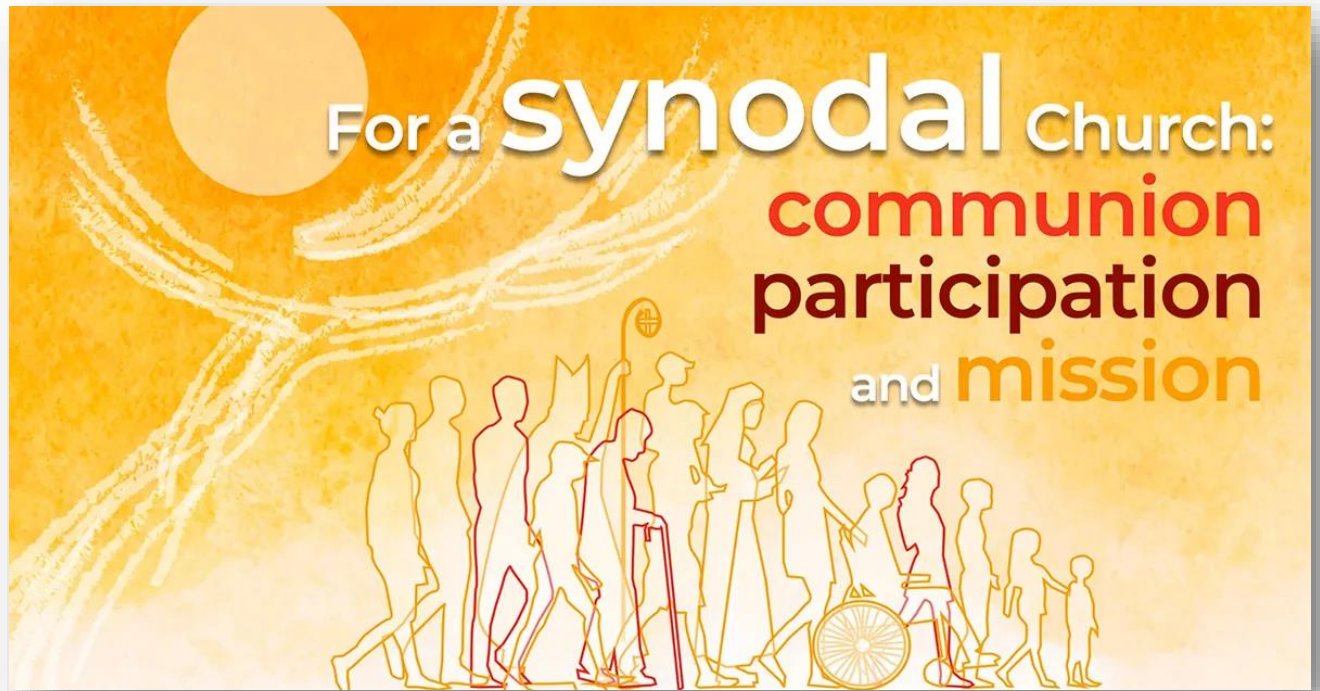


CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2022: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION



“Nothing leaves Jesus indifferent; everything is of concern to him. Encountering faces, meeting eyes, sharing history. That is the closeness that Jesus embodies. He knows that someone’s life can be changed by a single encounter. The Gospel is full of such encounters with Christ, encounters that uplift and bring healing. Jesus did not hurry along or keep looking at his watch to get the meeting over. He was always at the service of the person he was with, listening to what he or she had to say.” Pope Francis

Wednesday 16th November- Wednesday 30th November

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St. Benedict's High School

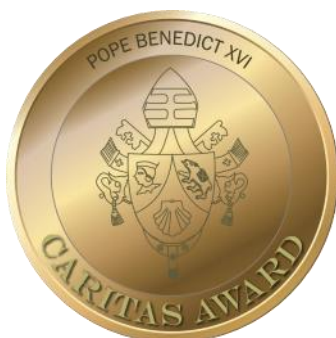
The St. Benedict's values are based on the Gospel values, and we are encouraged every day to display them in our words and actions.

