

St Agnes' CE Primary School, Longsight, Manchester, UK



**Peace Mala
Accredited School**

Peace Mala Gold Self Evaluation Form

2023

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A Peace Mala School is committed to placing the vision and message of Peace Mala at the heart-centre of its values system. The seven key areas for action:

Area One

Becoming a Peace Mala School continues to be a part of the whole School Improvement Plan approved by staff and the Governing Body. This is shared with the whole school community. During every academic year, a chosen year group (Year 5) will study and explore Peace Mala by using the kits and educational materials. This encourages Peace Mala continuity in the school curriculum and ensures that every pupil will have encountered the message and vision of Peace Mala before they leave the school. This is interwoven with our Rights and Respecting Work and our Christian Values. In recent years the school has been sharing its good practice with other schools that are members of the global community of Peace Mala and with people outside of the educational system such as police and social services to spread the message beyond our setting.

St Agnes C of E Primary School has welcomed and shared the message of Peace Mala, since Shelley Lynton joined the school in May 2016. Both Head Teachers of the School since that time, have been fully supportive, funding many trips to support our Peace Mala work both in the local area and beyond, such as trips to Brecon Cathedral and London. The ethos of the Peace Mala is weaved throughout the school curriculum and how it is implemented is written into the School Improvement Plan, and agreed to by the governors and the Senior Leadership Team at the school. You can see the wonderful work that happens at the school on our [website](#), [twitter](#) account and Classdojo (access for parents only), all of which have a link to Peace Mala, as well as a designated section for parents and people viewing the website to read informing them of the work with have already participated in, as well as advertising future events.

- Since introducing the work of the Peace Mala in September 2016, the staff worked tirelessly to promote the Peace Mala message. This included the school closures during the pandemic in 2020 as the children were given tasks to work on from home, which promoted the Peace Mala and the Golden Rule. Over the years, Peace Mala has been taught across the school. But the specific teaching of the bracelet, including the making of the bracelet is mainly covered by our Year 5 and 6 children, as we felt the older children could promote the message of Peace Mala best. Knowing that our oldest children would be fantastic role models, sharing their knowledge and skills to support our younger children across the school. A selection of our children in Year 5 and 6 have the role of Junior Peace Mala Ambassadors. These children represent the school at various events across the city but their most important role is modelling expectations of behaviour with our other children in the playground. They work as 'allies' supporting all children with situations on the playground. We ask that they prepare the children in the younger years for role of Junior Peace Ambassadors role should they want to put themselves forward in Year 5 and 6. Across the school, the Peace Mala message is promoted by staff and children and the expectation is 'treat others as you wish to be treated yourself', as we want to create a happy, safe environment for the children to flourish in.

- Working alongside our Rights and Respecting School Charters, St Agnes teaches all children to work cooperatively and to value one another. Over the last year, we have worked closely with Manchester City Council since they started their work with UNICEF. [Our Year 2022](#), was the start of Manchester's journey into becoming a UNICEF Child Friendly City and after speaking with children from St Agnes about the Peace Mala they asked us to lead a few events as they were so impressed with our children's passion when sharing their work on the Peace Mala

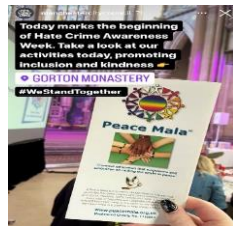
- We use our Christian Values and Muslim religious observance time to consider how we can impact on others weekly, sharing the messages of tolerance and acceptance through the Peace Mala beads and their messages which are then linked to our prayers. Since 2016, we have trained a group of Year 6 children to support others when conflicts arise to deal with these positively, using conflict resolution. These children wear a Junior Peace Mala Ambassador Badge and to make them easily

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identifiable to both staff and children both in their classrooms and on the playground.

•Collective Worship enables children to explore local and world issues and it provides a time of reflection. During these sessions, we look at a variety of faiths and make comparisons between them. We use our Peace Mala Bracelets as a means of seeing the many similarities of the faiths and discuss what bonds can be made by having a better understanding of the differences. We have had many visitors, such as Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham, MP Afzal Khan, Colin and Wendy Parry. Andy Burnham visited us and commented on our staff and children's forward thinking, when promoting tolerance and our global hope for peace, through our Peace Mala work.

• Since February 2023, Dylan Pendragon has joined our school. Dylan who travelled to Manchester by train on Sunday 5th February 2023 with the founder, Pam Evans. Was gifted to St Agnes by Pam, she informed the children that Dylan had heard so much about their Junior Peace Mala Ambassadors work at St Agnes CE Primary School. He was very impressed with their amazing Peace Mala Event and was excited to meet them all at an event they had organised with Manchester City Council. Dylan was welcomed at our school as a guardian spirit! Dylan joined the children of St Agnes pupils for the launch of Hate Crime Awareness Week event which they planned and shared where their Peace Mala and Rights Respecting work with 10 other schools across the city. Monday 6th February was truly a special day as everyone joined them in the beautifully restored setting of Gorton Monastery, Manchester. Pam shared her message of thanks or our event in her blog [here](#).



1) Pam Evans, gifting the children with Dylan at Gorton Monastery, 2) Manchester City Council Social media of the event, 3) St Agnes Junior Peace Mala Ambassadors with Pam.

