



1. What are we doing?

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St Clare's Primary, Newton Mearns, Glasgow

Make a list of **bullet points** of ALL the things that you are doing in your school: (recycling, walking to school, food waste reduction, prayers and assemblies, environmental work in class, charity fund raising for those in poverty etc)

- Primary 5 launched our commitment to being a Laudato Si' school at their class Mass, sharing their pledge with our parish and school community, through Twitter updates.
- Each class made their own pledge of commitment and reflected on Pope Francis' Laudato Si' letter and his message of Learn, Pray, Act.
- Primary 5 made links to the charity SCIAF through their Laudato Si' mini topic of 'Water is Life'. The learners interviewed Mark Booker from SCIAF; to discover more about their charity and work. As a result, they organised their own fundraising walk and raised enough money to provide 6 families with the gift of a water filter.
- Litter pickers are well established within school, to reduce waste at playtime and lunchtimes and this has been linked to our recent first Eco Green Flag success!
- Our school has a newly created Litter Policy.
- During Advent, children organised collections for our local foodbank.
- We had a virtual Eco Week during remote learning, which was linked to Caring for our Common Home. Learners created 'Protect our Planet' posters and upcycled art using recycled items.
- Pupils have made links during virtual assemblies, teaching and reminding each other about Pope Francis' message and our school pledge.
- Our Primary 7 Laudato Si' steering group regularly encourage us to take action each week to Learn, Pray, Act. They recently hosted a very successful whole school Laudato Si' poster competition, with winners from Primary 1, 5 and 6.
- Pupils in Primary 6 learned about natural and man-made disasters. The children researched how they happen and how they could be prevented. They also investigated

crops around the world and ways in which we can help farmers. This was also linked to throwing away food and packaging. Learners linked this learning to their digital learning, using the SCRATCH programme.

- Four classes across the school have taken part in a Sky and Adobe Project called ‘The Edit’, which focussed on Climate Change and helped pupils learn about taking responsibility for making a change. The hashtag linked to this project is: #bethechangeshapeit. Each class made a news report sharing their learning and encouraging others to ‘be the change’ and help us in our bid to #gozero (Sky have pledged to have a zero carbon footprint in the near future). The learners have entered the Sky/Adobe national competition and we will be sharing their reports on our Twitter page
- Primary 7 made Climate Commitments and participated in Rights Respecting School (we are a Silver Aware school) activities about Climate Change, called Outright-Climate Change. They wrote to the president of COP26 and have created beautiful poems, which we are sending to Parliament because of the incorporation of children’s rights into law. Our learners believe that climate change should be the right of every child.
- During the month of June, the children are participating in activities that promote “Caring for our Common Home”, by caring for our school garden and participating in planting and growing activities.
- Primary 4 have written their own version of Pope Francis’ encyclical letter, asking everyone to look after our common home.
- During Laudato Si’ Week in May, each class had the opportunity to reflect on our journey so far and think about how we can continue to Learn, Pray and Act and look after our common home during the next school year.
- We have shared our intentions and progress with our school’s Parent Council, to spread awareness.
- Laudato Si’ and all aspects that come under the Learning for Sustainability umbrella are a focus on our School Improvement Plan for the 2021/22 session.