



## St. Bede's Catholic Infant School Pupil Voice 2022-2023

We are so proud of the contribution our children make through their participation in a variety of steering groups. Members of the groups include our Reception children as well as children from Year 1 and Year 2. The children take their roles very seriously, supporting the Mission and ethos of our school. They develop a clear understanding of their rights and those of other children and their responsibilities towards their own well-being and that of others. The children develop leadership skills knowing the importance of listening, of collaboration and co-operation and they gain an understanding of democratic decision making. We should never underestimate how deeply young children think or the sincerity of their response.

### **School Council – Miss Scragg**

The School Council is elected by their peers and has 12 members from across Key Stage 1. The group meets once a half term to discuss and lead on activities covering a range of current affairs relevant to school life such as:

- Organising activities for British Values Week (Democracy, Tolerance, Equalities, Remembrance)
- Act as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to promote our message of kind hands, kind feet and kind words and lead a range of events including Anti-bullying week activities in November; end of year friendship award and friendship certificates throughout the year.
- Devise and review the annual school council questionnaire for pupils.
- Work around current local, national and global agenda e.g. elections.

### **Reading Ambassadors Miss Hesling**

Our Reading Ambassadors are passionate about books!

Being a reading ambassador is all about reading for pleasure and sharing the deep enjoyment of reading a great book with others. A representative from each class has been selected to be the 'voice of reading' for their class.

Part of the job of being a reading ambassador is to encourage others in their class to read. There has also been much research to show that children who read regularly at home perform better at school and as well as being academically beneficial, it is also lots of fun!

Our Reading Ambassadors:

- Create displays around the school, encouraging other children to find out about new authors, celebrated authors and different books.
- Read and review books and can help other children through their recommendations.
- Choose reading champions (this could be someone who has particularly excelled with their reading or someone who has shown a dedication to increasing the amount that they read).

Why not ask one of our Reading Ambassadors to recommend a book?

### **Health & Wellbeing Group Miss Parle**

Nine children from across all year groups are part of the Health and Well-Being group. These children will consider how all children in our school are given the best opportunities to ensure Emotional Health and Well-Being and are given strategies to problem solve when faced with unfamiliar situations.

### **Spirituality Group Mrs Wylie**

The Spirituality group is made up of 9 children, 1 from each Class, who meet each half term. The group will make links with other steering groups in the school with a high focus on spiritual development. The group will lead initiatives within the school which will support the children's sense of awe and wonder, spirituality, prayer, reflection and worship.

### **Arts Ambassadors Mrs Jackson**

It is our aim to inspire children's creativity and promote all aspects of the arts throughout St Bede's Catholic Infant School and our Arts Ambassadors have a key role in promoting the arts within our school. The group meets once a half term to discuss ideas for future arts projects, foci for after school clubs, the planning and evaluation of Arts Weeks, Community Arts Days and termly art competitions. Our Arts Ambassadors:

- Are good role models
- Speak with passion about the arts
- Use their enthusiasm to guide others in their art making
- Judge art competitions each term
- Express opinions about the Arts (including other pupil's work)
- Contribute to the planning of events such as Community Arts Day, Arts / Awe & Wonder Week.
- Play a key part in the planning and organisation of our art exhibitions and visiting specialist artists.

We are currently working towards Gold Artsmark status and our children will be instrumental in helping achieve this status.

### **Sports Ambassadors Mrs Bellard**

Our Sports Ambassadors role is to promote participation in sport and to encourage active and healthy lifestyles throughout the school. The Ambassadors do this by leading and supporting playtime activities and by helping to organise and lead sporting events within the school. Our Sports Ambassadors also help to promote the Olympic and Paralympic values which reflect our whole school ethos.

These Values are:

Respect, Excellence, Friendship, Equality, Inspiration, Courage & Determination

### **CAFOD Group Miss Scragg**

The children will support Cafod initiatives and Fundraising.

### **Science Ambassadors Miss Tiffensor**

Our Science Ambassadors are enthusiastic and passionate about science. They are engaged and empowered to share their enthusiasm for science through engaging in scientific activities and inquiries and discussions around school activities and events. They are the voice for science planning, extra-curricular clubs, and school trip ideas and they help to raise the profile of science across our school community.

### **Digital Leaders Mrs Kaye**

Our children are surrounded by technology and it's vital that everyone knows how to keep themselves safe. Our Digital Leaders will meet to discuss how they can champion the safe and positive use of technology. The Digital Leaders will work in collaboration with teachers, parents and children to ensure everyone knows how to stay safe online.