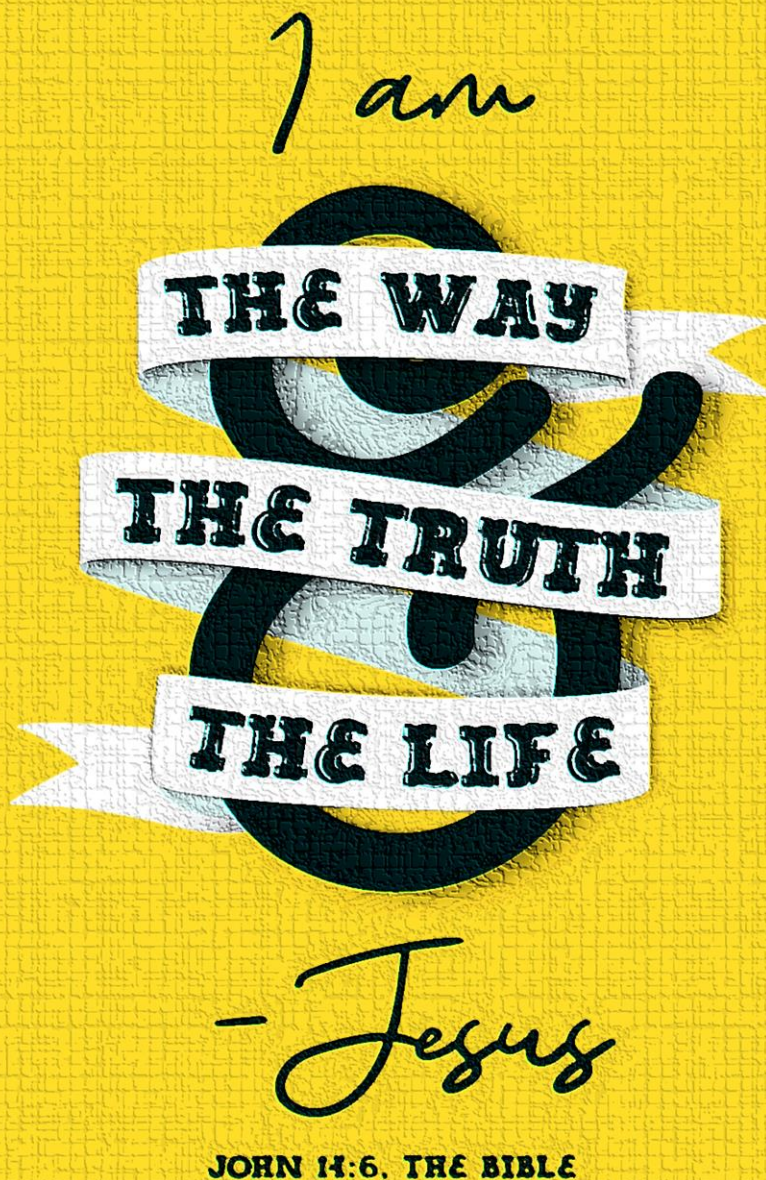


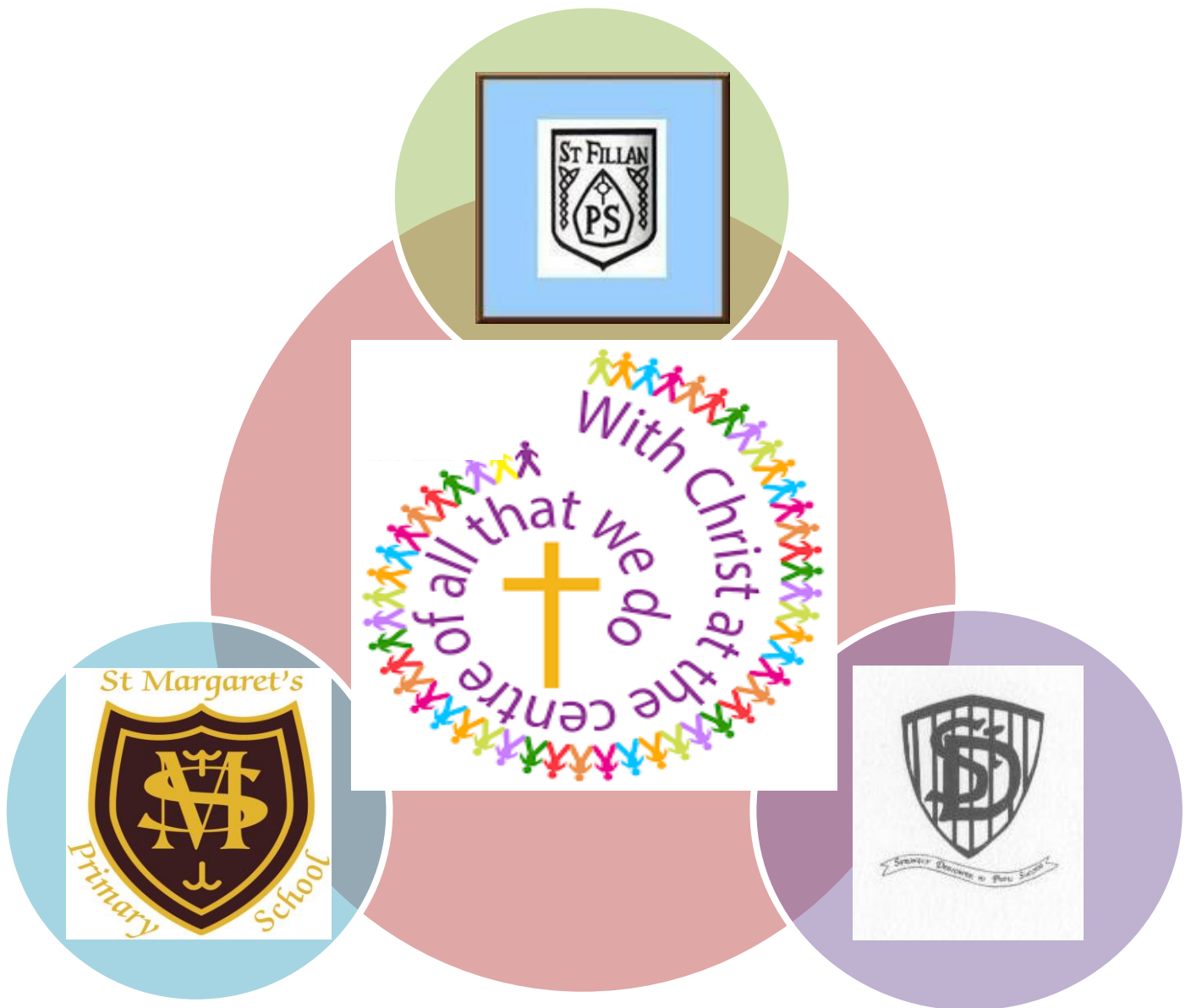
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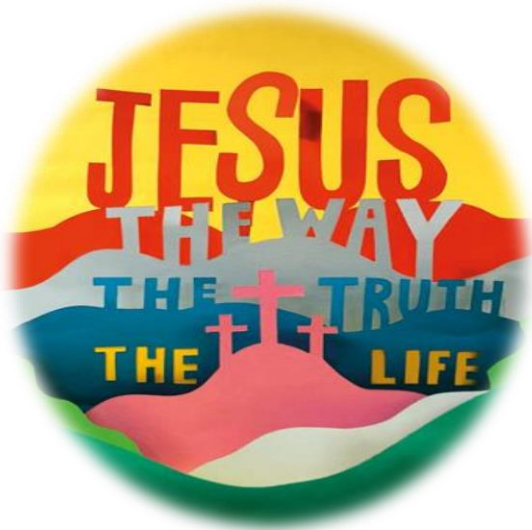


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## **ST. MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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 that is active in nurturing and educating young people to be positive citizens in a global world.

