

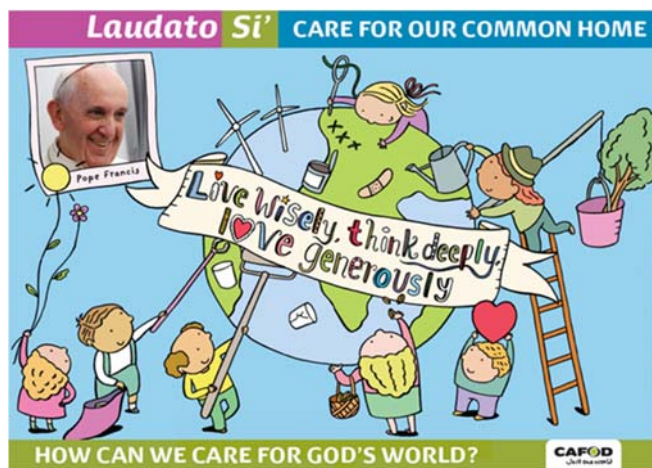
The 'Laudato Si' Challenge by Year 5 2016-17

The 'Laudato Si' challenge is our response to Pope Francis' call to:

Love Generously, Live Wisely, Think Deeply

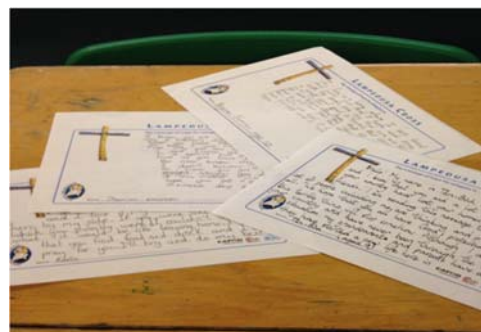
During Year 5's Harvest Service in October 2016, a letter was read out from Pope Francis which prompted them to begin a challenge to show how they could make a difference if they cared for their "Common Home".

As a school we began to **"Think Deeply"** about how we care for each other and show love to all. The school raised money throughout the year for other people in the UK and overseas. We welcomed visitors to our school to talk about their charities – St. Chad's sanctuary, Fr. Hudson's Society, the Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership's appeal for Rwanda, and CAFOD.

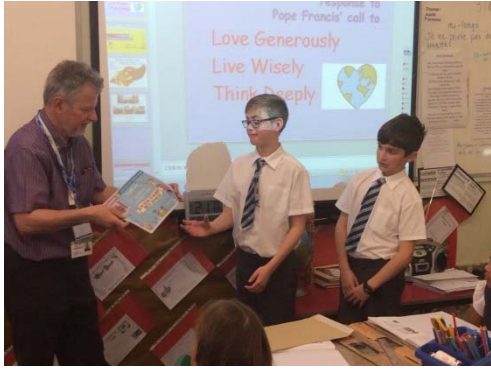


In November we **"Loved Generously"** and wrote our messages of hope for the refugees around the world.

During our class Collective Worships we were asked decide on one thing that each of us could do to **"Live Wisely"** and personally show we are caring for our 'Common Home'.



After Year 5 had completed their work, they invited Peter McCann from CAFOD back to see our results on 4th April 2017. He was very impressed and presented us with our 'Laudato Si' challenge certificate to show we have indeed responded to Pope Francis' call to look after our 'Common Home'.



Mr McCann was very moved by Year 5's presentation and sent this message:

"It was a wonderful privilege for me to visit Year 5 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School and to hear and see how they have met the CAFOD 'Laudato Si Challenge'. Such team work! The presentation which they had put together and delivered with such enthusiasm was magnificent and I felt truly honoured to be there. Well done to all the children for all the hard work, amazing fund-raising in support of others and deeply thoughtful response to the 'refugees action'. I was greatly moved again when they children sang the beautiful hymn at the end of the presentation. Thank you, again - it will all live long in my memory."