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#### **Spirituality and Courageous Advocacy: Charitable Causes over recent years**

## Mary's Meals 2020

Raising over £400 at Harvest Time for our local food bank and those in need across Oldham

### **Students Rebuild 2023**

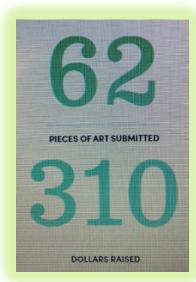
Raising awareness of the plight of refugees worldwide – global poverty and injustice.

Raising £260 for supporting charities.











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#### **Feed Manchester Christmas 2022**

Inspired by one of our pupils, the community came together to donate items of clothing, sleeping bags, toothbrushes and toothpaste to help the homeless in Manchester.











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# **MacMillan Cancer Support**



Our annual MacMillan coffee morning has helped raise over £13,000 over the years in support of this magnificent charity.



# Annual Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children Raising £1000's over recent years!





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## 'Orange for Orangutans' Days

Year 6 regularly raises funds for the 'Orangutan Foundation' on a special non-uniform day. A sponsored run during autumn term helps to raise awareness and the pupils write to the school community.







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Year 4 Bake Sale to support Dogs Trust
Year 4 hosted their annual bake sale. The children choose a different charity
they would like to support each year.
This year the children decided to raise money for Dogs Trust.









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# **Reducing Ocean Waste**

Alongside our school council, we are looking at ways to reduce the amount of plastic we use in school. We have written prayers and promises of how we can protect God's Earth and all of its creatures.







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### 2024-2025 St Mary's Plastic-Free School

In conjunction with 'Plastic Free Schools: Surfers Against Sewage' St Mary's is working to become a plastic-free school. Working with our Ethos Group



and School Council, we aim to raise awareness among our community and to make pledges to remove some of the plastics currently in use at school today. We aim to write to our local MP in order to gain their help in achieving our goals and to raise the issue on a much wider platform.

By 2025 we aim to have removed the use of the following from our school:

- -plastic bags
- -single use plastic cutlery
- -single use plastic bottles

# RAISING AWARENESS OF LOCAL ISSUES M.P. VISITS



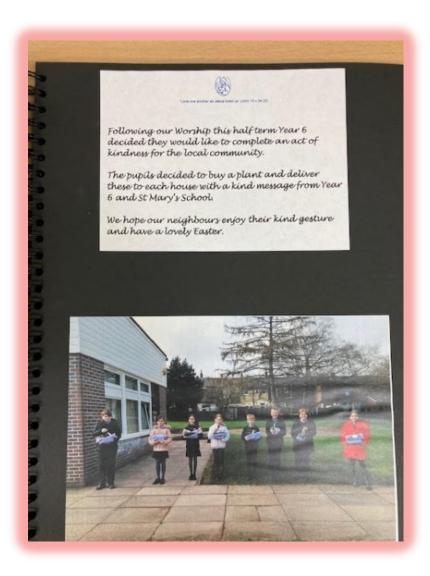
St Mary's pupils regularly write to their local MP to raise issues that matter to them. Most recently the School Council and Year 6 talked to Debbie Abrahms MP about traffic-calming measures needed near school and with her help succeeded in:

- -improving signage for road users
- -increasing double-yellow lines near school
- -obtaining a '20 limit' sign for the school to display
- -campaigning for the local authority parking camera car to visit the area more often
- -discussing the improvement of road-calming measures locally



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## Making a difference locally...during the Pandemic of 2020



Our pupils wanted to do something for the local community – to let them know we care and that we were there in support of them.

So at Easter time, they delivered spring plants to the houses opposite school with a message of kindness and support attached.

Just one way of helping others through tough times...



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# **2018 Forever Angels Charity Workshops and fundraiser**







Pupils attended an assembly from a Forever Angels ambassador and participated in workshops to raise awareness of the plight of families living in poverty in Tanzania.

The school helped to raise funds which went towards providing for orphaned children in need in Tanzania.