### Schools of Sanctuary



## St. Michael's Catholic Primary

The world in one school

# Our School of Sanctuary is:

• A place of welcome for all.

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- It educates about why people are forcibly displaced.
- It recognises that the UK is enriched by new arrivals.
- Supports pupils from all backgrounds to feel seen, supported and included.





# The Three principles of a School of Sanctuary

LEARN about what it means to be seeking sanctuary.

**TAKE ACTION** to embed welcome, safety and inclusion in school.

**SHARE** what we have done with others.

We are a large primary school in the Tuebrook area of Liverpool. Our school community continues to grow and diversify, 60.8% of our pupils are children with English as an Additional Language.



Our School Context

With have highs level of transient community, as 10.9% of our school population joined us as mobility pupils in this academic year alone. There are 41 different languages in our school.

There are 21 different ethnicities. Our most widely spoken languages are Malayalam and Arabic. We have 15 families, who joined our school seeking sanctuary. Ten of these families are now refugees, four are seeking asylum, and one has asylum seeking status granted.

### Asylum Link Merseyside Visit



Noor from Asylum Link Merseyside came into school and completed an assembly and individual class workshops to teach us about families seeking asylum and what it means to become a refugee. Pupils were able to make connections to their own journeys when they were seeking asylum. We learnt what our local Asylum link does to support families. KS1 and KS2

If you had to leave, what would you take?



Omran. Age: 6. From: Damascus, Svria



Our KS1 pupils learnt about the impact of having to pack up their life and thought about how difficult it would be to choose only essential items to travel on their journey.



KS2 looked at the book the journey, which some of us have already used in school.

# Learn

We help our students, staff and wider community learn about what it means to be seeking sanctuary and the issues surrounding forced migration.

By our actions, our words, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves, we want to sing of hope and reawaken in every heart the joy and courage to embrace life to the full. Pope Francis



**Pilgrims of Hope** 



**Pre-loved toy sale** 

To be signs of hope for others, by putting Catholic Social Teaching into action by supporting our community who have experienced war, hunger or poverty in this Jubilee Year.

# Learn





Raising money for our local charity to support their food banks, food club, debt advice, baby basics and trading shops

### Fund raising through our school discos





These sessions are often practical and include drama based activities, circle times, social stories and discussions.

Learn

Our No-Outsiders curriculum explores themes relating to refugees, responding to racist behaviour, accepting difference and understanding discrimination and diversity in every year group.

### In Our Curriculum





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Flying Eye Books London-New York

### **Pupil Voice**

"I feel connected to the story because I understand how they feel."

"That happened to me and my family. We had to leave my country because of war. We came on an aeroplane. I like living in Liverpool now."

"I feel happy for the people who can walk away from war and be safe."

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According to the latest reports, a se

boy called Rami al Zamel was pulled from

the Mediterranean Sea, near an Island the coast of Greece last night. The 11

old child was rescued by a foreign travia

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their crew spotted the boy - considering sil perilous conditions. "We couldn't believe our sy

when we noticed him bobbing on the surface Another hour in the water would have beil disastrous for Rami," remarked Alexandra Art

one of the fishermen at the scene. Crew member provely negotiated the fast-moving, chopp

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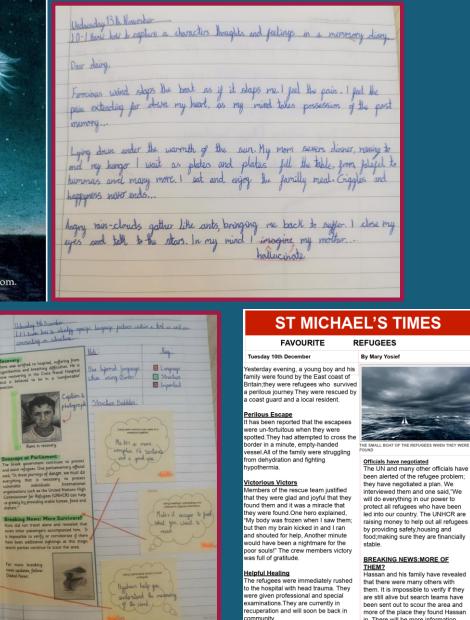
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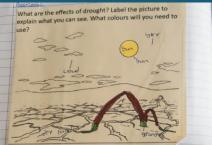


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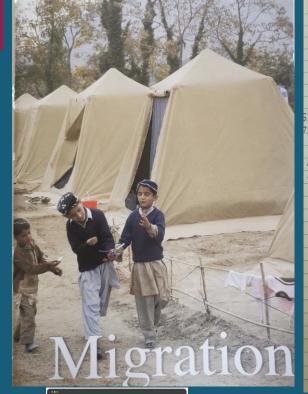
1. If someone moves back home again, their migration is...

