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TEAM NEWS



At the end of this term we will lose the services of Lee as coordinator of the PACE team as he has accepted a teaching post at Elizabeth College. Rarely is a resignation celebrated but knowing Lee's passion for further devoting his life to the education system and being confident of God's plans we can only be delighted for Lee as he moves into a new phase of his career, and to wish him every success in it.

Lee has made a considerable input to the success of PACE over recent years, leading with assurance and sensitivity, developing effective teams around him, at times the only constant when everything else around him was changing.

It has been such a pleasure working with Lee, and he will be truly missed.

The biggest compliment however that I can pay him is that we are not having to look far in appointing a successor to Lee as he has already trained his replacement - Lisa will be assuming the team coordination role as from next term.

I am sure that you will want to join me in passing on your best wishes to both Lee and Lisa.

PRESENTATION EVENING AND AGM

At the beginning of June, we held our presentation evening and AGM at Les Camps Methodist Church. We had an attendance of 32 supporters. The evening started off with an update from Phil and what he had done since his arrival at PACE. He outlined that he had been meeting with church leaders and RE teachers, discussing what PACE can offer to the schools of Guernsey. He also talked about his personal journey into the role and thanked everyone for their support.



The team then went on to present what had happened over the past year, looking at each month and talking about a highlight in more detail.

Much of the evening was focused on volunteers, encouraging our supporters to volunteer themselves or encourage people from their churches to get in touch. We also celebrated those that already do so much with PACE, making it possible to run lunch clubs, lessons and Prayer Spaces.

Thank you to all who attended, and a big thank you to our volunteers!





LESSONS

With over 600 children leaving primary and then moving on to secondary school in the autumn, a major focus as we approach the end of term is the presentation of gift booklets (It's Your Move - produced by Scripture Union) to most of those year 6 leavers on behalf of their local churches. Along with the gift, most schools have invited us to deliver a transition lesson exploring 'Changes, Challenges and Choices' that the children will face so it's a very busy end of term!

A highlight for the team was having the opportunity to deliver a set of lessons on the Christian views on poverty. We were able to share about Jesus' heart for the poor and how many Christians have been inspired to act to help those in need.

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'WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU? TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD.' MICAH 6:8

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise to God for all the oppotunities we've had this term, visiting schools and meeting with students and teachers.
- For each student we encounter, that as they hear the message of Jesus, a seed is planted in their hearts.
- For the Year 6 children transitioning to high schools in September.
- For the States in making decisions for the education of Guernsey.
- For the team as they adjust to the departure of Lee.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies this term have tested our creative skills as we sought to present encouraging messages in fun, interactive ways while drawing on stories and teaching from the Bible.

In senior schools we demonstrated the importance of teamwork with a long-spoon-Malteser-eating challenge and Paul's analogy of the human body. We used the Paddington films to teach about giving to others and making the most of your time, reinforced by the story of the Good Samaritan and the promise that God has good plans for us. We also looked at how the Holy Spirit gave the disciples courage as we encouraged the students to be brave and try new things.

Primary assemblies have been fun, with songs, dances, races, drama and poetry helping us bring to life Jesus' calming of the storm and healing of the paralytic. The term ended with our puppets helping the children face the challenges ahead of them as they move on to new classes or schools next term. It is always rewarding to see the enjoyment that our assemblies can bring!



LUNCH CLUBS

Lunch clubs have continued as usual this term, with 6 senior lunch clubs and 2 primary school BOLT clubs.

Senior clubs looked at each of the Fruits of the Spirit and the students enjoyed some fun activities used to illustrate each one.



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