

Schools Newsletter

Spring Term 2012



Message from the Diocesan Director of Education – Canon Mary Lawson

Dear All, Welcome back and I do hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year!



Barwell Junior receive their Baton and Light

I do wonder where the year has gone! On December 8th, we celebrated the end of the 'Held Together as One' Pilgrimage and the beginning of a new year of activities with an Olympic flavour by holding a special service at Leicester Cathedral. It was great to see so many children representing over 55 of our schools at the service and the feedback has been really positive from all who attended.

During the service, schools in each of our 10 Deaneries received a specially designed Olympic baton and light from Bishop Tim Stevens which will begin the Diocesan Olympic Relay. The schools involved were: Lubenham All Saints, Kibworth, Queniborough, Frisby, Hope Hamilton, Hathern, Thurlaston, Packington, Richard Hill Thurcaston and Barwell.

I would like to express special thanks to the following schools who contributed to the success of the service including Lutterworth College, Barwell Juniors, Queniborough, St John the Baptist, Fleckney and for the uplifting music of Rawlins Gospel Choir and the Brockington School band. All who attended helped make it a truly special occasion.

Early in the Spring Term, we will be sending out further information and details about the relay as well as other exciting events taking place over the course of the year.

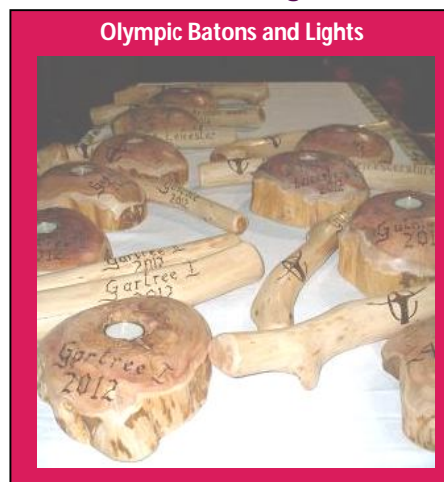
Lastly, it has been wonderful looking at the blog to see the variety of inspirational and fun activities you have shared on the carving's journey and we will be setting up another blog entitled 'Olympic Colours of Life' for you to share your thoughts and activities with the whole diocese on this year's special events.

Kindest Regards

Mary Lawson

Director of Education - Diocese of Leicester

PS. Please take time to look overleaf at some important dates for your diaries as well as free resources and Educational Grants for our Church School Family.



PARTNERSHIP RE CONFERENCE 2012

Religious Education:

Knowledge and Spirituality for Children and Young People

Key note Speakers: Lat Blaylock and Stephen Pett

An inspirational day conference for all teachers of RE, Headteachers, School governors and others connected with and interested in RE

Thursday, 24th May 2012,

9.15 am to 3.45 pm

Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse

Cost: £125.00 (inclusive of lunch and refreshments)

£100.00 for Partnership Agreement Subscribers

For further details and a booking form, contact

helen.vanroose@leccofe.org

Tel: 0116 2615352

Places on a first come, first served basis and filling up fast!

Christmas Cards for 2011

This year, we were delighted to support the Bishop of Leicester's designated charity,

Christian Aid

By purchasing and sending a selection of their Christmas cards. Yours should already have arrived and profits will go directly to the charity

RE Co-ordinator Spring Training

'WHO COMES FIRST?'

'Barnabas for Schools' is running a free training course that follows this year's theme based on Olympic values with ideas and resources to use in schools.

Wednesday, 29th February 2012,
St Martins House, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm
Booking form enclosed

FREE GIFTS FOR ALL OUR SCHOOLS

We are delighted to offer all our schools the following resources, **FREE OF CHARGE!**

Someone like Sam CD and pictures ☺ Assemblies that count Book ☺ Christmas Activity Pack
Cracking Assemblies 2 ☺ Cracking Christmas CD ☺ Cracking Easter CD ☺ Cracking Christianity CD
Cracking Church Life CD ☺ Runaway slave CD on forgiveness ☺ Chuza and the Bully CD on friendship

These have been offered to the Leicester Diocese free of charge as Stapleford Centre is closing down its Nottingham base and the business will continue on-line. Janet Ingram will be handing these out at the network meeting on Wednesday, 29th February, or, to ensure your school receives their copies, they can be collected from St Martins House, Leicester

(Due to prior arrangement please) Telephone: 0116 261 5350

Alderman Newton's Educational Foundation Grants

Over the years, many of you have benefitted from the Alderman Newton Grants, but there may well be some schools that are unaware of this financial aid.

