

Welcome to our Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT's newsletter for our 36 primary and secondary academies across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City

Spring/Summer 2022

Newsletter

Working together to support Ukraine



Academies across the Trust have rallied to support the humanitarian disaster unfolding in Ukraine.

Since March, our communities within our Trust academies have come together to donate 1000s of bags and boxes of much needed supplies to the people in Ukraine.

At All Saints' Catholic Academy Mansfield, students spoke to ITV News to build awareness and encourage more donations. In response to the donation efforts, the academy recently received a Community and Youth Commendation from the Mayor of Mansfield for the impact the appeal has had in the wider community.



St Mary's Catholic Academy in Hyson Green, Nottingham featured on BBC East Midlands news, showing their powerful Wall of Peace – personal prayer doves surrounding the outside of the school.

Hanya Postolan, a teacher at St Mary's, has immediate family in Ukraine. The academy felt that the Wall of Peace was a small gesture for the local community to know that the academy was thinking of all those who are affected by conflict especially in Ukraine.



Following a local shoe box appeal for Ukrainian children, St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Boughton, received 125 boxes filled with treats to send to Ukrainian families.

The school also organised a candle-lit vigil with prayers for Ukraine inviting other local churches and community groups to participate.

Families affected by the conflict in Ukraine urgently need food, water, and shelter.

CAFOD is working closely with Caritas Ukraine, Caritas Poland and others, who are already there delivering practical help to those most in need.

You can be part of the response by giving to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal at: cafod.org.uk/Ukraine

Platinum Jubilee celebrations

From writing letters to the Queen, to charity fundraising and crown making competitions – this year's Platinum Jubilee was a fantastic opportunity for classes to come together and share in a host of celebrations.

A special mention to Y4 pupils at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Academy, Bulwell were one of only two Nottinghamshire schools to have had their bunting design chosen to feature as part of the Platinum Jubilee Pageant!

The Trust have also celebrated the Queen's 70 year reign by gifting all of our academies with a Jubilee tree to commemorate this memorable year.



Our Lady's, Bulwell



St Joseph's, Boughton



St Teresa's, Aspley



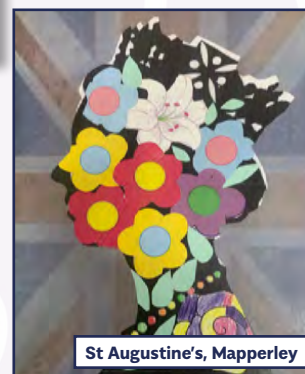
Holy Trinity, Newark



St Mary's, Hyson Green



Sacred Heart, Carlton



St Augustine's, Mapperley



St Joseph's, Shirebrook



St Patrick's, Wilford



St Edmund Campion, West Bridgford



St Margaret Clitherow, Bestwood



The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe



Holy Cross, Hucknall



St Hugh's, Lincoln

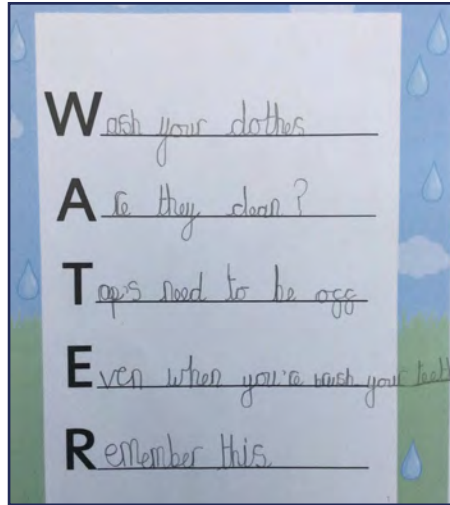
Holy Trinity awarded Eco-Schools Green Flag

Holy Trinity Catholic Academy, Newark are celebrating after being awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit – an international award for excellence in environmental action and learning.

The academy has an active Eco-Committee, with pupil representatives from across the school, that work proactively to promote projects around energy, global citizenship and waste.

Eco-Schools were really impressed with their excellent eco curriculum, amazing school garden and significant Forest School provision as well as their links with nearby Sconce Park.

Well done to all at Holy Trinity for the great work you do in raising awareness and working together to understand how to tackle environmental issues.



Holy Cross Parents Friends Group fundraising success



Holy Cross Catholic Academy Parents Friends Group have successfully raised £13,000 to pay towards a mental health and well-being 'rainbow retreat' pod.

The group, with support from the academy community, worked hard to raise funds for the project and applied for grants from organisations including Persimmon Homes Community Champions and The Co-Op Community Dividend fund.

St Teresa's parents raise money for sun safety



Parents at St Teresa's Catholic Academy, Aspley have raised over £800 to buy sun safety kits for their school and other primaries within our Trust.

