

100th Anniversary of World War One

Poppies

This dreadful war took place in Europe from 1914–1918.

Many bombs exploded in fields and turned all the soil over.

After the war, poppies started to grow. So now on Remembrance Day (also called Armistice Day) we wear a poppy on our top, dress, blazer, jumper or cardigan to remember the people who bravely died for us.

This year is a very special year as it is the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War One. We always support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal during the month of November.



St Francis Xavier—patron saint of our Catholic Education Trust

Francis Xavier was born in Javier, Spain in 1506. Francis Xavier was a companion of St Ignatius and one of the first 7 Jesuit priests. He is one of the greatest missionaries of modern times and was very important in establishing Christianity in India and Japan. Francis Xavier's feast day is December 3rd. It is estimated that he baptised over 30,000 people during his missionary work as he introduced people to the love of Jesus. We aim to follow St Francis Xavier's example by sharing the love and compassion of Jesus with everyone we meet.



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This is Mary, the mother of Jesus.

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October, the month of The Holy Rosary

October along with May are the months of Mary. These are special months where we can think about mothers and how important they are in our lives. Mary was no ordinary mother, she was the mother of Jesus Christ our Lord. The color of this month is blue. Mary, as any mother would be, was very important in Jesus' life she helped shape the person Jesus became.

Value of the month: LOVE

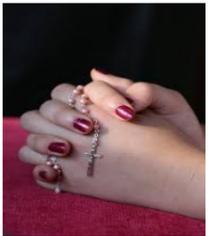


Corinthians 13:5-7

Love is patient, love is kind. Love is the

most important gift we can ever share.

The Rosary helps us reflect on the lives of Mary Our Blessed Mother and of Jesus, her Blessed Son and the Son of God. When praying the Rosary, we reflect on the 20 mysteries: 5 joyful, 5 sorrowful, 5 glorious and 5 luminous. The prayers of the Rosary are The Hail Mary, The Our Father, The Glory Be and the Apostles Creed. We can pray using our rosary beads. During October we have a special devotion to Mary on the main corridor and in our prayer corners.



There are many important shrines around the world dedicated to Mary. These include:

Lourdes (France)

Fatima (Portugal)

Knock (Ireland)

Medjugorje (Bosnia)

Guadalupe (Mexico)

St Francis Xavier...the patron saint of our multi-academy trust. How much do you know about him? See inside!

Pope Francis recently canonised Oscar Romero. This means he made him a saint. Oscar Romero did a lot of fantastic work to support the poor and needy in El Salvador. Two of his famous quotes are "The people with a voice must speak for the voiceless" and "Aspire not to have more but to be more." Oscar Romero certainly did this. But, because of his faith and work, he was shot dead in a hospital chapel in San Salvador in 1980.



Prayer corners.

Prayer corners are so important in our school, they help us reflect on the liturgical year. Our liturgy leaders keep our prayer corners tidy, neat, organized and up to date. The colours of the liturgical year are green, purple and white. We can add blue for Mary during the months of October and May.



Liturgy leaders

Our liturgy leaders look after our prayer corners and help with all things religious. Each class has two liturgy leaders, they take care of anything religion related and improve their prayer corners. Because there were so many volunteers year six have enough liturgy leaders to support each classroom. The year six liturgy leaders are: Harriet, Rosa, Bella, Hannah, Keira, Adam, Lexi, Xixi, Amoya, Thomas, George, Alfie, Harry, Joe, Luke, Harry, Brandon, Patrick, Connor, Aoife, Abigail, Emma, Ellen and Ollie.

Holy family flames

Each class has a Holy Family Flame chosen by the teachers or pupils every month. Holy family flames are chosen because they have been recognised for sharing the light of Jesus.. There is also a special head teacher flame for those who have not just impressed the teachers but have also amazed the head teacher! Towards the end of the month the flames have a special lunch in the library with Mrs O'Neil and or Mr Tindall. The Holy Family flames for September are; Esmee-Olivia King in Reception Madeleine Kelly in Year 1, William Hounsell in Year 2 Grace Clark in Year 3, Antoni Swigut in Year 4, Eva Clarke in Year 5, XiXi Hu in Year 6 and Emma Bleta won the Head teacher's award, Emma won this award after being the last flame for year 5, this shows how kind she is to others.



Advent- preparing for the birth of Jesus

Advent is a time for you to reflect on the year you have had, it is a time for you to think about Jesus and his birth, we think about what Jesus means, love, forgiveness, peace and faith, these are a tiny fraction of the things Jesus, Our Lord stands for. During Advent, we think about those who are less

fortunate than us, we try and help them by supporting charities like Mary's Meals-a charity that helps to give food to the people without it- and Save the Children-a charity that helps children around the globe to have the best life they can. People think about Advent as many different things,

but we can all agree that Advent is a special time as we wait for Jesus' birth.

The liturgical colour for Advent is purple so our school prayer corners are decorated with purple cloths.

For more information about Advent, please look out for the next edition of The Flame.



Harvest Mass donations

Harvest donations help so many people around the world it's incredible, all we have to do is give a very tiny amount of our ever-growing amount of food. If everyone does this, then so many people could be helped, lives could be saved—all of this could happen if you just give a small amount of food- tinned in packets or in boxes - there could be a big change. This year, like every year, there is a mass in the church which takes place on the 19th of October. where each child takes in at least one piece of food to help the community. We sing songs about our food and how much we appreciate it. We thank God in song and in prayer.

School Prayer

We join together to pray as a family. Shine your bright light on us to protect us with all your loving care. Help us to do our best in all we do, to stand up for our beliefs, to work and play happily together. Help us to be grateful for all the things we have to help us learn. May we show our gratitude by looking after our school. Help us not to criticise each other or be unkind, but instead to love and care for each other in the way you taught us. May we live up to our school name living each day as one happy and Holy Family.

Amen