2. People who flee war or persecution and cross an international boundary to find safety are called ....

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3. People who haven't yet been temporary officially accepted as refugees are called...



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war. This is called involuntary migration.

Year 5 have a specific topic learning about migration, both voluntary and involuntary.

### **Widait** Online CPD

The Home Office provide accommodation (through SERCO) and financial support, they commission Migrant Help to provide advice.

Home Office delays in decision increase hotel use in the city. However, accelerated asylum decisions has led to a refugee homelessness crisis in Liverpool

refused asylum can become Schools of Sanctuary Aany will go on to get Leave to **Liverpool Network** Welcome

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024. 2pm – 4pm



### **Good Practice for Schools**

DFE guidance – The admission authorities for state-funded schools (maintained schools and academy schools) must not check the immigration or nationality status of foreign national children as a pre-condition for admission. Checking is the parents' responsibility.

ASK: please record the language correctly for the children you admit. We can't support schools with translated resource etc. due to the high proportion of children registered as "other than English". Just for context in the last census (October 2023) 5,850 children were registered in that category-just in Primary schools. Having this knowledge helps us greatly with not just translation but also funding

### Support organisations for people seeking asylum those with refugee status and other migrants

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#### lum and Refugee Support Orga

#### 1. Organisation: Refugee Women Connect Contact details: call 0151 305 1070

Email: info@refugeewomenconnect.org.u menconnect.org.uk

support given: support and advice for women seeking asylum. Information on the asylum process eparing for interview, integration programme to support access to local services. Specialist Mental Health team with group and 1:1 support, including perinatal group. Advocacy training & unteering opportunities. Weekly drop-in Tuesdays 10-12.30 at St Bride's Church, Percy Street 18 7LT. Open to all women seeking asylum, refugees, with insecure immigration status and won who have experienced trafficking, plus their childre

#### Organisation: British Red Cross

Contact details: call 0151 702 5067 Email: RAMP@redcross.org.uk

upport given: Advice, family tracing, wellbeing and social activities, limited support for people who are homeless or have no money, support with victims of modern slavery/trafficking, support for refugees who have been recently granted status and support with arranging flights for family eunion. For family tracing call or email or website

3. Organisation: British Red Cross Inte Contact details: call 0151 702 5058 Email: MERIFT@redcross.org.uk Website: Find missing family | British Red Cross Support given: Get help finding missing relatives abroad and in the UK through the British Red Cross rnational Family Tracing service if you have been separated by war, natural disaster of migration

4. Organisation: Asylum Link Merseysie Contact details: call 0151 709 1713 Email: info@asylumlink.org.ul Website: https://www.asylu upport given: Advice, clothes, daily food, social activities, English classes, advice and suppo regarding family reunion and support for destitute people

Staff have attended continuing professional development training to support their understanding of the terms used for asylum seeking, the process families have to go through and also supporting families. The school of Sanctuary news letter is shared with all staff.

### Coming soon

### REFUGE ISLAND by Whispered Tales 20/05/25



We have booked a 20 minute dance performance that explores stories of female migration and the human capacity to offer a place of refuge in times of crisis. As a lone woman appears on a surreal pedestrian refuge island we begin to hear just why she braved the elements to leave her home and settle here in a new place of refuge. Story Sack Project 22<sup>nd</sup> May

In partnership with Liverpool Learning Partnership (LLP), we will be running a small project to produce some story sack bags for schools to give to families. This will support those who have arrived in Liverpool schools as refugees or seeking asylum. The aim of the sack will be to provide some information, a family book and a craft/art activity that could allow parents/carers to either engage with school or express something about their identity.

