

Go, stand in the temple courts," [the angel of the Lord] said, "and tell the people all about this new life." Acts 5.20

Responding to God's generosity

This short spring term is racing towards its conclusion, and the Easter holidays approach, so we just want to bring you a few updates on what's been going on for Niscu across the area. This is an exciting time of year, as we celebrate all Jesus did for us and that he is alive forever more, and we hope this newsletter increases your joy as you read about young people discovering Jesus for themselves!

Jonny



The Joy of Easter

Thank you for making it possible for us to go into Primary and Secondary schools across the area, through your support and prayers. The younger children in County and Church schools have loved meeting Caleb the camel, dressed up as a donkey, as Dave the donkey has been on his travels with Laura this half term. Many children have surprised their teachers and head teachers with their knowledge about Easter week and Jesus' life, and many have asked big questions like "Why did Jesus have to die?" and "Why was Jesus put on the cross if he never did anything wrong?".

Across the schools we have visited, the older children have brainstormed 'What makes a good leader', unpacked some of the events of Jesus' life and Easter week, and explored what kind of leader this shows Jesus is. Some children have asked "Is Jesus alive today?" and "Is Jesus immortal?" One visitor to a school joined us in an Easter lesson to observe, and was really impacted by the retelling of Easter week imagining we were Jesus' disciple John.

Working in schools with children, you never quite know what to expect, how long you will have to teach a lesson, or where you will be teaching it, but we do know to expect an adventure, and one that is full of surprises, with children who are not those who normally shine out in school, shining out as they engage with us and explore Jesus with us.

Katy



Expecting good things...

I am so incredibly grateful for the past year in my role at NISCU, I can't believe that it has been a whole year since I started and that it is now already the time for me to go on maternity leave! I am so excited for this next season in my life but I have to admit that I am really going to miss heading into schools and meeting so many incredible pupils and staff members from across the South Lakes.

I am constantly reminded of how brilliant the young people are that we get to work with. One topic we have been looking at this term with KS2 is 'what makes a good leader?' Some of the answers have been so great I wanted to share them with you ...

- A good leader is kind and listens to their people. They believe in people and give love.
- A good leader makes everything fair and they help. They always look out for people.
- A good leader is kind and makes the right choices.
- A good leader is a good friend.
- A good leader listens to other people with ideas and does what is best for their people.
- A good leader makes everything better, makes sure everything is okay and makes sure everyone has food and water.
- A good leader is kind and good at making decisions.

These are just a sample of over 100 different answers into what makes a good leader (including that a good leader should also have a good beard)! At a time when global leadership doesn't always emulate these traits, how lucky are we that not only do we have a perfect leader in Jesus Christ, but also that the future of local and global leadership looks to be in very good hands!

Laura

A few stats from this term:

22 schools have welcomed us in
 40 Easter lessons have been taught
 2 sixth form students from the Christian Union asked us to help them lead a Y7 pancake outreach in QES
 4 sixth form students have organised and invited us to help run an Easter Eggstravaganza for KKS

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 Thank you very much.