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St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Academies Trust Lenten Service

The pupils of the St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Academies Trust enjoyed working together to provide an opportunity for the wider community to share in their Lenten journey, which allowed us all to take time to be with Jesus and relive His suffering in a service of reflection, prayer and music.

The pupils, led by Mrs Darwin, the Trust Chaplain, identified Jesus' suffering by following the Stations of the Cross, through their readings, modern day reflections, prayers and hymns. Each of the four schools were represented by readers and their school choirs.

Jasmine from The Good Shepherd read the words of Jesus:

"...I realised I had to be utterly humiliated to fully appreciate the misery some people suffer. This way, I can look them in the eye and say: 'I understand your pain. I am one with you.'"

Through this reflection, on His physical and emotional journey towards the cross, we recognised that the experiences of Jesus and the onlookers, teach us how to witness Jesus in our lives today.

All the choirs sung in adoration, having practised individually in their schools with Mrs Ro Sefton. Their harmonies filled the Cathedral as the children united to lead each hymn for the congregation. Whilst this was happening, Quaku and Isaac from Thomas Becket and St Gregory's respectively, carried the cross symbolising Jesus' journey through each of the stations around the Cathedral.

Phizana from St Mary's, reminded us of the example set by the women of Jerusalem when they showed us that true compassion means getting involved and doing everything you can to help.

The service was brought to a close by Thomas Becket's rendition of 'God so Loved the World'.

This service of reflection brought us all closer to Jesus and gave the congregation a chance to take time and reflect during the season of Lent. Thank you to the Cathedral team, all the staff, Mrs Darwin and Mrs Sefton for preparing the children on their Lenten journey. We're very proud of our children, photos are on [the school website](#).



Upcoming Events

April 1

Scholastic Book Fair – last day

April 3

Years 3-5 Easter Production dress rehearsal to the school

April 3

Local School Committee Meeting

April 4

09:30 Years 3-5 Easter Production performed to families

April 5

Years 5 & 6 Trip - Athletics Tournament

April 5

School closes to pupils until 23rd April

April 6

[Eastfield Park Spring Clean](#)

Announcement

All sports tournaments at Benham Sports Arena are open to the public, please take the time to come and cheer us on if you can!

More Important News

Making Mars Rovers

On the 11th of March 2019, a group of year 5 STEAM teams, worked together to build an awesome mars rover, which took nearly over two weeks to do. It took a lot of time to do it, using recycled objects such as: plastic, trays, lids, boxes, cardboard, glue, tape, bamboo sticks, split pins and lots more. - Riches

It was amazing I wish we could do it again all the time. The project was designed to support year 5 with STEAM skills, which are science, technology, engineering, art and maths and it was part of a space topic for design and technology. - Salma

5 Peake did their planning a few weeks before the large event. This included: learning about Mars and features of a rover, planning on what is needed and looking at diagrams. - Atipa

In the build-up to the project, they spent a few weeks planning out their design. They also collected a huge amount of recycled materials such as: cardboard, bubble wrap, tin foil, bottles and so on. Eventually, they pinned, stuck and sellotaped it together into their final designs. - Ethan

The teamwork really helped to make the day go quickly and complete the task. – Wiktorja

For the day, 5 Peake had busily collected enormous amounts of recycled materials to complete their project. This included: bottles, cardboard, toilet rolls and split pins. They glued and stuck items together and used foil to cover the rover. After this, the rovers were checked to see if they had all the things the needed. - Kacper

Year 5 enjoyed the project and are completing literacy work on the space topic. They hope the next year 5 class will enjoy it as much and maybe even more! - Ignacy

Our Community

Following a visit from CAFOD our Climate Change Champions have been identifying how together we can turn the tide. "We can treat our home with respect by leading the way, taking responsibility and forging new habits." Next term our Champs will focus on what more our school can do, however this Saturday we will be supporting Eastfield Park's Spring Clean (information overleaf).



PTFA

Thanks to our PTFA for providing our pupils with a 'Mother's Day Secret Room' to give our children the opportunity to buy a gift for their mum for Mothering Sunday on 31st March. The event has been run two years now and allows children a chance to buy a gift to surprise their mum whilst helping the PTFA to fundraise for our school and our pupils.

PTFA Easter Colouring Competition

The PTFA are running a colouring competition for all Nursery and School pupils. Colouring sheets were sent home earlier this week, spare copies are available from the School Office. Entries need to be handed in to your Class Teacher by Wednesday 3rd April. There are two prizes per class to be won. Winners will be announced in the end of term Celebration Assembly.



*Friends of
Eastfield Park*



'Spring Clean' in Eastfield Park

Saturday 6th April, 2019

Morning Session: 10.00am-12.00 noon

Afternoon Session: 1.00pm-3.00pm

**As usual we are looking for volunteers to help!
Come for one or both sessions - it's up to you!**

Collected during 2017's Spring Clean:



The FoEP have organised 'Spring Cleans' in Eastfield Park every year since 2007. Our 2019 Spring Clean is part of 'The Great British Spring Clean'. We will again concentrate on wooded areas and around the Lake - areas often overlooked by contracted litter pickers.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
Meet just inside the Skiddaw Walk entrance.
Tools and protective gloves provided.

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