- **Respect** – treat others the way you would like to be treated.
- **Tolerance** – understand that everyone is different and accept these differences.
- **Love** – care for others and show kindness towards them.
- **Trust** – have faith and confidence in one another.
- **Integrity** – be honest and stand up for what you believe in.



Our House Patrons of St. Oscar Romero, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Josephine Bakhita and St. Teresa of Calcutta demonstrated our values in their lives and are an inspiration to us all. Our House System continues to be a wonderful success; young people are greatly enjoying participating and they are benefitting day to day.

Our values are never more evident than when we put our faith into action. The St. Benedict's Chaplaincy team and Liturgy Committee work tirelessly throughout the year to enhance the faith life of the school and to promote our Catholic ethos. In addition to school Masses and liturgies they organise retreats, mission days and themed assemblies.



The Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award encourages and promotes the ongoing faith journey of young people, inviting them to respond to God's call of love. It supports and celebrates the faith witness which young people give within their communities. This year twenty-three of our senior pupils are involved in the award programme, being witnesses to their faith, both in school and in their parish communities.



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In response to the terrible situation in Ukraine, our young people supported SCIAF by raising money through a bake sale. SCIAF is responding to this humanitarian crisis as part of Caritas Internationalis, working to provide emergency food, water, safe accommodation, hygiene kits, transport and child support services.



The partnership between St. Benedict’s High School and St. Patrick’s Minor Seminary was formed in 2013 with the shared intention of developing and supporting both schools to become centres of excellence as communities of faith and learning.



Unfortunately, partnership visits with St. Patrick’s in Malawi have been cancelled due to COVID, but we continue to support the boys as best we can. We provided sanitising stations for the school, and we are currently preparing their Christmas parcels.

