced life at high school and the lessons they can look forward to such as science and drama. We were very pleased to hear many staff from Blessed Trinity comment on how well behaved and enthusiastic they were.



Uniform Consultation

Due to flooding, our uniform consultation had to be postponed. This will now be taking place on Thursday 5th March. There will be two short presentations, one at 3:45pm and again at 5pm. Your opinions are appreciated and welcome. If you are unable to attend on Thursday but would like to complete a survey, please inform the office. Thank you.



We're all very excited about World Book Day, are you ready...



Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Thursday 5th March - Uniform Consultation with parents 3:45pm and 5pm

Thursday 5th March - Sacramental Programme meeting for parents and children at 6:30pm in church