### Refugee Week and a Day of Welcome 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June



We will be planning our 'Day of Welcome' and 'Simple Acts Project' for Refugee week







### **Welcoming New Parents**

Our arrival pack is now digitised, this allows families to switch translation to their home language, so they can read all of the arrival information.

All families have a pre-admission meeting, where they get a tour of the school, get taken through the documents. Families requiring additional support are signposted to our Family Support Worker drop in sessions every Tuesday.

### **Welcoming New Pupils**

- School tour with the Pastoral Team and check in to make sure you have everything you need.
- Classroom Buddy
- Get to know the teacher
- Complete an assessment of English proficiency on our new interactive digital assessment system.
- Access English tutoring at home using Flash Academy
- Learn English with your family at home.
- Have tailored English lessons according to age and stage of English proficiency.
- Introduction to school rules and what happens when.

### **Resources to help**

- Visual timetables in place in every classroom.
- Calm learning environments in every classroom.
- One-page profiles are shared with staff on the newly arrived children.
- Meetings take place with DSL and SENCo to gain further information about the family and child's needs.
- All lessons are dual coded with visual images using widget.
- Pre-teaching of vocabulary takes place for learners who need more.
- Widgit can be used to create communication boards to support learners with English as an additional language.

# Embed

We are committed to creating a safe and inclusive culture of welcome that benefits everybody, including anyone in our community seeking sanctuary and working with people seeking sanctuary to co-produce their sanctuary efforts and practice. Cash For Kids: Our Pastoral team makes a referral for the amount of families/ children that will need toys over the Christmas holidays. Once the application has been completed and successful we will then go and collect the toys from the Cash for Kids location. These will then be delivered to the families via the school minibus. This helps to alleviate some of the pressures our most vulnerable families face over the Christmas period.

Magic Breakfast: The pastoral team has made connections with magic breakfast. This is a company that delivers us four different types of cereal, bread and bagels each week at a discounted cost. This allowed us to reduce the price of breakfast club which resulted in more children coming. It gives the children a variety of healthy breakfasts that they can access before the school day begins. This is open to all children and helps them to start their day positively and ready to learn.

Fully Funded Summer Trips: The pastoral team plans for trips/vouchers or activities to support our most vulnerable families over the summer holidays. They work out the cost and figures. This then has to be sent off via an application form and a board of people have to assess and allocate us with a grant. In the Summer the Pastoral Team arranged a fully funded trip for 10 families in the summer holidays to Gulliver's World (Summer '24). This included entry tickets and transport to and from the destination. Vouchers were also distributed for our vulnerable families. This year we helped 20 of our most vulnerable families by giving them £20 cinema vouchers (Summer' 24).

Micah Charity- The Pastoral Team organises the donation of over 30 parcels of food which are delivered to our most vulnerable families to support them over the holidays.

L6 Community Centre: Our Pastoral team will make individual referrals for Christmas support. They provide food, clothing and toys to the selected vulnerable families. These will then be delivered to the families via the school minibus to provide support over the Christmas holidays.

Nugent Care – Christmas and Easter : Pastoral completed a referral form for our most vulnerable families and children who would benefit from receiving toys over the Christmas holidays. To make toy parcels at Christmas and organise Easter eggs at Easter. This alleviates some of the pressure that families are feeling over the Christmas holidays.



LFC: The Pastoral Team will request and collect food parcels donated half termly. We select the vulnerable families we have noticed who need support during the half term. The families can then come and collect the parcels from the office. This ensures that our most vulnerable families have food over the half term breaks.

New Beginnings, Improving Lives: The pastoral team requested and collected over 30 food parcels that were donated to school to help with our most vulnerable families over the Christmas period. This ensured that the most vulnerable children in our school had food to eat over the Christmas holidays.

Amazon: The pastoral team formed a connection with Amazon. They came into the breakfast club and donated Christmas gifts to all of the children that attended clubs and extra presents for vulnerable children who needed support over the Christmas period. They also donated money to the school that would be used to fund the breakfast club for every child across the whole year. This meant that children would be able to access breakfast club and be able to get a healthy breakfast for free in order to start their day correctly.