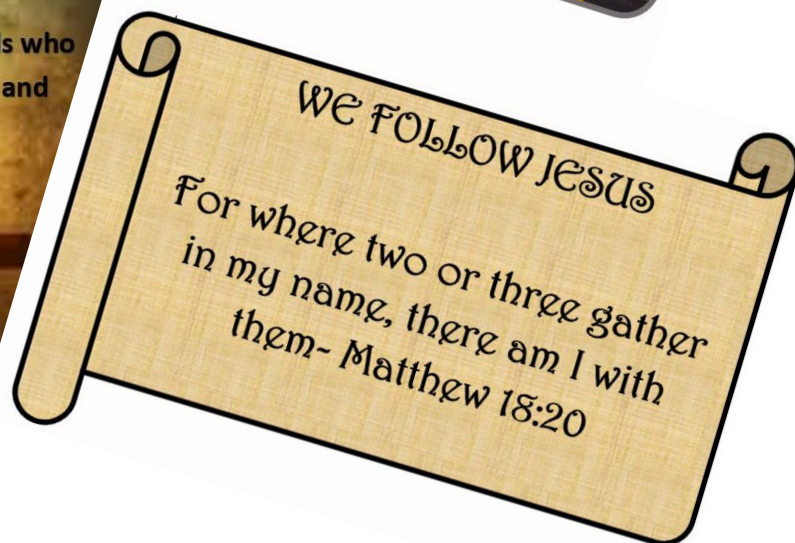
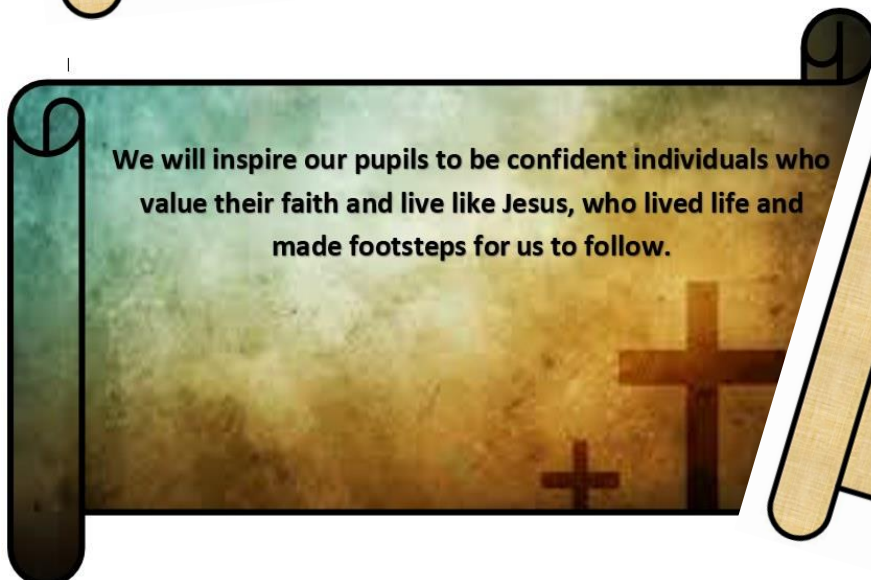
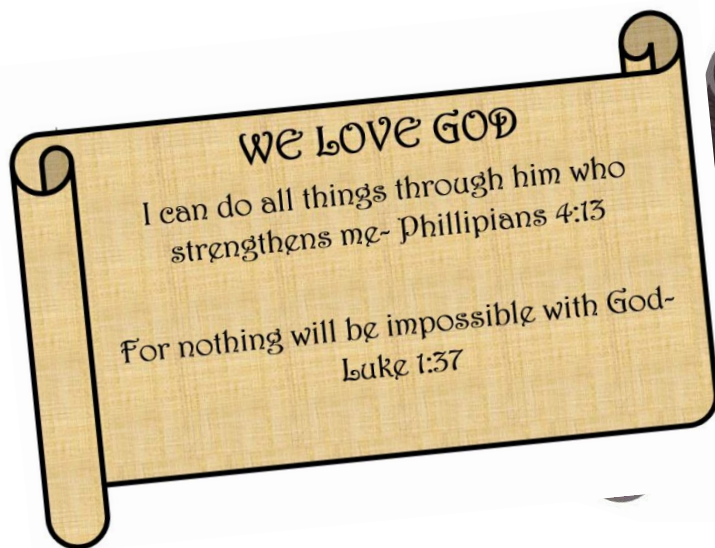
In St. Benedict’s we are growing in our learning and growing in our love of God and neighbour through communion, participation and mission. We are very thankful to our local clergy for the tremendous support we receive from them.

