

# NEWSLETTER

## BOB HARTMANS VISIT TO GUERNSEY



The biggest event of this term was the visit of Bob Hartman at the end of June. Bob spent the week with us, visiting 8 schools, speaking at churches and running a storytelling workshop.

Bob's busy week began by speaking at our AGM on Monday 24th June. The following day, we began the visits to schools, starting at Beechwood, where Bob led an assembly and two lessons for Year 5. They really enjoyed it, there was a lot of laughter! Some of the children even asked Bob for his autograph, which soon had nearly the whole class getting one! That afternoon we took Bob into St Martins where he again led two lessons this time with Year 3 and an assembly.

On day 2, we started with St Mary and St Michaels, holding multiple lessons and ending with an assembly. This was followed by two lessons and an assembly at Amherst. A lesson with Bob usually involved him telling a number of interactive stories, answering questions and inventing a brand new story with the children. They loved this and we had some very funny stories!

Thursday started with a junior assembly at Vauvert followed by the morning at La Houquette. Here Bob did two lessons and an assembly. An assembly with Bob consists of just him (and occasionally some volunteers too!). He stands at the front of the hall and tells a story, always with a message alongside. The children will join in and do the actions and noises to help bring the stories to life. After La Houquette we spent the afternoon at Notre Dame. Again, the children were very enthusiastic. One child even said that she thought Bob's books looked very intriguing and that he had inspired her to write stories too.

On the last day in schools, Bob visited Vauvert and La Mare, taking lessons and workshops. These were received very well. The team found watching the interaction between Bob and the children very interesting and loved seeing how he captured their attention and kept it!

On Saturday morning we had invited teachers, church leaders and children's workers to a storytelling workshop run by Bob. It was a fantastic morning, Bob taught us lots of tips and tricks about storytelling and we had a lot of fun as well! Thank you to everyone who came, donated or helped bring the morning together!

Bob ended his busy week by speaking at two churches on Sunday, Les Camps Methodist and Vazon Elim.

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Bob for visiting us and teaching us so much. Thank you also to his hosts, those who donated and made this week possible.

We ask that you join us in thanking God for this opportunity and ask God to bless the work of Bob.

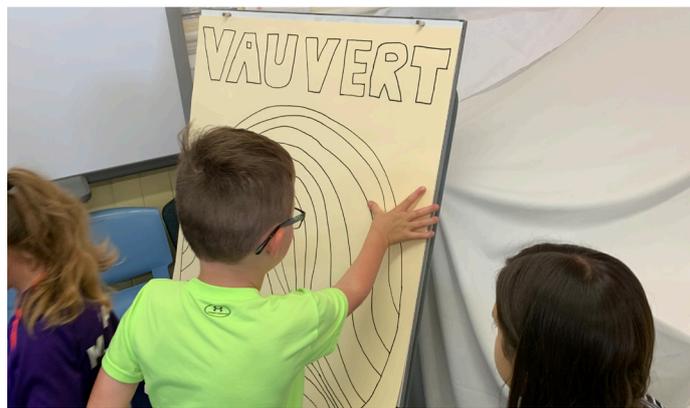




## TEAM NEWS

This summer we are sad to say that Emma will be leaving her paid role at PACE. However as she continues in her full-time position as youth leader at Trinity Church, we will still be working alongside her as she will continue to volunteer and work in her local schools. We have really valued Emma's creativity, enthusiasm and her passion for young people has been evident in all areas of the work. With this change in position we are now looking for someone new to come and join our team. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested in applying for a part-time position at PACE, please do get in touch with us. Contact: [pace@cwgsy.net](mailto:pace@cwgsy.net) or [lisa.griffin@paceguernsey.com](mailto:lisa.griffin@paceguernsey.com).

We are also very sad to see Kate Hatton leave the island, thank you so much for all your volunteering!



## PRAYER POINTS

- Praise to God for a fantastic week with Bob Hartman.
- Prayers for the team, for energy refuel and a refreshing summer break. Also for Phil's hip operation and a new team member.
- For all Year 6 children transitioning to new schools in September.

## THIS YEAR!

We wanted to share with you some statistics of what we've been up to this year. Looking back, it has been a very busy year and even we are shocked by what we have managed to achieve! Thank you to everyone who helped make all of this possible.

- 143 Assemblies - 110 Primary and 33 Senior
- 77 RE lessons - 31 Primary and 46 Senior
  - 85 OTM lessons
  - 128 BOLT sessions
- 247 Lunch Club sessions
  - 16 Church Visits
- 4 Prayer Spaces in 4 Primary schools for over 1000 children
- 16 Y6 Transition Lessons in 14 Primary Schools for 648 pupils and given out 623 copies of It's Your Move
  - 5 Quiet Mornings



## PRAYER SPACES

We finished this summer term with two weeks of Prayer Spaces. The first was at Vauvert, where we had not held a Prayer Spaces before. The school chose to call it Reflection Spaces and stations included; Light Lillies, Sorry Bin, Seeds of Hope, Finger Print, Thank You Ducks and Quiet Space. The children were enthusiastic and loved being in a different space. We were presented with a lovely thank you card and told the children felt a lot more relaxed after leaving. We have also visited La Houquette, for their Reflection Spaces too. This time each station reflected a subject they had on their new curriculum; being independent in looking after the planet, overcoming fears, being a good team member and being resilient. We've really enjoyed these times with the children.

Thank you to all of our fantastic volunteers who gave up their time to help us. We could not have held these events without you and we are very grateful for your commitment to the work we do in the schools of Guernsey.