

# PACE Newsletter

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## *Practical Assistance in Christian Education*

### PACE Supporters,

We have had a busy term with lessons, prayer spaces, a band visit and our AGM. We feel very blessed to have had so many opportunities to go into schools and teach the Bible and share God's love. Please pray that this continues and increases as we go into a new school year in September. We remember that although things change, God always stays the same.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.



### TEAM NEWS



In June, 45 supporters attended our annual presentation evening, where we were catered for magnificently by the team from St Sampson's Parish Church. We enjoyed baked potatoes with tasty toppings, followed by cakes generously donated by our supporters. The school's work team presented their reports for the year and then we announced the sad news that Chrissie and Carys will be leaving the team in the summer. Carys and her family will be moving off the Island and Chrissie is going to follow her dreams and see where God takes her next!

Carys has been a vital member of the secondary school team for the last 18 months, quietly going about her work, excelling when planning and leading small-group discussions. She has developed great relationships with the students, which is key to the work we do in schools.

Chrissie has been a faithful servant of PACE, going 'above and beyond' in the seven years she has been with us. She has done a bit of everything, but mainly on primary school work. The children have loved her wacky sense of

humour and imaginative storytelling ideas, not to mention her exquisite puppet voices and ability to make everything fun. Alongside this Chrissie took on the role of PACE secretary, developing links with churches and schools, and building up a superb team of volunteers. She has also been developing the Walk Through the Bible and REInspired lesson programmes which have been extremely successful.

Carys and Chrissie will both be greatly missed but we trust that God will bless them greatly in the future!

In September we will be delighted to welcome Rev. Phil Baskerville to the PACE team. The decision was made at the AGM to appoint Phil in a full-time position, with funding having been pledged for three years. Phil has been supporting the team for a number of years in a pastoral and advisory role as well as helping out in various activities. Phil has also been heavily involved in Walk Through the Bible lessons and has good connections with both schools and churches. He is therefore ideal to continue the good work Chrissie has started, and in particular develop the programme of lessons we can offer to schools. However to maximise this, and offer a full programme of lessons to every Guernsey school, we would need more volunteers than ever! The vision is to see churches all over the island teaming up with PACE to serve their local schools in delivering high-quality RE lessons with the focus on small-group work and interaction with real-life Christians!

We would value your prayers at this time of change. For Carys and Chrissie, and also for Phil and the rest of the team as we discuss roles and responsibilities and the best way to move forwards as a team.



### PRAYER SPACES

We have had three great Prayer Spaces events this term. The first was at Beechwood, followed by one at La Mare de Carteret Primary and more recently, Amherst. These were the first Prayer Spaces at La Mare and Amherst. The children all thoroughly enjoyed it and found it relaxing and fun. Some of the comments we had were "It was a good, quiet time where we could speak to God" and "It was interesting to see the different ways we can speak to God." We'd like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped us during these events. We hope you enjoyed them!

# What are we doing?

## CROSSFYA BAND VISIT



In June we partnered with Delancey Elim Church to bring a Christian Hip Hop band, Crossfya, to Guernsey for a week. They visited La Mare de Carteret High School, Blanchelande, and Le Murier. The band performed in assemblies and then took RE lessons, focussing on who Jesus is; was He mad, bad or God? The students engaged well in these lessons, finding them fun and interesting. They also led music workshops, teaching the students how to write a rap and how to DJ on the DJ decks. They shared with the students how their faith and their passion for music are brought together. The students responded extremely well to the band and the teachers spoke very highly of them. We finished the week with a gig on the Friday night where we saw over 120 young people attend and the band were able to share the gospel with them. All in all an amazing week!

## LUNCH CLUBS

With many students taking exams, lunch clubs have been more relaxed this term. We have taken clips from movies and seen what we can learn from them; for example, finding positivity in difficult times from the movie Trolls, the importance of freedom from Finding Dory and how God is a good father from Lego Batman.

This term we have said goodbye to a group of year 11's from St Sampson's High school who have been coming to our club for 5 years. A few reflections on their time at PACE club were: 'a place of family' - 'I will be more open minded towards faith and religion because of PACE club' - 'a place to share our opinions and be listened to.' Please pray for them in their future endeavours!

### Prayer Points

- Praise God for all the opportunities he has provided PACE this term especially Crossfya visiting and having such an impact in the secondary schools.
- Thanks to God for all the volunteers who have given up their time to work alongside the team.
- For the team as they go through this season of change and discussing the future.
- For the students as they move year groups or start new schools in September.



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## ASSEMBLIES

This term we have seen the departure of the spies, Dr Boo and a very Guernsey Gran. First of all the spies interrupted our assemblies with news that Agent Ferbs was moving on to a new department of the FBI - leaving Agent Mase behind (sound familiar?). Using the example of Paul in the prison, and the Guerns during the war, Agent Mase was encouraged to look for positivity during difficult times. We then looked at the story of Daniel, and standing firm in what you believe and doing the right thing even when everyone around you is doing different. Finally, Guernsey Gran told the story of Samson and how he put his trust in the wrong friends. Unfortunately Amy's cheeky new friend 'Pixie' led Amy astray. Dr Boo wasn't able to help Amy go back in time to undo this, so she is now facing the consequences of her decisions.



## LESSONS

This term we have been teaching an increasing number of lessons in primary schools. This is due to BOLT lunch club not running during the third term which meant we could commit to more lessons. We have taught lessons covering Miracles, Easter (Holy Week), Worship spaces, Prayer and Parables. We have adapted RE inspired lesson plans to cater for different year groups. We have taught a lesson on the miracle of The Calming of the Storm, which looked at the questions 'what is a miracle? and 'is it really a miracle or is there another explanation?'. We taught this lesson in many schools in both KS1 and KS2 and had really positive feedback from the children and staff.

The Senior Team had a new challenge this term as they wrote a new lesson on the Christian view on Evil and Suffering for year 8 students at La Mare de Carteret. These lessons went well and we had some very interesting discussions with students about free will, the impact of evil, and how Christians should respond.

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*Thank you!*

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