

Faith Matters

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Editors Comments by Sophie

The Faith Leaders have worked hard all term. Our hard work in various different projects has reflected our passion to bring love, joy and faith to everyone. We have tried to be lights in the darkness, and the hope in the storm. We have tried to show our faith in everything we do.

Meet the Faith Leaders

Year 6

Alithia
Ebun
Omar
Sophie
Soraya
Zoe

Year 5

Caleb
Imariabe
Lola

Year 4

Eddie
Oyin

To find out more about us as Faith Leaders and why we wanted to take on this special role, visit the display at the back of the school hall.

Places – Community Event

My Favourite Place

Places are really important to me because without places we cannot go anywhere. My favourite place is my home because I can be with my family. **Oyin**

On 7th November, Boutcher and St Mary Magdalen's hosted a joint community event to celebrate places. The church was packed, as people gathered to share stories of their favourite places and to enjoy some fantastic music. Performances from the Boutcher choir, Year Five Drummers and the school band were sensational. St Mary's also performed some fantastic worship songs, and it was great when everybody joined in. I really enjoyed hearing about so many different places. **Zoe**



What were people saying after the event?

*"I thought it was really good to find out about everyone's favourite places. My favourite moment was when Mrs V spoke about Boutcher." **Louie***

*"It was such a special occasion to come together as a community and learn more about each other." **Miss Clifford***

*"A very lovely event, a fantastic opportunity for families and the school to get together and enjoy a great evening." **Valentina - Maria's Mother***

*"I thought it was nice to be with everyone and liked hearing about people's special places. I loved the singing!" **Rofiat***

A visit to the East London Mosque

The Faith Leaders went to the East London Mosque on Monday 18th November. We all thought how beautiful it was on the outside. The East London Mosque is the biggest mosque in Europe, when we learnt this, we all thought it was amazing – we had been given the opportunity to visit the largest mosque in Europe. When we went inside, we met our tour guide called Salima, who is a Muslim. She asked us to take off our shoes and she gave Mrs Whitton and Ms Tahzib head scarves to wear. Salima explained that shoes are not worn in the prayer halls as they are kept clean and you should remove your shoes before praying.

Entering the prayer room was great. I have been in many prayer halls myself, but being in there with my friends and hearing that 7,000 worshipers attend the mosque every week for prayers was surprising. The main hall wasn't much bigger than our school hall, yet people are packed in to this small space. Men and women pray separately in different halls. Muslims pray five times a day, with the time of these prayers being dependent on the sun.



After visiting the prayer hall, we made our way to the Wudhule area. Wudhule is what Muslims do before they pray, it involves washing parts of your body to ensure that you are clean as you presenting yourself to Allah.

I really enjoyed going to the East London Mosque with the other Faith Leaders, as it was great for them to learn more about my faith.

Omar



Operation Christmas Child

At Boutcher think that it is important that every child gets a present at Christmas. We also think that we should give like Jesus did. So when the opportunity to get involved in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox appeal came up, we decided to do our bit.

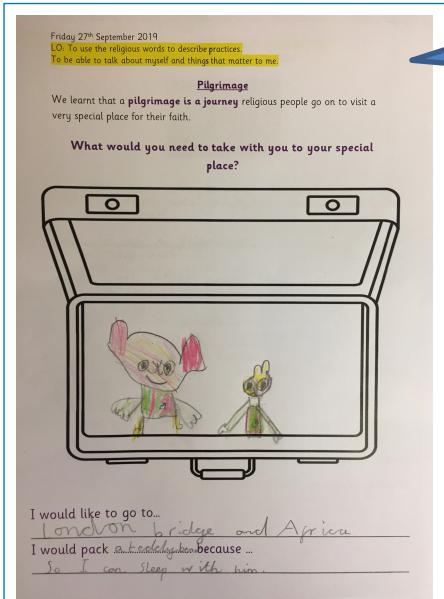
We had a Faith leader's meetings and decided to present this idea to the school through an assembly. We were overwhelmed with the donations that we received from our Boutcher family with many families donating completed shoeboxes, as well as many donations of items that could be packed into shoeboxes.

Every lunchtime for over a week, the faith leaders wrapped, packed and added to shoeboxes that we had bought in ourselves, and that other people had gifted us with. After a lot of hard work, we were able to donate a whopping 36 completed shoeboxes to a St James' Church in Clerkenwell, who gladly took them in, ready to be checked by the Samaritan's purse.