The grant covers special projects that would sit outside your main school budget to enhance your school's Christian distinctiveness in whatever form, internally or externally. Enclosed are details and an application form and Mary Lawson will be very happy to offer advice prior to the documentation being sent before the panel.

At a glance Dates for your Diary, Spring Term 2012

Thursday 26 th Jan	Headteachers Meeting, 2.00pm to 3.30pm – St Martins House
Thursday 23 rd Feb	New Headteachers meeting at Launde Abbey by invitation
Wednesday 29 th Feb	RE Inset –'Who comes First?' 1.30pm to 3.30pm, St Martins House, Barnabas in Schools
Tuesday 6 th March	Governor Training – Succession Planning, 6.30pm to 9.00pm, St Martins House
Tuesday 13 th March	Church School Training for Staff and Governors, St Martins House, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday 20 th March	Joint Headteachers Quiet Afternoon, afternoon, Launde Abbey
Monday 23 rd April	Training for 'Governors in Church Schools' 6.30pm to 8.30pm, St Martins House
Thursday 24 th May	Partnership RE Conference, Beaumanor Hall £125.00 for full day inc lunch

For further details and booking forms, please contact Helen Van Roose on 0116 261 5350, or go to:
www.leicester.anglican.org/diocese-office/education/courses-conferences-and-booking-forms/

Farewell, Best Wishes and Thank you

At the end of this term we say goodbye to:

Irene Hill of Scalford CE Primary School

Fiona Jones, Orchard CE Primary School, Broughton Astley

To those retiring, we wish you a long, healthy and well deserved retirement. To those moving on to other schools, we wish you every blessing in your new roles.

Welcome to our Church School Family

We are pleased to welcome to our Church School family:

Kerry Hill – Scalford CE Primary School

Deirdre Kallquist – Blaby Stokes CE Primary School

We look forward to working closely together and are here to offer help and advice in your new role, at any time.

Educational Visits at the Cathedral

Education@ Leicester Cathedral deliver a programme of visits which support the RE curriculum, in particular through which we share aspects of the Christian faith and the cathedral in an age and ability appropriate way. Choose a visit programme to suit you, from 'More than Gold' reflection around the Olympics to Inter faith visits. For further information, please visit the website www.cathedral.leicester.anglican.org

'Songs for Life CD' - £15.00

A new resource for learning hymns in Collective Worship.

The CD contains audio and lesson resources and will support both teachers and pupils in delivery of creative collective worship, enjoyment of singing and spiritual development.

To place your order, please email the RE Adviser - janet.ingram@leccofe.org

Subscription to Stapleford Centre

We have just a few spaces left, so if you wish to subscribe to the Stapleford Centre On-line resources, this is now available at a reduced rate of just £25.00 for group bookings
Please contact janet.ingram@leccofe.org



Combining Faith, Adventure and Learning

We have received an invitation from Noel Jones of Rock UK for teachers from our schools to attend a Staff Taster Day at one of the Rock UK Adventure Centres.

Rock UK provides safe and exciting outdoor adventures combining faith and learning for schools from a choice of programmes to meet plans and budgets.

The taster includes cover of travel expenses, a sample meal, guided tour, and an opportunity to experience activities and meet the team.

Contact: www.rockuk.org or call 0844 8000 222

Diocesan Themes of Collective Worship, for Spring 2012 are on our website now!

Please go to:

www.leicester.anglican.org/diocese-office/education/themes-of-collective-worship/