

# NEWSLETTER

## TEAM NEWS

It's with great sadness that we inform you that following 30 years of leadership of PACE, Mark has taken the decision to step down as Chairman. This was not entirely unexpected as Mark had been working towards this in recent years, and has been keen to ensure succession and an effective transition. In accordance with PACE's constitution, the Trustees have agreed to appoint Jon Honour and Phil Baskerville as trustees to support the transition. Jon Honour has also agreed to lead the charity as Interim Chairman for the next 18 months, whilst Paul Mudge will take on the role of Managing Trustee responsible for day-to-day management of the charity and the team. At the end of this 18-month transition period in 2025, it is planned that Paul will assume the position of Chairman.



In Mark's own words *“It's been an absolute delight to serve God and local schools through the work of PACE over these years. We have such an excellent team in Lisa, and Sarah, with great continuing oversight from Jon, Paul, Nicole, Phil and Danny. I am sure that PACE will continue to thrive.”*

The Trustees would like to thank Mark for his leadership, which has seen the work of PACE expand and team members grow and develop. During his tenure, Mark has overseen the following developments:

- The delivery of OT Mini in all primary schools.
- Development of Prayer Spaces which has been experienced in 15 different schools.
- Roll out of Christmas and Easter In a Box.
- Leavers Lessons for all Year 6 students.
- Growth in the number of church partnerships.
- And so much more!

The Trustees and the team are grateful for all the support, wisdom and guidance Mark has offered over his many years as Chairman.

Please pray for the team and work as we begin this transition of leadership.

## THANK YOU MARK!

# OT LIVE

On Saturday 18th November, we had our Walk Through The Bible OT Live day with visiting speaker Tom Greene. We had a great day! Nearly 40 people joined with us to learn the Old Testament storyline and dive into Bible stories. We've had some great, positive feedback from those who attended- quotes?? Everyone left with booklets and the encouragement to spend time daily in their Bibles.

It was a fantastic insight into what we teach in our schools too. Those who came got to see and appreciate the amazing opportunity that we



have in teaching the Old Testament to students in Year 5 in our primary schools in Guernsey. Walk Through the Bible is an incredible organisation and 40 years! has been teaching the Big Picture of the Bible for over



# CHRISTMAS IN A BOX

This term we have again delivered our loved Christmas in a Box lessons. We have visited six schools with an amazing team of volunteers. The lesson have been received very well and enjoyed by both children and teachers. During the lesson as we discover the stories of different characters, we ask the children to write advice that they may receive from the characters and it is always lovely to read their reflections. During the box about Mary, one child wrote, "Mary might say you are special in your way." We encourage the children that Mary was an ordinary girl but God saw something special inside her and included her in His story. She was precious to God as is each one of them.

Our main message during this lesson is that God loves the world and gave Jesus as a gift to everyone and we are all invited to be part of His story.

These lessons are always very special. We love seeing the children excited about the Christmas story and learn that each one of them is special and invited into the story too, just like Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men. Each child gets to create their own mini Christmas in a Box and complete a little activity for each box.

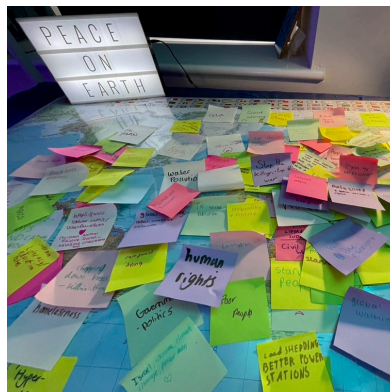
We have heard children say, "I wish we could do this everyday!"



# PRAYER SPACES

This term saw our first Senior Prayer Spaces at Blanchelande College. Tom Saddington was invited to host an event and asked PACE to assist and together we ran a two day event for those in Year 7 -11. We looked at self worth, conflict in the world, worries and being thankful for those who lift us up when we are down or need protecting. There were some really deep responses to the activities and all students were amazing! We pray that it was a helpful time for the school and students.

We also ran a Prayer Spaces at Beechwood too, focusing on being thankful, letting go of difficult feelings and emotions, talking about our worries and knowing we are all different and unique. A favourite station was our Calm Jars, where the students shook a bottle filled with glitter and water and watched it settle, being calm and quiet as they did.



# PRAYER POINTS

- Thanks to God for all the work we have been able to do this term.
- Thanks to God for Mark and his leadership over the years.
- Thanks to God for our volunteers and supporters.
- Pray for the change of leadership with Jon and Paul.
- Pray for the team and their families over Christmas.
- Pray for a restful break for all students and school staff.

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