Pope Francis, in his encyclical, 'Laudato Si' calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make urgent changes to our lifestyles and how we consume energy in order to protect the planet. Laudato Si deals with many environmental issues including pollution; climate change; water; loss of biodiversity and decline in the quality of human life. In his letter Pope Francis implores us to work together to create a better world for future generations and asks us to make the necessary changes in our lives in order to take care of, respect and value our 'common home'.

In St Margaret's we have answered Pope Francis's call and as such, have registered as a Laudato Si school. Much of the work that we do in our RE, Health and Wellbeing and Global Citizenship curriculum supports the values of Laudato Si and encourages our pupils to have a wider view of the world.

We see our faith in action in what we do already. Although school life has changed due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, we still live our faith every day. In June, we were awarded Worldwide SEL

(Social and Emotional Learning) Model School Status in recognition of our work in pupil wellbeing, emotional regulation, self esteem and resilience.



We were also awarded our third Green Flag from Eco Schools Scotland. Our Eco School committee worked tirelessly to promote our eco aims, gathering evidence of the impact of their initiatives on our school, community and globally. Both of these initiatives are examples of how St Margaret's pupils have been responding to Pope Francis' call in positive ways, putting our faith into





action by living simply, praying for our world and by participating in global campaigns to tackle poverty and climate

### **St Fillan's Primary School**

#### **Vision, Values and Aims:**

**"You are going to learn from the people before you teach them anything"**

**(Pope Francis)**

#### ***What a difference a year makes!***

As with many aspects of our lives, the coronavirus(COVID19) has driven our education systems to change and adapt in so many ways to new models of learning. But what has not changed is our teaching of the Gospel Values.

Whether online or in class at St. Fillan's Primary School, we continue to put Jesus Christ at the heart of all that we do by explicitly teaching these values. The Gospel values underpin our core values of Faith, Respect, Responsibility, Trust, Teamwork and Success and these are the beating heart of our school and community.

Our school values are the principles that guide our thinking, words and deeds and as a school community, we are relentless in promoting them in meaningful and different ways. Before during and post lockdown we continue to provide many opportunities for our school and the community to live by our values and we recognise and celebrate our successes and achievements in person and online.

During these difficult times our school aim of '**Be Brave**' has been so important and we do this by being true to our values and living by the teaching of Jesus Christ through the Gospels.

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This has been challenging at this time, but just as Jesus loved us we love and support one another and work in partnership. We are, however greatly supported by the Pastoral care we receive



from our Parish Priest, Monsignor Mc Fadden, Sister Mary Frances and our Parish community.

A second aim at St. Fillan's Primary is to **Unleash Creativity** and the talents that God has given us. Our pupils have had many ways to explore their Creativity, from performances to talent shows. Through learning about the spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, the spirit of **counsel** and **fortitude**, the spirit of **knowledge** and **piety**; through The Holy Spirit, this has helped guide our thinking and our behaviour.



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At St. Fillan's we strive to **Demonstrate Excellence** by how we develop a community of faithful disciples who have resilience and perseverance in the Christian context of hope. We do this by creating an ethos of the spirit of joy in our school. We create contexts to allow a deep sense of hope and therefore joy in the daily reality of life and the hope that may come from despair by following the teaching of our Lord.



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Above all, at St. Fillan's Primary we strive to teach our pupils to **Radiate Enthusiasm** for living the Gospel Values and that by being part of a supportive church community where people are open to



understanding and learning from each other and share the belief that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life.



## **St. David's Primary School**

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is designed to give us the chance to consider how our schools are centred on Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life. 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, particularly now when everything is so uncertain. Our senior pupils engage in



throughout school and beyond.



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**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.



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