

News from the Trust

WELCOME

News from the Trust – a termly round up of achievements, key dates and partnership working supported by CSoc (the Trust).

The Trust is a registered charity established in 1703 to provide schooling with a Christian ethos for poor children in Cambridge. Today, the charity provides facilities and targeted support to four Church of England primary schools in Cambridge – St Luke's, St Paul's, St Philip's and Park Street. The schools are funded and run by Cambridgeshire Local Authority, with foundation governance provided by the Diocese of Ely. The Trust also provides additional targeted funding for specific school projects, along with making other relevant grants to the wider community of Cambridge. There are currently 14 volunteer Trustees who oversee the running of the Trust; the day-to-day operations are carried out by the Director (Isobel Rawlinson) and support staff. More details can be found on our website – csoc.org.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY

School Christmas workshops at St George's, Chesterton in first 2 weeks of December and at the end of November in central Cambridge. For more details please contact us on admin@csoc.org.uk

19–23rd February Trust-led school workshops for Lent at Church of the Good Shepherd.

Footprints of Faith Science Walks
There will be walks running throughout March to coincide with Cambridge Science Week.

To book a workshop or walk, please email: admin@csoc.org.uk

GOOD NEWS – CAMBRIDGE WALKS

Footprints of Faith and History

As part of Black History month, pupils from Coton Primary School walked back in time to discover the key part Cambridge played in the anti-slavery movement. At the Round Church, they heard the story of freed slave Olaudah Equiano and his connection to Chesterton; his book describing his experience of slavery shocked the nation and fired the abolitionist movement. William Wilberforce and Thomas Clarkson, both students at St John's College, took up the fight, and the children visited the chapel to discover their stories. At each stop, they explored ideas and issues raised by the stories through writing and drawing activities. Clarkson was inspired by an essay competition about slavery set by Peter Peckard, Vice-chancellor of Cambridge University and preacher at Great St Mary's, the last stop on the walk, where children had the exciting



Imagining life on a slave ship.

opportunity of speaking out against present-day slavery from the pulpit, following in Peckard's footsteps.

There are Footprints of Faith walks on the themes of Human Rights and Science available for both KS1 and KS2 children; full resources are provided. They are ideal for supporting the RE curriculum and for encouraging cross-curricular learning.

For more information and to book, please contact us at admin@csoc.org.uk



SHOUT ALOUD – ITS GOOD TO SING

The Trust supports Shout Aloud, a youth choir which meets during the term after school on a Wednesday at St Philip's Church, Mill Road, Cambridge. Led by Mario Satchwell, this is a lively choir which sings a wide mix of music and is proactively looking at ways to link with other local events. To find out more, please visit www.shoutaloud.org.uk

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS – OUR SCHOOLS NEED YOU

The Trust appoints half of all Foundation Governors that make up the governing body in our schools. We are always looking for individuals who are interested in taking up this role, which has a special focus on upholding the Christian ethos of our schools. If you are interested in finding out more please contact us at admin@csoc.org.uk

If you would like to comment or contribute to future editions please contact the Trust at admin@csoc.org.uk