



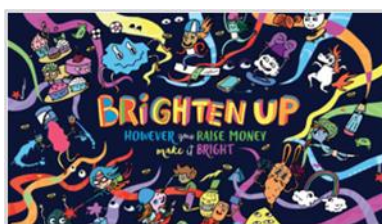
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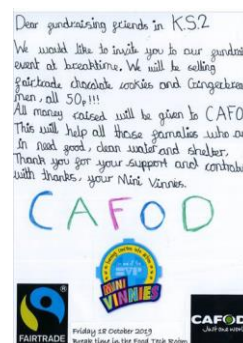
18th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a busy couple of weeks it was lovely to see the children arriving in their colourful outfits today and bringing in donations to support the 'CAFOD Family Fast'.



We also used the opportunity to promote ourselves as a 'Fairtrade' school and different groups of children made 'Fairtrade Biscuits' which were also sold to raise money for 'CAFOD'. The cookies were a great hit at 50p each.



Last Wednesday some of our 'Minnie Vinnies' took all the Harvest food, that you kindly donated for our Harvest Festival, to the Poole Food Bank.



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Then on Friday we welcomed members of St. Mary's Church SVP, some of our Governors and Mr Royles from the SVP, joined us for a whole school liturgy which involved the commissioning of our 'Mini Vinnies'. Congratulations to them all and please keep them all in your prayers as they go forth and commit themselves to helping those in need and following Jesus' command to love one another.



This week our Key Stage One children welcomed Annahita De La Mare, an author of books for children to school. Annahita read her books to the children. She really enjoyed her visit and tweeted "such a lovely school with super fun children and truly wonderful staff"



Last Wednesday we were supported by a local community running group. "GoodGymPoole" ran from Poole Park. Helped us tidy up our garden area and then ran back to Poole Park. We cannot thank them enough for their support to our school. A special thank you to Esther their leader.



If you are interested in joining GoodGymPoole you can find further details here:

<https://www.goodgym.org/areas/poole>



We were due to do more work on the pond on Saturday and had ordered 10 tonnes of rubble and soil to put into the area to fill in the holes. The soil can only be delivered to main the gate which means that we will need to transport it using wheelbarrows to the pond area. We did not have enough help and support to move 10 tonnes so have postponed till after half term. We will set a new date and hopefully be able to get more helpers and more wheelbarrows to help. A special thank you to the PTA who have paid for a new liner which hopefully we will be able to lay soon as well.



On Sunday the 20th October Bishop Mark will be celebrating Mass for 'World Mission Sunday' during the 'Extraordinary Month of the Mission' at Plymouth Cathedral. Mr Armstrong and I will be going along to this Mass to represent our whole school and parish community. Please pray for us.



October is the month of the 'Rosary'. The prayers of the Rosary that we say to God, Our parents were able to join me saying the Rosary week then please come along to join me to the chapel on Wednesday 23rd October at 3pm.



children have been learning the Lady and the Holy Spirit. Sadly no this week but if you are free next praying a decade of the Rosary in

We only need 74 more stickers for our poster for the Aldi's Kit for Schools. Thank you so much and keep sending your stickers in – we can do this!



Congratulations to Amelia in Year 5 who attended the National Championships last weekend and came 3rd with her dance partner.

Next Thursday the 'Mini Vinnies' will be organising a cake sale. Please support them generously by supplying cakes and buying them from their stall after school on Thursday. The money will be donated to a charity.



Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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Headteacher