

Youth Worker's Newsletter

September & October 2023

School Work

The work in School's work is still going very well. I spent a lot of the summer holidays making and planning Godly Play stories which we launched in September. We spend a session a term with each class doing a story and asking the children some "I WONDER" questions. After the story each child has time to reflect and this has been going well.

We have had a visit from Year 2 to the church looking at the structure and the objects in the church.

The school held their Community Day in October and Year 4 came to the church and designed our Christmas card. Please keep an eye out for that very soon. The Nursery also took part and they created a lovely book which has been seen in the church.

We had a great end of (half) term service with the children sharing about Harvest and the community.

Topics I have covered in Collective Worship are:

- Prayer Spaces – Big Questions x 3
- People from the Bible – Noah
- People from the Bible – Jonah
- People from the Bible – Joshua
- People from the Bible – Lydia

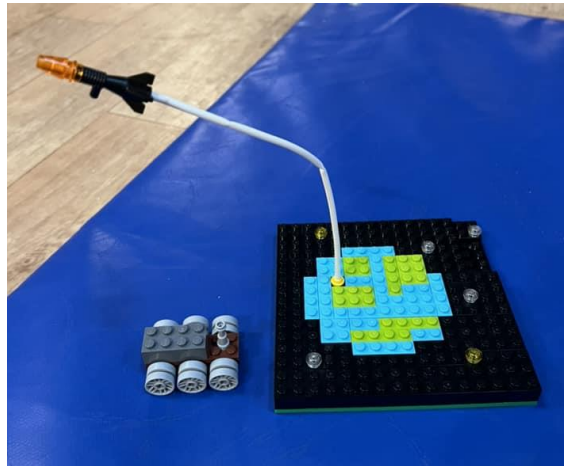
Yodah School Group

The young people are continuing to lead our closing prayer which is great. They are really starting to think about what they are praying about.

In the last two month we have done:

- Summer hot seat
- Cake decorating

- Floating in space art
- NASA survival game
- Gravity experiment
- Lego space theme build challenge.
- Sweet bingo



Foodbank

Please remember the Food Bank. I wish to thank you all for your Harvest Donations that has really helped. I wish to also thank everyone for your donations for my sponsored walk of 40+ miles across the Downs to raise money for the Foodbank and the Kagando Mission Group. In total I raised £1,660 to split across the two organisations.

Downland Secondary School

Since going back to school in September this group has grown. We have over 30 young people on a weekly basis. We started the term using youth alpha essentials videos. We see young people from across the local area.

Toast Club

Toast Club sees a regular number of young people on a weekly basis, and we hope that numbers will grow in the new school year.

Yodah Youth Group

Youth group has had fun since starting back with cooking, sweet bingo and a great quiz with lots of fun little prizes. To end these two months we had a fire pit with smores and sparklers and lots of chat.



Funding Support

As many of you know I do lots of different events and activities for the young people around the Parish. This is only possible if you support me with the events I arrange and the equipment we use.

I am looking for some new equipment and would love if anyone would be willing to help purchase the items needed.

Portable hanging basketball net £75

Badminton free standing net and equipment £85

Batteries £7

Volunteering

We are looking for volunteers to come and get involved in our activities across the Parish from Children's, youth and adult outreach. If you are willing or able to get involved then please do come and talk to myself or Tessa.

You can either talk or drop us an email gpickett170@gmail.com or admin@beaconparish.co.uk

Blessings

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