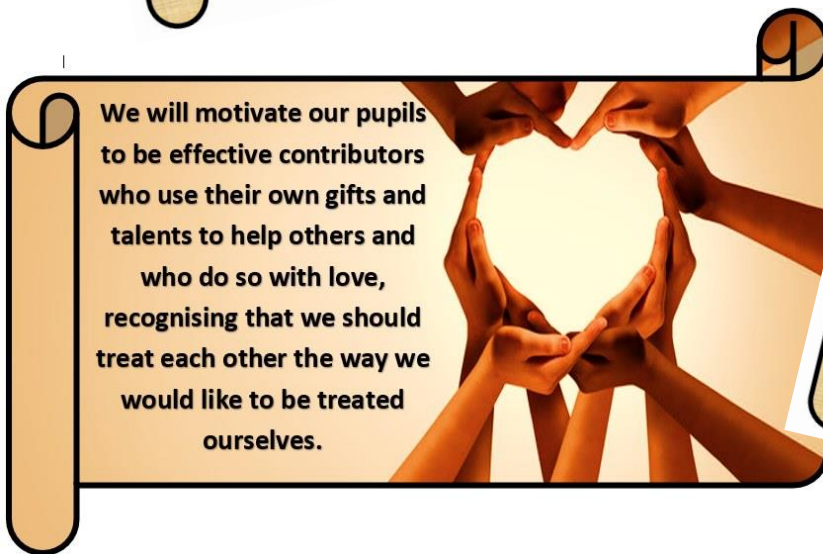
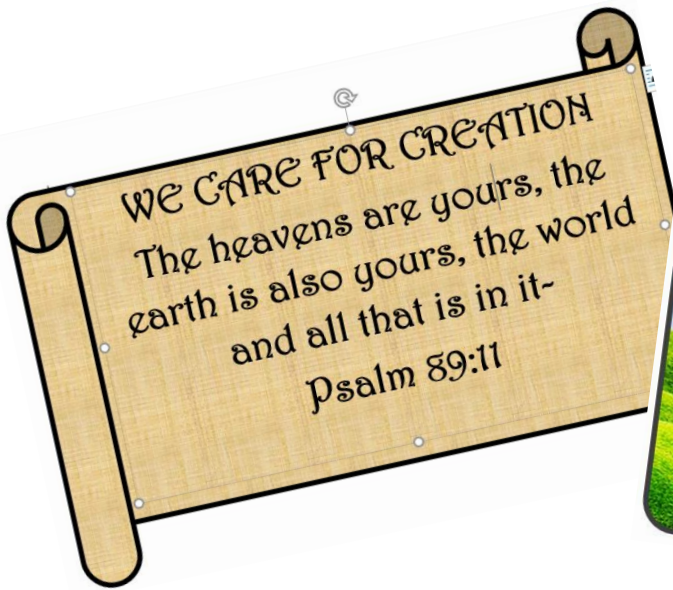
In the words of Pope Francis, “The mission of schools and teachers is to develop an understanding of what is good, true, and beautiful.” We will continue to strive in St. Benedict’s to promote the gospel values in all that we do. We ask that you pray for us, and we thank you for all your support for Catholic education in this community.



ST. MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

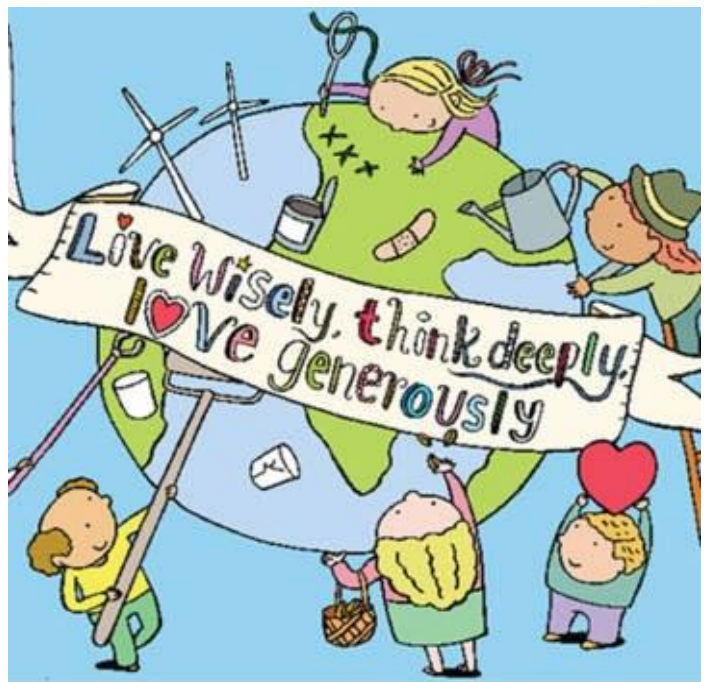
The pupils attending St. Margaret's Primary School are encouraged to bear witness to their faith in a number of ways. It is our belief that the strength of the Catholic school is borne out in the ethos of the school, as a community. We believe that with God at the heart of all that we do, our community will thrive. We have recently revised our school values and aims. We have God at the centre of these.





Our Motto:

Our values and aims sit alongside the motto that we have adopted from Pope Francis's Laudato Si encyclical, our pupils can earn house points for showing that they can 'Live Wisely, think deeply and love generously.



