

## **Chaplain Update**

This term we have really embedded our Ursuline online and our community has continued to grow very impressively. I have been so pleased to see you all continuing with your acts of kindness and sharing serviam amongst your communities. Our theme this year is 'The Environment', and it has been really important to keep this focus during this current time. One way we have done this is with our Earth Day afternoon. Where we took some time away from lessons to look at the positives that are currently taking place for our environment. The afternoon involved reading articles about the current positives for the environment and taking part in a virtual



field trip! Students and staff were also asked to take part in a picture competition, the photos we received were fantastic and it was really difficult to choose the winners (see below)! It was lovely to have everyone taking part in one activity together. Below you will see the winners and a link to the full story on the website.

We also had year nine retreat on the theme of living out hope by loving your neighbour as Jesus taught us. The activities included; writing a reflection on how students had seen Jesus is commandment of Love your neighbour lived out in their community, Writing a prayer of hope and also recording messages of hope on our new school app; Flipgrid. This is Fiona in 9Catherine's reflection; "I have seen the greatest commandment ('Love your neighbour as yourself') lived out during this time as there are food banks and people voluntarily giving out food and essentials to people who can't afford it and to people who are unable to go out and get it. People are helping others as much as they can during this time, to unsure that they are safe and healthy." It was fantastic to see how the students we're living out serviam and also how they were seeing it active in their communities. A highlight of the half term was our 'Ursuline Gives Thanks' activity. Where students and staff were asked to send a thank you card to somebody in our school community it was lovely to see joy being shared amongst one another and celebrating all that we have achieved together.

I hope you all have a lovely half term! Keep safe and keep active. Ms Murphy









Our fantastic Earth Day photo competition winners- see full versions and write up on the website here.



Delivering food parcels in the community



Baking for neighbours



Feeding the birds



Reading with younger brother



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PRAYER OF THE 'MONTH'



## SCRIPTURE OF THE 'MONTH'

## A Call to Action from Pope Francis

"As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling." Speech, Manila, Philippines, January 18, 2015