St Michael's Family Support Leaflet

View

2023

Safeguarding

Worker





EHAT's are used to support families through a multiagency approach.

### Family Support Additional needs me by single or multi-

### **Therapeutic Classrooms**

Embed

Staff have been trained on trauma based nurture approaches to their practice to support ACE's.



### What Survival Looks Like In Primary School



Forgetful

a task

- Clumsy

Distracted

- Not listening

Day dreaming

Staring into space

Talking about

something else

Hard to move through



the front

activities

Hyperactive

Giddy and silly

Hiding under tables

Not coping in free time

Need to be first or at

Bumping into people

Avoiding tasks and

Baby talk or silly voices





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### **School Assemblies**

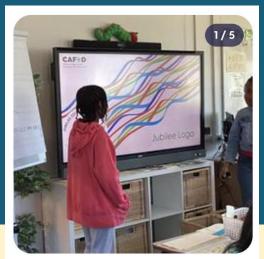




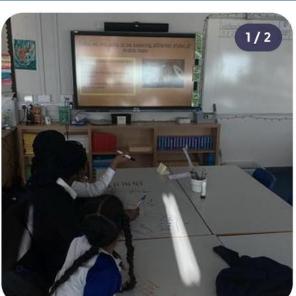
### Holy Communions

### Liverpool's School's Parliament





Today, groups of Mini Vinnies went to visit different classes to explain the meaning of the Pilgrims of Hope logo. They were fabulous presenters and we definitely have some future teachers in our group!



Today, we delved into different styles of Arabic music, exploring the instruments used, and then had fun playing a game of Arabic numbers bingo!



**Bring Your Parent to Lunch** 

Embed

### **Uniform Support**



amongst each other?





We proudly share our values and activities with our

local communities and work collaboratively to build

**Picnic Around the World** 

**Book Breakfasts** 



Assembly

DeepL

### DeepL is used to support in the moment conversations.





An EAL pilot project was launched and trialled this year in partnership with EMTAS to support EAL pupils oracy skills in Year 6.



Share

our movement of welcome.

Our school bus helps transport pupils when needed and is also used for collections

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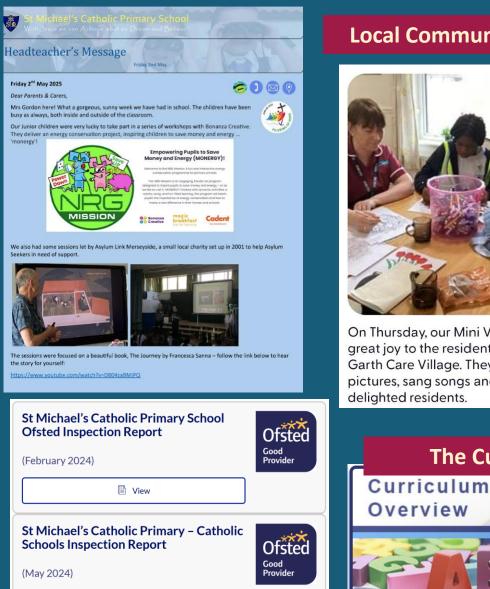


An EAL parenting class was ran for up to 12 families in school for 12 weeks in partnership with **EMTAS to support families** accessing support to learn English.

### Newsletter

# Share

### **School Assemblies**



View

### Local Community Work



On Thursday, our Mini Vinnies brought great joy to the residents of Rowan Garth Care Village. They coloured pictures, sang songs and chatted to the delighted residents.

**The Curriculum** 

### We use many different platforms and communication methods to share our values and activities with our local community.





Funded School Support Course

Please click below for more information on Aspire Education Academy's Fully Funded School Support Courses. ...

### **The School Website**







What a great day we had celebrating VE Day!

To continue to embed our new EAL language assessment system and programme for supporting pupils with English as an additional language to learn English.



Next Steps at St. Michael's

To develop our global links further and promote pupil's role as a global citizen. Additionally, to provide CPD to further enhance staffs links with international and global organisations.

To develop further cultural options on our school menu for pupils to try foods from around the world. To reflect with the Quality of Education lead how the 'No outsider's Curriculum' can be documented to ensure pupils understanding of key concepts are developed progressively each year.