

# Articles of FAITH

*In the first of a regular weekly column, our Head Teacher muses on our Christian Distinctiveness.*

It's been a busy week as usual at Yoxall St Peter's, with the children celebrating **STEM Week**, investigating all things scientific, technological, engineering and mathematical. It refreshed the debate amongst children of our recent topic in RE, looking at the differences and similarities in Cosmology and the Creation stories in the Bible.

In RE, we have been exploring **what Easter means to Christians**. We kicked this off with a moving performance by the Open the Book team, who came into school to give their version of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The children took part as disciples and crowd and the children enjoyed waving palm fronds that had come from the Holy Land. Father Jeremy started the week off with his homily that introduced the theme of the week. It is always lovely to welcome him into our school and the children look forward to his visits.

In Reception, the children are looking at why Christians put a cross in an Easter garden. In KS1 the children are looking more closely at the Easter story, analysing the events that led up to the crucifixion and looking at the motifs and values that are demonstrated throughout the stories. KS2 are looking at the emotions and messages in the story and will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of Mary.

## Making Links



**We'd love to make links with Churches around the world. If you have any links to Churches or Schools in other countries, could you let the office know? We'd like to write letters and link up via video!**

We are proud to report that our children are leading on a number of **Courageous Advocacy** projects. Sophia and Megan in Class Five have written an eloquent and poignant letter to myself, highlighting the perils facing the environment and expressing a wish to raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund – a charity very close to my own heart - and I am pleased to say that I wholeheartedly support their endeavours. The letter is reproduced in full here. We will let you know when the sale is to be held!

Class 4 have also written to me, asking if they could have a **fundraising day for Cancer Research**. Again, I am more than happy for this to go ahead. They have lots of fun activities planned to raise funds for this important charity. As many of you will be aware, our dear governor Angela Grandfield passed away last year. We shall dedicate the

day to her and her esteemed memory. Thank you Class 4.

The children have also been collecting items **to help refugees from Ukraine**. The sight of bags full of nappies and baby wipes is extremely moving. Thank you children.

I am so proud of our children. All visitors to school comment on how polite and caring the pupils are; they embody our **Christian Values** every day and we are blessed to have been given the position of caring for them.

Finally, some exciting news' from the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March, we will be inviting ALL OF YOU to join us every Wednesday for our **Wednesday Worship** via Teams. An invite will be going out on Friday for the first service which will be on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

We want to make Wednesday Worship a child-led service. We are sending questionnaires home for children to say what themes they would like to explore in worship – do help them fill these in and return by next Monday.

**Our Mother's Day Assembly** is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and it will be the first time we have invited parents into school for a gathering for almost 2 years! Thereafter, parents are invited (as used to be the case) to **our Friday Celebration Worship**. This will move to the original time of 2.45pm and will also be on TEAMS, which will hopefully give many more parents and carers a chance to join in the celebrations. Invitation is strictly via the children's TEAMS logins.

*Have a lovely weekend, everyone. See you next week!*

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Tuesday 1st of March

Dear Mr Draper,

We are writing to request your support for a charity event we would like to hold in order to raise money to save the species on the decline. As I am certain you are aware, many marvellous animals are rapidly decreasing in numbers. Therefore, change is needed and you can help!

We have a strong passion for animals and the environment and we are aware of the ongoing issues and struggles of climate change, global warming, deforestation, loss of biodiversity and more. For those reasons, we have an urging desire to make a difference and have a positive impact on our planet. More than one million species are at risk because of climate change and 1.2 trillion tons of ice have been lost due to global warming, so many problems, so much we'd like to help solve.

For us to save a percentage of our environment, we would

I like to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) by holding a bake sale. As the supportive head teacher that you are, I know you will consider your consent to allowing this to take place. We would like to propose to hold the bake sale as school finishes one Friday. All we are asking for is your permission and advertisement of our event in the weekly school news letter.

Please be assured that all preparation and clearing our dedicated area will be done by us as will be the set up of our stall. Could you please let us know as soon as possible whether this event could go ahead.

Many Thanks,

Megan Sophia

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