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As a community of faith and learning, we appreciate our links with Fr Paul, the church and wider parish organisations. We believe our community is a family and are keen, once again, to welcome our extended family after such a long time apart. We are blessed to have St Margaret of Scotland as our patron saint. She is the perfect role model for our pupils when we consider the theme of the Catholic Education Week- Communion, Participation, Mission. Margaret had a strong influence over her husband and together they lived with their eight children as a devout and faithful Catholic family. Together they prayed, fed the hungry, and offered a powerful example of living faith in action. Margaret used her influence to shape the church and she encouraged people to live a devout life, grow in prayer, and grow in holiness. She perfectly encapsulates the notion of 'Communion, participation, mission' and she inspires us, as a family to live as she did. We celebrated the start of this Catholic Education Week celebrating St Margaret, inviting our community to join us for Mass, followed by coffee and cake.



St. Fillan's Primary School

In St. Fillan's Primary School, our school community is witness to the Gospel through 'Communion, Participation and Mission.'

We work hard as a community of faith to nurture the three themes and self evaluate our progress to build on next steps for improvement.

Communion:

**"We can only build the future, by standing together including everyone."
(Pope Francis)**

The Gospel values are at the centre of our learning and curriculum rationale. We work hard to promote and live by Luke's Gospel values in what we say, do and how we behave. Our school vision is to learn through working together to grow and succeed and the school value of faith is deeply rooted within this ambition.

We are an inclusive school who care, share and help one another to solve problems and do better.

We reach out to one another and to those who most need our help in a variety of ways. Our children demonstrate the value of 'kindness' which is our motivation to help others.

During the pandemic, our children were keen to connect with the lonely and sick bound of the Parish and they wrote letters and decorated Christmas cards for Father Andrew and Sister Mary to deliver on their Parish rounds.

The school community were keen to work in partnership with the Renfrewshire Toy Bank and donated new toys and books to our 'Reverse Advent Appeal.' The initiative was so successful that we were able make a second donation to support children in Renfrewshire with birthday gifts throughout the year.

Participation:

"A Christian is one who is invited... to join in the feast, to the joy of being saved, to the joy of being redeemed, to the joy of sharing life with Christ. This is a Joy! You are called to a party!"

(Pope Francis)

We live our school values through action and active participation within our school, Parish and Cluster.

In St. Fillan's we are a family, a family of faith and we regularly attend First Friday Mass, Parish Masses, visits to the Church and Shrine and we are well supported by our Pastoral Care Team. Father Andrew and Sister Mary

Frances work tirelessly to support our work, faith journey and spiritual development.

Community prayer provides an opportunity for our children, families and Parish to pray together at Our Lady's Shrine. We sing, worship, celebrate and offer our intentions to our most Blessed Mother.

Our children have big hearts and are keen to support charities and reach out to others through their Committee work. The Fairtrade Committee arrange coffee mornings and invite the wider community, those who are lonely and parishioners of other faiths to attend. These community events provide an opportunity to connect with one another whilst promoting the themes of fairness and equality in our world.

More recently, the children were compelled to work together to raise money for UNICEF who are actively involved in supporting the children and families of those suffering due to conflict in Ukraine. A children's raffle helped to raise four hundred pounds for the cause in little over a week which was a fantastic effort by all.

Mission:

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." (Mother Teresa).

We are committed to supporting one another on our journey of faith by being Christ centred. We firmly believe in rights for all and we ask Jesus for the courage to stand up for our rights and the rights of others.

This session, we are working on the 'Developing in Faith' strand of 'Honouring Jesus as the Way, the Life and the Truth.'

Our work involves a commitment to the search for wisdom in life and of excellence, through the development of each person's unique God-given talents. We have studied the life of our House Saints and linked their mission to our school values. This has given us direction and inspiration on how we can live our lives to be the best version of ourselves.

We formally launched the Laudato Si programme last session in our school and we understand it is our ecological mission to care and protect our world for future generations. Last session, we explored the quote from Pope Francis' encyclical "***What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are growing up now?***" and we worked as a whole school to develop sustainable ways that we could learn, pray and act together to address this message.

