

PACE Newsletter

SPRING 2018

"Connecting schools and churches. Communicating Christian beliefs and values. Creating space to explore faith."

PACE Supporters,

God has truly blessed our work this term, opening doors and providing us with new opportunities to go into schools and develop relationships. We have really enjoyed continuing to be a presence in the schools and look forward to what God has planned for us in the summer!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Happy Easter!



TEAM NEWS

Mixed news on this front. Since Chloe left PACE at Christmas we have been seeking a new part-time team member, but unfortunately nobody has applied for the position. We will therefore continue with four workers during the summer term and look to recruit someone to start in September. Please pray that the right person (or people) will come forward. On a positive note, Chloe recently gave birth to her daughter Avie!

GAP YEAR

OPPORTUNITY

We have an exciting opportunity for a school-leaver to join the team from September.

If you know of someone who may be interested please encourage them to email or call us!

PRAYER SPACES



Since our last newsletter we have held four Prayer Spaces events. We held an Advent Prayer Spaces day at St Mary and St Michael before Christmas. This was for pupils in Year 1 - Year 6. We were then invited back to talk to children in Reception about prayer. We set up a "mini" Prayer Spaces for them in the hall. Both of these sessions went extremely well and all the children enjoyed the activities.

We have also visited Melrose for a day of Quiet Spaces at the beginning of term. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and we were presented with a lovely thank you card with pictures and comments from the day.

Most recently, we visited Notre Dame for a day of Lent Prayer Spaces. The comments we received from the children included, "It was a calm and peaceful prayer environment," "Thank you for spending time with us." "I loved it and can't wait for you to come back." These are so encouraging to read and we are so pleased that these events were enjoyed by all.

We would like to thank our volunteers who came along and helped out with these events. If you would like to get involved, please let us know!



Each week we post a "Weekly Update" blog post on our website so that you know what we are doing. Please visit it so that you can specifically pray for the schools that we are visiting. We also have an Instagram account!

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SAVE THE DATE!

We will be holding our AGM on **Monday 11th June at 7.15pm** at **Les Camps Methodist Church**. Please put this date in your diary. This year we will be celebrating our volunteers as well as encouraging new volunteers. Come along to hear more about what being a volunteer means!

We would love to see you there! More details to come....

What are we doing?

LESSONS



It's been another very busy term with our RE work in primary schools. Although we have had slightly fewer RE syllabus-based lessons, the number of 'Walk through the Bible' programmes has increased dramatically. By the end of this term, in 2018 we will have visited 9 schools, leading 13 courses (65 lessons) for 458 children. That is very exciting, but, with our first ever course at Melrose, we have now finally realised one of our initial goals; to be running the course in every primary school on the island! A remarkable achievement!

In senior schools we started with lessons at Blanchelande College where we taught on the Christian view on Money and Gambling. Students acted out some key stories or parables told by Jesus. We have also provided lessons on the Christian view on Evil and Suffering. As always this set of lessons led to some very interesting and thought provoking discussions. Also this term we were invited to La Mare Senior School to deliver a set of sessions on the Christian view on War. These lessons were filled with good discussions about 'when should violence be used?' and 'is war ever OK?'

Another opportunity this term was working with a group of students from Le Murier School. As part of their ASDAN qualification they were asked to put together an assembly based on a religious idea. We were able to partner with the school to support the students and put together an assembly based on the story of Moses. The assembly was based on the importance of persevering and not giving up. It was a really great experience and we enjoyed working with the students.



ASSEMBLIES

Did you know that with a single pencil you could draw a line around the whole of Guernsey? Or that many lipsticks contain fish scales? These and other fantastic facts have introduced our Easter assembly for primary schools, leading onto another fantastic fact, that Jesus came back to life! In other assemblies we have thought about how God's love never goes off (unlike out of date milk!) and how Jesus healed a paralysed man, thanks to the faith and perseverance of his friends.



In the colleges and high schools we have been thinking about how popular films can teach us about sacrifice and salvation and help us understand the love of God at Easter. We also considered how we could better follow Jesus' teaching to love our neighbour, drawing on the wisdom of YouTube philosopher Kid President (who is well worth a Google!). We are thankful for the continuing good relationship with so many schools that regularly invite us to talk to their students.

LUNCH CLUBS

We have held five BOLT clubs this term for students in Year 4 with a total of 98 children attending across the five schools. These have been run with the help and support of our volunteers.

"Maybe some aliens stole the body" was one of the least convincing explanations offered during a recent discussion on how we could explain the empty tomb on Easter Sunday morning. We have had some fantastic chats with our senior groups this term, tackling big issues like creation and evolution, what it means to have faith, and did the resurrection really happen? We visit all the high schools and colleges with over 50 students attending across seven clubs each week for a fun mix of refreshments, games and discussion. We wouldn't be able to run so many clubs without the help of our dedicated team of volunteers. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise to God for the increase in lessons and interesting conversations.
- Praise to God for new relationships with schools and teachers.
- For the right worker to join the team.
- For continued opportunities and open doors next term.



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