



St Joseph's Journal

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EnviroLENT

Last week we published the first of our EnviroLENT areas of focus, following the invitation from Bishop John to reconsider our role in caring for creation and the environment.

Each week during Lent we will focus on different practical actions:

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 2: Reuse

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What can you do?

Look for ways this week we can repair our own items or share and swap items with others to reuse them more frequently. Have you already made an Ecobrick this year? If you haven't why don't you try to collect enough plastic this week and follow the instructions on the poster to make your own?

DIocese of Salford

ENVIROLENT: REUSE

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REUSE: REPAIR

Could you host a repair cafe in your parish? Or could your parish craft group help by donating an afternoon to repairing clothes for a charity donation?

REUSE: SHARE

Instead of throwing something away, think could I share my belongings, tools, books or clothes with others in my community?

REUSE: SWAP

Grab your clothes and host a swap shop in your parish. That way, you're getting the joy of something new without overwhelming yourself with new belongings and increasing your carbon footprint.

LEARN ABOUT IT

WHAT'S AN ECOBRICK?

An ecobrick is a building block made entirely from unrecyclable plastic. It's created by filling a plastic bottle with clean, dry plastic until it's packed tightly and can be used as a building block. At St John's RC Primary, Chorlton, pupils made a bench out of their eco bricks. What could you make?

ACT

1. Decide on a project to build with your ecobricks
2. Get an empty, clean milk bottle
3. Whenever you are about to throw away waste like crisp packets, cling film and food wrappers, cut it into tiny bits and stuff into your milk bottle
4. When it is very full, donate it at your drop off - perhaps in partnership with your local parish - and begin to build!

Cedar Class Trip

As part of our class topic in Cedar class 'Terrific Todmorden', we went for a walk around our beautiful Town. We visited the town Hall and were given a guided tour, next we went to see inside the Hippodrome, we went back stage and under the stage, the children thought it was very exciting.



Coronavirus Advice



Public Health
England

Please be reassured that school are receiving regular updates from Public Health England via the Local Authority and are following all advice given. Please see posters around school for how you can help to protect your children from contracting the virus and feel free to speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns.

Attendance Target 97.0%

Beech	95.6%	Elm	96.9%	Oak	96.2%
Cedar	96.7%	Larch	94.6%	Acorns	90.2%

Whole School Attendance this week 96%

Whole School Attendance YTD 95.6%

Soup Lunch in aid of CAFOD

Families, Parishioners and Governors are warmly invited to join us for a soup lunch each Friday during Lent at 12:15pm

We will simply ask for a minimum donation of £2 for CAFOD, funding lifesaving work overseas. Please book your place each week via the office.





Beech Patryk - Always having a fantastic attitude

Cedar Damian - Great contributions in class

Elm Fizza - Fabulous confidence in Drama

Larch Benny - Helping others in class

Oak Caitlin - Effort and working hard across all subjects



Beech Dexter P - Brilliant computing skills

Cedar Olivia - Understanding tricky word problems in Maths

Elm Katelyn - Beautiful homework presentation

Larch Nicola - A lovely RE piece about gathering

Oak Jakub - English work

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
5 MARCH 2020

We've had a fantastic day this Thursday sharing our favourite stories with one another and listening to a special storytime given by each of the teachers. Thank you



for all the support you have given to make this day such a celebration of reading for the children. World Book Day at St Joseph's provided an extra treat for our children as Morrisons have given us a variety of books for use throughout the school. Pictured are some of our children gratefully receiving these books with Mrs Green and also Kayleigh who is the Community Champion for Morrisons Todmorden. Research has shown that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's success, more than their family circumstances, parental backgrounds or income (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development). Through reading we can learn about the world we live, spark our imaginations and journey to a place that gives us 'space' from our busy lives. Stories are for everyone, anywhere, anytime. We are so grateful to Morrisons for their generous donation of books to our school this World Book Day and are certain that the children will love them all.

Mission Together Boxes for Lent



This Lent we are collecting for Mission together, Missio, which is the official charity for overseas mission for Pope Francis.

If you are fasting from something like chocolate or fizzy drinks this Lent, we are asking that you save some of the money you would have spent on those items and donate that money to Mission Together. What God gives us is not meant for us to just keep to ourselves, we are called to share with others especially the poor, again following the example of Jesus.

Claire from the charity visited our school to share the important work Missio do as a charity. Claire is going to come back to our school towards the end of Lent so it would be wonderful to be able show her that we have been thinking about her work and those that the charity helps during Lent.

Bob Boxes in use!

We have reports from a grandparent that they have blue tits nesting in their garden. They have set up home in one of the "Bob Boxes" built by our pupils at last works work-shops

Uniform Surveys have gone home in bookbags for those who were unable to attend the presentation evening. If you haven't already completed one, please have your say and return to school by Friday 20th March. Thank you.



Tuesday 10th - Rosary in church at 8:50am all welcome

Tuesday 10th - 'Best Friends Forever' Performance for KS2 children - no donation necessary

Thursday 12th—Stations of the Cross in church all welcome

Thursday 12th - Swimming gala—children required have been notified by letter.

Thursday 12th—Sacrament of Reconciliation at church –pm

Friday 13th—Oak Class trip to Hidden Gem, Manchester—please see separate letter and consent form.