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We will continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance to support all Catholic schools in their work and mission.



Our Lady of Peace Primary

At Our Lady of Peace Primary, we recognise the need to develop as a community of faith and learning. We work in partnership with the home and parish community to strengthen links and pray together.



Celebrating our House Saints

Last session, following a revamp of our Vision, Values and Aims, we reintroduced our **School House System** and linked this closely to our new School Values and an associated House Saint. Children, families and staff opted to have a House Saint to represent each of our School Values. We chose St Teresa of Calcutta; St John Bosco; St Maximilian Kolbe and St Vincent de Paul. Each house group was given an associated value that was significant to the story of the Saint.

Welcoming
Achieving
Love & Kindness

.....we are always learning and aiming high



Learning about the four House Saints has become a significant part of school life. We learn together about the life of the saints and we try to live by their example linking this to our School Values. The children from each House attend Mass together, giving them the opportunity to celebrate and worship together.

Our school values are:

St Teresa of Calcutta – Welcoming

St John Bosco – Achieving

St Maximilian Kolbe – Love

St Vincent de Paul - Kindness



Primary One Blessing

We held our first annual Primary One Blessing in September, and this was very well attended by our families. This welcomed our new families to our school

community and strengthened our links between home, parish and school. This provided families with the opportunity to meet Canon Michael and receive some useful information from St Conval’s Parish Community. The children shared their learning on ‘God Has Made Me Unique’ and ‘Creation’ with their families and Canon Michael. Children and families shared some refreshments afterwards and had a lovely afternoon together.



St. David's Primary School

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week will allow us, as a school community, to think about how we can embrace the **Mission** of the Church together through **Communion and Participation**.



At St David's Primary School, our learning is shaped through our school values which are based on the Gospel values.



Our value of **respect** supports us to focus on educating the whole person-body, mind and soul. Our **community** is developed in partnership with parents, partners and our parish of St Margaret's which supports our community to nurture their spiritual development and journey of **faith**.

We take comfort in our Sacred Spaces in class and the protected time we offer each day to prayer.



Happiness is central to our school ethos and culture - our community is secure enough in its own identity and purpose to allow us to be outward-looking and welcoming of all. We celebrate our value of

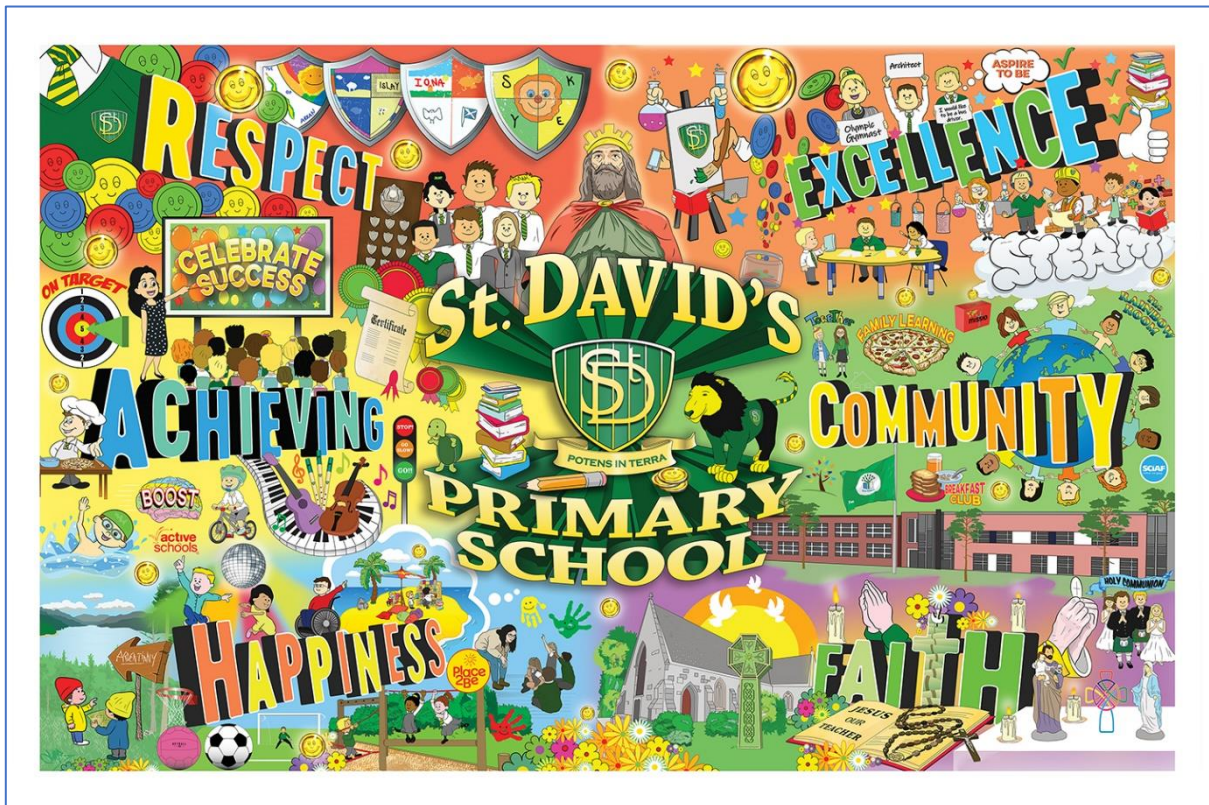
achieving by encouraging our learners to be active participants in their learning journey and providing them with many opportunities to identify new skills and talents. To follow the Way of Jesus gives us certainty and direction in our lives. Our senior

