

Mini Vinnies

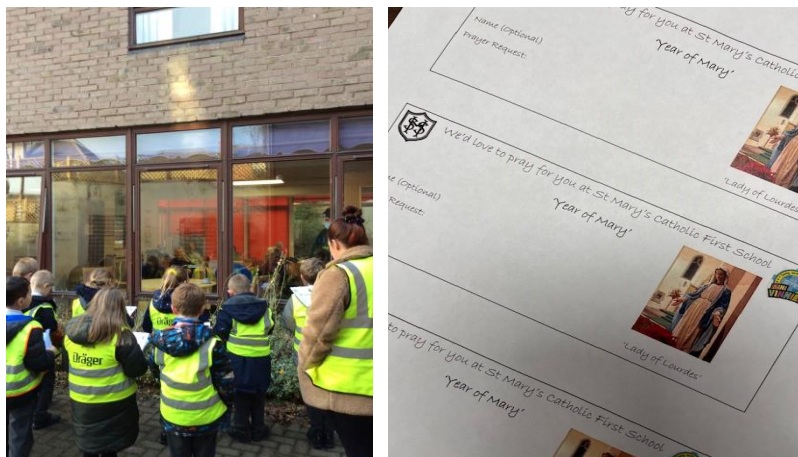
Our Mini Vinnies group is made up from children in our Key Stage 2 classes, and is led by Miss. McNamara. Mini Vinnies come together to form a part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society England and Wales, a voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms. Our Mini Vinnies group meets regularly to pray, discuss and support however they can to help make a difference in our school and parish communities. Mini Vinnies truly turn concern into action as they use the simple formula of 'see, think, do' to find people in need and help them.

During the start of this academic year the Mini Vinnies promoted the following campaign in school:



Each class was designated a colour theme and all class members encouraged to collect colour themed food items to contribute to the class hamper. Once the items were collected the Mini Vinnies delivered the food hampers to local food banks to support those in need.

At Christmas, our Mini Vinnies visited our local care homes in Hexham singing Christmas carols and sharing mince pies to add some festive cheer. Mini Vinnies also created and delivered handmade Christmas cards to members of the parish community who may be elderly, lonely or who struggle to leave their homes.



Recently, as part of our whole school 'Year of Mary' the Mini Vinnies created prayer intention cards for all the families of the school community. This was subsequently extended to the Parish community where prayer intention cards are situated at the back of St. Mary's Catholic Church, with completed ones returned to school for classes to support the prayer intention request. Mini Vinnies also created Easter cards to share with the parish and school community.

