HEARTWARMING HARVEST MASS

By Lucia

On Wednesday, 11th October, there was an inspiring Mass about Harvest held in the Church. Harvest is a time when we think about people less fortunate than ourselves. Unsurprisingly, on the day the Church was jammed with children and parents! There was a huge variety of harvest offerings on display, which shows the generosity of the children and their eagerness to make poverty history! Also, during the mass, Mrs Ridguard-Thomas officially became a Eucharistic Minister, which was very exciting for her as she has always worked really hard towards the parish and setting up school Masses! After speaking to her after the harvest celebration, she told us, “I hope the children will take away the understanding that we are in a fortunate position and to remember that we are all equal.” The children were clearly enthused by the Mass, too, as Celine from 6P commented, “I think it’s important to give others food so they get enough nutrition as we are all equal and we should treat others as we would like to be treated!” We would like to give a huge thank you to those who have helped Harvest 2017 once again be a successful day: Mrs Ridguard-Thomas who organised the mass; Mrs Hynes and the orchestra who played beautifully; Mrs Walker for helping to deliver the collection to the local food bank; and the parish, without you we couldn’t have done it! Finally, we would also like to say thanks to every single one of YOU who donated and supported the effort this year.

Collaborate with CAFOD

By Caitlin

On Thursday, 5th October, Rodger came once more to our school to tell us about the annual CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) initiative: the Harvest Fast Day. In the morning, everyone gathered into the hall, where Mrs Ridguard-Thomas introduced the assembly with a reading. This was followed by Rodger, who frequently represents CAFOD in the assemblies. He spoke about the annual event of the Harvest Fast Day, and how we should brighten up and donate money, even if it is a minimal amount. Rodger also told us about the children that CAFOD has helped in El Salvador - they had been helped in poverty; gangs of thieves held every family in constant peril. This life-changing charity has helped many children by paying fees for clubs to ensure safety. He also told us about butterfly piñatas in El Salvador, and did a version of it. It reminded us about the plight for food, and our responsibility to help people in need. Janel, who is in Year 4, said it, “Taught me how to help people in poverty”. Thank you to Mrs Ridguard-Thomas for organising for CAFOD to come into our school, and to Rodger for telling us about the Harvest Fast Day, and for reminding us about the importance of helping people in poverty. Will you be up for the challenge of brightening up?

Question Time!

This week’s Big Question is:

Why are we here?

If you think you know the answer to this thought-provoking question on the meaning of life, please pass your answer on to one of the St. Bede on Tuesday journalists to be in with a chance of being in the next edition!
Friday, 29th September, saw the arrival of a cake sale in aid of Macmillan cancer support that took place in front of the year 6 building. The idea for this fundraiser came from Bethany in 6P, who wanted to hold a cake sale to raise money to support those in need. She began by proposing the idea to Mr Carroll, who instantly agreed. She then set about making a letter that told everyone at school about the upcoming event—as well as asking those in year 6 to donate their cakes for the big day. The end of the week soon arrived and, with the help of some friends, Bethany set it up, along with banners and balloons. It was not long before a whole group of children and parents came rushing in to snap the cakes up. It was a huge success, raising over £170, and so Bethany felt extremely pleased with the outcome. We asked a few teachers and children about the cake sale. Miss Begley said, “It’s brilliant. It benefits those families who are affected by this illness.” and Cabhan said, “I loved the emoji cakes—they were definitely my favourite.” A big thank you to Bethany for choosing this uplifting idea, and taking the time to put it all together.

Welcome to the Family
By Yuri & Mattia

On Thursday, 12th October, the hall was jammed with parents to watch 6P and Ladybirds’ must-see assembly. Before the big day, 6P and Ladybirds were practicing day after day so the assembly would go smoothly. Thankfully, it went all as planned and impressed everyone in the building! First off, 6P sang the brilliant song: ‘We’ve Got Some New Children’ which Caitlin beautifully played the piano to. Phoebe-Belle read a gospel reading and then then each of the year 6s talked about their new buddies. Some of the children in 6P talked about their goals; others talked about their favourite colours. The children then looped gracefully around their benches, holding candles as they reached the table so that they could place them in front of a collection of photos. Finally, they sang another amazing song called ‘Together’ with the help of Ladybirds, and soon after the magnificent assembly had ended. Mrs Adams, the Ladybirds teacher, was extremely proud and said, “Everyone who took part in the assembly was exceptional!” Miss Courtney was impressed. She said, “Lots of talents were used.” Well done 6P and Ladybirds for your amazing assembly.

This week’s art of the week goes to a MYSTERY child in the juniors. We love how they have used colour to create a ‘hot and cold’ theme. If you think you know who painted this masterpiece, please let one of the St. Bede on Tuesday journalists know.

Chocolate surprise!

Across
1. ?-Kat... Mr Parry loves them.
4. They represent a planet.
5. It has coconut in it.

Down
2. Has caramel in them.
4. They represent something in space.

Well done to Jack Gilvear in 4RT for giving spectacular answers in English and using incredible adjectives in a narrative. You are a star!