pupils engage in the Pope Francis Faith Awards. This is a two-year Programme which encourages them to put their faith in to action while continuing to learn about



the saints and the gifts of the Holy Spirit to inspire them in their Spiritual development.

We believe our school promotes our value of **excellence** by encouraging everyone in our school community to be the best they can be. Jesus provides us with an eternal truth, on which we can build our school's vision, values and aims, and on which our young people can depend throughout school and beyond.



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In August 2022 we were awarded SEL Worldwide Model School status! (Social and Emotional Learning). This award recognises the significant commitment our staff, pupils and families have made to fully embed nurture practice throughout our core curriculum, and to ensure it is evident in all aspects of school life.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
 

Through Laudato Si we have made a promise to love God, look after each other and protect the world. We aim to meet the Holy Father’s goal of working creatively to create an understanding of Ecological Education within our school. Through working in partnership with Caritas students from St Benedict’s High School we are developing young leaders and through prayer, learning and action, we are promoting and encouraging a response from our children and community.



SCOTTISH CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE



A CHARTER for CATHOLIC SCHOOLS in SCOTLAND

The mission of the Catholic school is to develop as a community of faith and learning, providing the highest quality of education, and offering formation through the promotion of Gospel values, through celebration and worship, and through service to the common good.

All Catholic schools in Scotland, in honouring Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, will feature the following characteristics:

- * a commitment to the integrated education and formation of the whole person, in close partnership with parents as the first educators of their children;
- * an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God;
- * a commitment to the search for wisdom in life and to the pursuit of excellence, through the development of each person's unique God-given talents;
- * a commitment to the spiritual formation of the school community, through the shared experience of prayer and liturgy, and in partnership with local parishes;
- * the provision of religious education programmes which will enable young people to develop their understanding of Gospel values and of how to apply them to life;
- * a commitment to uphold the moral teaching, faith tradition and sacramental life of the Catholic Church;
- * a commitment to communicate Catholic social teaching and thereby to promote social justice and opportunity for all;
- * a commitment to ecumenical action and the unity of Christians;
- * the promotion of respect for different beliefs and cultures and for inter-faith dialogue;
- * a commitment to support the continuing professional and spiritual development of staff.

All staff appointed to a Catholic school are expected to support and promote the aims, mission, values and ethos of the school, as illustrated in this Charter.





COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