By getting sponsored to walk 100 miles each in a month, the group successfully raised enough to buy Factor 50 sunscreen dispensers and sun stations from a local sun safety project, www.sunsafeschools.co.uk

Thanks to all involved in this important initiative.

The Good Shepherd PTA fund outdoor gym



Following a number of fundraising activities at The Good Shepherd Catholic Academy, Woodthorpe, the academy's Parent Teacher Association were able to donate £5,136 for the installation of an outdoor gym.

Situated in the KS1 playground, all of the school community have the opportunity to access the very popular equipment.

Well done to the community for getting behind the fundraising efforts.

Thank you to our retirees

This summer term, we will be saying a fond farewell to ten long-serving colleagues across our Trust academies. Your hardwork and diligence have greatly benefitted young people in our academies and we hope you find the same happiness and success in you retirement as you did during your time working in our academies:



Sally Butkevicius
Holy Cross, Hucknall
17 years service



Gillian Maloney
Our Lady, Bulwell
14 years service



Annie Ward
St Margaret Clitherow, Bestwood
14 years service



Mary Dennis
St Margaret Clitherow, Bestwood
10 years service



Joanna Defina
Blessed Robert, Clifton
17 years service



Susan Newham
The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe
40 years service



Lisa Brown
The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe
34 years service



Glynis Scorer
The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe
17 years service



Mary Parr
The Trinity, Aspley
34 years service



Sarah Wilkinson
The Trinity, Aspley
30 years service



OLPS Green Racing team

Pupils from Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Academy, Bulwell have spent an incredible five months building an electric racing car to race at a competition.

Building the car began after pupils won a competition ran by The University of Nottingham to design an environmentally friendly method of transport for the future.

Since February, pupils have stayed after school to work as part of an Engineering club. Each week, they have built the chassis of the car with every nut and bolt fixed in place by the pupils with support from the Power Electronics and Machines Centre

team at the University. Once the car was complete, pupils set to finding recycled materials to design the body work.

After undergoing tests, the car was safe to drive and the team competed in drag and slalom challenges and a head-to-head sprint against 30 other schools at Curborough Sprint, Staffordshire.

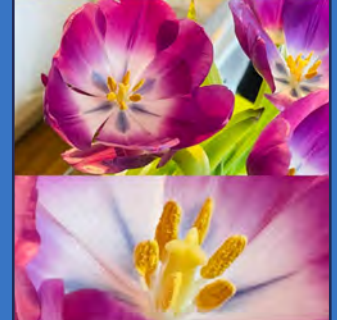
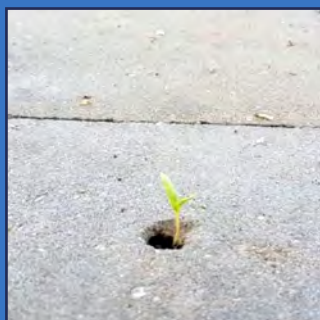
Headteacher Fiona Wadsley, said: "We are so proud to be the only school in Nottingham taking part in this incredible project.

"Our children have really enjoyed working collaboratively to design and build an electronic buggy. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our children."

Budding photographers capture 'Growth' in British Science week

Pupils from across our Trust primaries got behind this year's British Science Week by capturing photos of what is growing near to them linked to the theme of 'Growth'.

Thank you to all those that took part!



St Augustine's slippery science

Pupils at St Augustine's Catholic Academy, Mapperley enjoyed a fun packed British Science Week, getting up close to lots of unusual visitors.

The White Post Farm roadshow bought in rabbits, snakes and a tarantula for pupils to find out more about each species.



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IN BUNKPURUGU

Back in 2016, The Becket Catholic Academy, West Bridgford, formed a link with the parish of Our Lady of Hope in Bunkpurugu, Northern Ghana to build a new school in this remote and isolated region.

Only 50% of young people have access to primary education in this area.

Now after six years, and over £70,000 raised, the building work is almost complete.

Many thanks to all our academies and their communities for their ongoing contributions to The Becket fundraising – an incredible legacy for these young people.

Safer Internet competition

During Safer Internet Week earlier this year, academies across the Trust were invited to take part in a competition around the theme of 'All fun and games?' – exploring respect and relationships online.

We asked our young people to think how they could play their part to create a kind and supportive internet, including things they can say to support others online, words or questions that they

could use to include others in online activities and illustrations of what a better, more inclusive and respectful internet could look like.

We had some amazing entries and over the last couple of weeks, our Director of IT, Will Ottewell, has had the great task of visiting our academies to present Amazon Kindle Fire devices as prizes to pupils who were picked from entries across the Trust.

We have lots of useful resources on our Trust website offering online safety advice for parents, carers and children.

Find out more by visiting our website here:

www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/our-trust/safeguarding/e-safety

