



POPE PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Governors' Visit Report

School Development Headlines 2019/2020

- To further raise achievement in reading and writing for all groups, particularly the most disadvantaged.
- To securely and consistently embed the curriculum intent, implementation and impact across the school.
- To ensure a safe and happy learning environment.

Catholic Life

- To develop opportunities to celebrate, live and share God's word within our school and parish communities.
- To develop a duty of care for creation linked to Pope Francis' writing Laudato Si.

Purpose Of Visit Celebrate Mass with Year 6

Date: 6th November 2019

Governor – Canon Shaun Lennard
Area of responsibility- RE/Catholic Life

Time : 9.15am

Summary of Visit

This Mass was planned and led by pupils and open to family and friends.
 The pupils were well prepared. Visitors were welcomed confidently.
 The pupils demonstrated a good knowledge of the vestments used at Mass and their symbolism.
 They read and sang well – singing the most important parts of the Mass: Gospel Acclamation, Amen, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Psalm and hymns. Their teacher, in choosing this music demonstrated an excellent understanding of the liturgy.
 The homily had a Q&A element to it. In their answers the pupils demonstrated an ability to enter into Scripture with their imagination and an understanding of what we believe about life after death.
 The sense of prayer and reverence was excellent and the visitors really enjoyed the experience. The children so obviously enjoyed the Mass.

Outcomes / Notes from follow up meeting

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Policy/Procedure Links (If any)

The arrangement of interactions between pupils and visitors was well organized from a safeguarding point of view. Staff were well deployed.

Links to School Development Plan

The choice of music, the clarity of reading and excellent composition of Bidding Prayers on the chosen theme helped all present, pupils and visitors alike, to deepen their appreciation of God's word, particularly in relation to remembrance and what happens after death.

'Learning in the Light of Christ'

<p>The presence of the Headteacher and her words of thanks at the end of Mass made the strong school/home/parish link and the importance of the Eucharist in the school very explicit.</p>	
<p>Strengths</p>	
<p>Singing, public proclamation of scripture, liturgical literacy, emphasis on community and preparation.</p>	-
<p>Areas for continued improvement</p>	
<p>Involvement of more pupils in reading and composition of Bidding Prayers. Use of the Lectionary for proclaiming scripture readings. With the Deacon present we were able to have Communion under both kinds. The deacon is to offer formation to staff to be Ministers of the Eucharist so that Communion under both kinds can become the norm at school Masses. <i>These are things which are already in evidence over the various Mass that I have attended.</i></p>	<p>Opportunities for staff to be involved in 'The Big Picture' CAFÉ course in the New Year?</p>

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