



# Catholic Schools Week 2020

Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: LIVING IN HARMONY WITH GOD'S CREATION

26 JANUARY – 2 FEBRUARY 2020



## Wednesday: Grandparents Day: Living in Harmony with All Generations

29th January 2020

Each year, the Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week is designated as the day when the school community celebrates the contribution of grandparents. Grandparents do so much to help raise and nurture their grandchildren. They can play a massive part in helping to pass on the Christian faith to the next generation. They deserve our respect and gratitude for all that they do.

Note: Teachers should use their discretion in relation to these activities if pupils have recently lost grandparents or are not in contact with grandparents. All classes can engage with the following activities at different levels. Choose an activity to suit your class.

### Activities

Our grandparents are a special gift in our lives. They watch over us as we grow and are often some of the most important teachers in our lives. They deserve to be appreciated and cared for and we must always show them the respect and dignity that they show us.

#### Portrait of Granny and/or Grandad and Me

Encourage the children to draw and colour a portrait of them and their grandparent or grandparents, focusing on a happy time they shared.

#### Thank You Card

Encourage the children to make a thank you card for their grandparents with a focus on the positive influence grandparents have had on their lives. Give the card to grandparents or, if they live far away, why not post it?

#### A Special Memory

Encourage the children to think of a time when their grandparents shared something special with them. Invite them to write the memory down so that they can share it with their grandparents. In particular, for children who have lost a grandparent or grandparents, they can ask at home about the kind of person their grandparent was.





## Prayer

Write a prayer of thanksgiving for your grandparents.

A large rectangular area with a dashed green border, containing ten horizontal lines for writing a prayer.



## Project

In linking with the SESE- History curriculum, encourage the children to research their grandparent's life by surveying their grandparent where possible. If they cannot talk to their grandparent for whatever reason, they can interview their parents or relatives and find out details about their grandparent's life. They can locate pictures of their grandparent, be it as a child, at their wedding or a photo of them with their grandchild. The children can then create a poster celebrating the unique contribution their grandparent has made to their life and to their family life.



## Grandparents Visit

If possible, invite the grandparents of classes in and have the children perform some songs for them. Welcome the grandparents into the classroom and show them some of the art activities they have completed during the year. Grandparents love to see how well their grandchildren are doing in school and would be delighted to be invited into the classroom.