Guardian Angels Building the Kingdom Plan Spring

Building the Kingdom

At Guardian Angels, we are very proud to be a part of the Building the Kingdom programme, the aim of which is to embed distinctive Catholic curriculum design for the transformation of society. Through Building the Kingdom, we explore the big questions of purpose and meaning that arise throughout the Liturgical year, and then create lessons and events which engage students with the skills needed to be agents for a Spirit-fuelled transformation of society.

Children at Guardian Angels are being formed to be the 'leaders of tomorrow' and they will leave here with a greater sense that they can make a difference.

We have worked with Sister Judith Russi SSMN and the Educarem team to consider approaches that will promote critical and higher order thinking skills across the curriculum. We have developed a wide range of creative strategies to develop our children's skills to be advocates for change for those in the greatest need in society.

We work with other schools who are a part of the programme and share our practice at different events, sharing ideas and forming a professional network.

We have completed Level 1 and commence Level 2 in September 2024, which is aimed at developing the gift that each child possesses for the transformation of society.

As part of our ‘Building the Kingdom’ curriculum design, children will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding by asking ‘big questions’.

January	February	March	April
Faith and Respect - Following on from the Catholic celebration of Christmas, children look at how other faiths and cultures celebrate. **Big Question - How do other faiths and cultures celebrate throughout the year?**	**Presentation of Jesus in the Temple** - Catholic Social Teaching Links to dignity of the person and option for the poor **Big Questions- Is being a messenger of hope Easy?** Social action group demonstrate outside of Morrisons. Children to design their own crosses of hope.	**Lent -** Lentern activities for classes to raise money for their class charities. Fasting form unkind words **Big Question - How can Lent transform a person and transform a society?** **Big Question - How can words be used to hurt, heal and love?** All children and staff can only speak kind, helpful words.	**Easter -** Journey through Easter with Jesus **Big Question - Why do people suffer for their race and beliefs?** **Big Question - What would politicians need to change for the good of everyone?** Children think about leaders that are committed to common good. They look at the individual days of Holy week. Children create their own image of the last supper as if it were happening today.
Jubilee Launch - Whole school launch day, assembly, hymn etc Prepare a holy door for the children to walk through in school. Children to explore the Jubilee Logo and Icon.	**Journey of Hope -** Off timetable day Children to visit each classroom to learn something different about Rome. Vatican City, A day in the life of the Pope, Sistine chapel etc.	**Appeals of Hope -** CAFOD support All children to participate in Big Lent Walk - Year 5 / 6 children to complete a pilgrimage to another MAC school.	**Journey of Hope** - Stations of the cross Children to journey with Jesus through the stations of the cross. Year 5 stations of the cross assembly for the school and parents.