When we decided to undertake this project we never imagined to receive such generosity and are pleased that 36 children will receive and experience the love and joy of Jesus this Christmas. We are very proud of what we have completed. Sophie

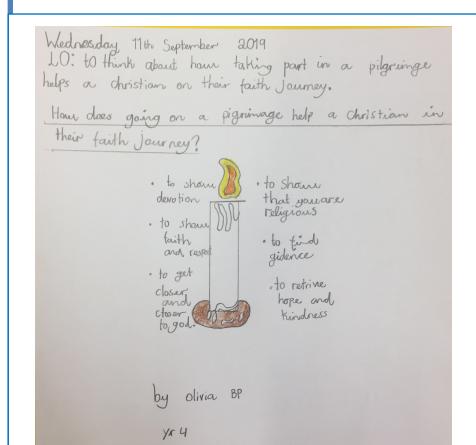
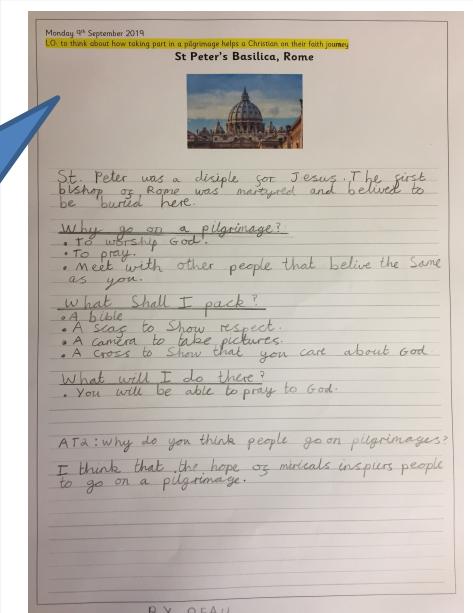


Our favourite pieces of work from the whole school pilgrimage project



This piece of work is about a popular pilgrimage destination to Rome. It is interesting to read why Beau thinks people go on pilgrimages.

We loved this drawing by Precious.
He has drawn a teddy bear in his suitcase as he would like to take this on a special journey.



This is a nice piece of work as it reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, whilst also showing how a pilgrimage helps a Christian on their faith journey.

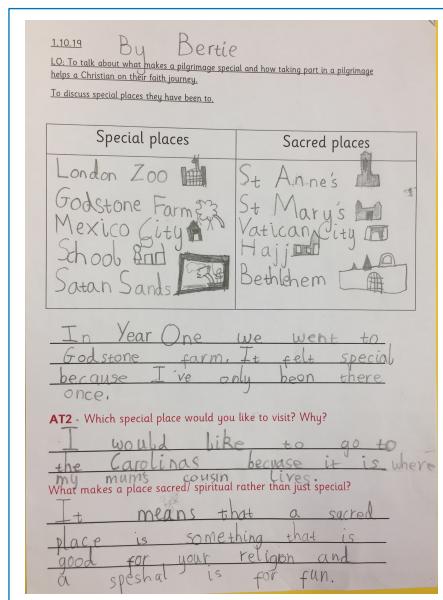
Hope

I really like this piece of work as it shows the difference between a special place and a

Inspiration

Love

Work chosen and commented on by Eddie and Caleb.



Christmas Play Review

This year the Boutcher Christmas play saw two of the most well-known Christmas stories come together, A Christmas Carol and the Nativity. As always the Christmas play did not disappoint, there was plenty of singing, fantastic dancing, amazing acting performance and spectacular costumes. Key Stage 2 retold A Christmas Carol, whilst Key Stage 1 and Year 3 impressed with Animal Mayhem, telling the important story of the birth of Jesus, from the perspective of the animals that were in the stable on that most important night.

"The Christmas Play was exciting. I really liked all the different parts that each class performed. My favourite song was 'Look at the world' as the whole school sang it together." Olivia C

"It was my first Christmas play and I wasn't sure what to expect. It was very professional and I really enjoyed it." Gareth – Minnie's Father

"There was far too much cuteness in the Nativity play!" Hazel

Retelling of the Good Samaritan

A man was going on a journey from Jerusalem to Jericho, and on the way he was set upon by robbers they took his money and ripped most off his clothes, beat the man mercilessly for resisting to part with his belongings and left him lying on the highway.

Sometime later, a priest from nearby came that way when he saw the traveller lying on the road bleeding and groaning. He muttered a prayer and walked past, ignoring the traveller.

Then a townsman came by. He was startled by the sight of a hurt traveller lying in his path. Guessing that the unfortunate man had been robbed, and not wishing to suffer the same fate, he nimbly stepped aside and went on his way.

Sometime past and then a Samaritan inhabitant of the city of Samaria came riding up on his donkey. He was in a great hurry but when he saw the traveller on the road crying out in pain, he at once stopped to help. He washed the man's wounds with whatever little water he had, bandaged them and then placed the man on the donkey and took him to the nearest inn. There he arranged board and lodging and treatment for him, and told the innkeeper he would pay on his journey whatever extra money he spent on the man and hurried away to make up for lost time.

Imariabe

It is this story that has inspired our memory verse for this month and we hope that we will all go and show love like the Good Samaritan.

Count your Blessings – explained!

The count your blessings jar, found in the reception area is a jar that is meant to be filled to the top with things that God has blessed you with. It is located in front of the office, and we as faith leaders want as many people as possible to contribute.

By the end of this term, we would love as many members of our Boutcher family to add to the jar by writing what they are thankful for and adding it to the jar.

Some of the things people are thankful for:

"I am thankful for my life and that I go to this wonderful school."

"Thank you for all the wonderful children at Boutcher who smile."

Memory Verse

Luke 10:37

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Soraya

Prayer for this term by Lola.P

Dear God,

Thank you for our wonderful world and we pray that you will help us to look after it.

Lord we know you hear us