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ST. BEDE'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 2023

PRAYER & LITURGY



PRAYER ROOM

At the start of the academic year, all Year 7 pupils visited our school Prayer Room. This gave pupils the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the room, helping them to see there is a quiet place in school where they can sit, reflect and talk to God.



WELCOME MASS

On the 12th October our Mass of Welcome took place in school. Year 7 pupils and parents came together to celebrate the beginning of a new school life at St Bede's.



OPEN EVENING

Members of our school GIFT team were present to explain some of the activities that take place throughout the year.



QUEEN ELIZABETH

St Bede's joined the rest of the country in mourning the loss of Queen Elizabeth II.

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THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

In December, over 60 pupils from Years 9 and 10 received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pupils attended preparation classes since October. We congratulate our pupils on taking another step on their Sacramental Journey.

PREPARATION

Father Brian and Father Gerry, along with several staff members, held classes for pupils to prepare for their Confirmation. Pupils were able to understand the nature of the Sacrament today and the importance of receiving the Holy Spirit.

CHURCH SERVICE

On Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December, at St Joseph's RC Church in Darwen, pupils who received the Sacrament were supported by family members, sponsors and the staff of St Bede's. Father Brian led the service alongside Father Gerry and Father Samson. It was great to see so many of our pupils share this important moment in our faith together.



Details about the Sacrament of Confirmation for pupils in Year 8 will be sent out to parents via Edulink. Please contact Mrs Donlon or Mr Pollard at St Bede's if you need any further information about this.



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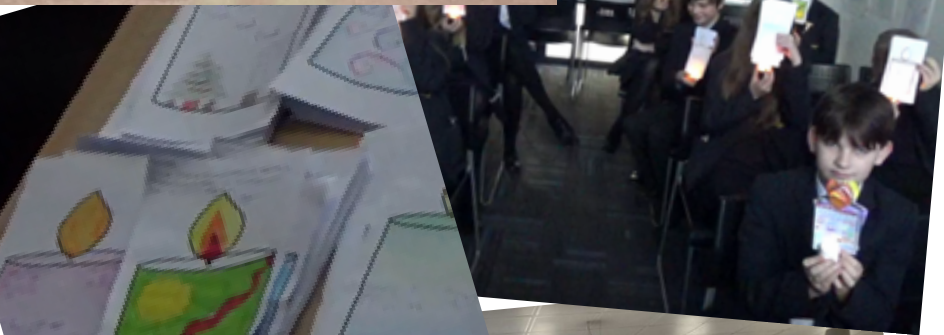
PRAYER ROOM

During Advent, pupils and staff visited our school Prayer Room. Pupils lit candles for loved ones and wrote prayer cards if they wished to.



PRAYER TAGS

Pupils were given a tag to write a prayer on. A representative from each Prep group then brought the tags to the atrium where they were hung on our Christmas tree.



'LIGHT A CANDLE'

In Prep, pupils received a paper candle template and wrote the name of a person they would like to light a candle for. This was then displayed in our Prayer Room for prayer and reflection.



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

In exchange for wearing a Christmas jumper, pupils donated items which were then delivered to Nightsafe and Caritas. As ever, we continue to be astounded by the generosity of our pupils!



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FOODBANK

Mr. Thomas's Prep group, 8P1, led this initiative and produced beautifully wrapped Christmas Parcels with food and Christmas goodies for families who use our local foodbank.



CARE HOME

St. Bede's Drama and Music department visited a local care home to put on a performance. We also took the residents Christmas cards made by our pupils.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Art Department organised a Christmas card competition for pupils. Pupils were able to buy the winning cards and all money raised went to CAFOD.