•As a Church of England School, we continue to teach the seven Christian values, which permeate throughout the life of the school. We link these to the Peace Mala Commitments and Rights and Respecting School Charters and discuss them in our collective worship assemblies and day-to-day life at school. We have embraced twenty-first-century changes with gusto, building upon our solid foundation of shared faith-based morals and values, you can see this is reflected in our mission motto: 'Love To Learn, Learn to do Well, Live Well Together'. To find out more about our values, click [here](#). Visitors often comment on the wonderful atmosphere in our school. This is generated by the amazing attitude and excellent behaviour of our pupils who flourish in the care of highly dedicated and passionate teaching staff. We are proud of how we make 'others' feel! As a Rights Respecting School we ensure that our pupils' rights are a top priority in all that we do at St Agnes' – unifying all that we believe and value as a Church of England school – promoting a caring and positive ethos that is understood by all. As being a Peace Mala school links so much with our RRSA work, we can also ensure that we uphold and celebrate all faiths, backgrounds and differences, promoting the fundamental British value of mutual respect and tolerance, as well as protecting key articles under the rights of a child.

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Peace Mala Displays around the school

1) Peace Mala Promise Flag - All children have signed this and made a commitment to keep the Golden Rule and treat others as they wish to be treated themselves. 2) Bee Together - Families all played a part in this huge piece of artwork, which symbolises the importance of us coming together as one to promote our Peace Mala Values and Rights and Respecting Charters. 3) Display in the hall that links the Peace Mala Values to the Christian Ethos and Values of the school.

•Over the years, both staff and children have held Peace Mala workshops at a variety of events held at school. The families loved working with the children to make the bracelets and learning about the powerful message it represents, we have linked the events to either festivals or events such as World Peace Days, Anti Hate Crime Events. This includes our children teaching other adults at public events, such as training staff at the Youth Justice Staff Engagement training event in September 2022.



Images of St Agnes Children training the staff from Manchester Youth Justice Team, Sept 2022

•As a church school, we continue to not only teach about Christianity but also share the experiences and values of other faiths. We promote active engagement with families, staff and children in events at our school, so that we can all experience the traditions and events together and participate in them as a family.

•Children and staff have promoted the Peace Mala with other schools, sharing their vision with the Diocese of Manchester as well as Wales. We have shared our practice with Sunrise Academy, America, encouraging our children to make links and share their work to ensure the Peace Mala Promise.

•Children and staff have represented the Peace Mala at various events in the past and more recently have represented the Peace Mala at various events, such as Our Year 2022, Manchester Safeguarding Conference, Manchester Youth Justice Staff Engagement Day, Co-Op Academy Opening Gala and Manchester's Safeguarding Reflection and Celebration Event.

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- 1) St Agnes Children representing Peace Mala at Gorton Monastery and Manchester Safeguarding Conference, Feb 2023.
- 2) Leading Manchester Safeguarding Conference at Manchester Science and Industry Museum, July 2022

Additional Evidence can be found:

Our Ethos and Values

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/our-ethos-and-values/>

SIAMS Report –

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/siams/>

Various places on the school website(eg Classes, this week, school news, peace mala)

<http://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk>

School Improvement Plan/ School Evaluation Form - 2021/22 2022/23

Peace Mala Images of events attended - please see school website and twitter account

https://twitter.com/agnes_primary

<http://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk>

Rights Respecting Schools Folder <https://www.stagnes.manchester.sch.uk/category/community/rights-respecting-school/>

Area Two

By engaging with Peace Mala the school is committed to education for global citizenship through the promotion of understanding, respect, friendship, tolerance and peace between all communities, cultures and enlightened, compassionate faiths. Peace Mala promotes and encourages community cohesion.

- St Agnes' C of E Primary School's Collective Worship continues to focus on our school values throughout the school week. The promotion of the Peace Mala is always our priority in the planning of these sessions. As we know as a church school we must promote God loves all of his children, ensuring all children feel they are safe and belong when in our care. Daily Collective Worship is led either by the class teachers or the senior leaders, as are the daily prayers. The children are reflective in their prayers as they believe that they 'can' impact on others
- All classrooms have a collective worship area and have a red candle to represent the Christian Values of the school. The staff ask the children to share a thought/prayer at the end of each day. Each day a child is chosen to share their thoughts for others and then place a glass heart jar, to show that they are keeping them as close to their heart as possible.
- Using the Peace Mala values we continue to develop the school curriculum, ensuring it provides opportunities for children to further develop their understanding of global citizenship, world faiths, the environment and community cohesion e.g. Rights and Respecting School Work, Charity Coffee and Cake Mornings, and 'Community Projects' such as the Big Street Clean, and participating in International Peace Day and Jo Cox's Great Get Together. Where we worked both inside school with the community as well as offered up our weekend involved in street cleans and alleyway decorating.



Tweets showing our Harvest collection and Street Clean Work with Be Longsight, 2022

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- The children in our Eco Committee run regular meetings, such as Eco club and have actively asked both children and families to think about their recycling at a number of whole school events. More information can be found on our Twitter Account [here](#).



Our Eco Team, 2023

- Our EYFS and Star Group children have been working closely with Manchester Groundwork Team to learn more about native birds we might see in our gardens and green spaces around Manchester. They worked with Lucy and Martha from the Groundwork Team to learn about British birds and then designed their own feeder! We worked as a team to share ideas and then used our ideas to make our own birds.
- St Agnes' C of E continues to embrace the rights of the child through its development as a Rights Respecting School based on the charters. Whole School and Class charters, compiled by the children, reinforce the link between rights and responsibilities. These are carefully woven within our Peace Mala Commitments too.



Manchester Children's Safeguarding Conference, July 2022

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- The school has policies supporting equality, inclusion and diversity. The Peace Mala is promoted by all staff through reflective comments and in class discussions covered in class, linked to the topic or theme in each class, which promote the rights of all communities that attend the school. The children passionately promote the rights of those who may struggle to make their views heard. We asked all children who attended our anti-hate crime event to bring a shine board, showing how they promote the rights of others and speak up for minorities.



School Shine Boards, at our Peace Mala Anti-Hate Crime Event 2023

- Events, for both local and national charities, are still a regular occurrence at the school, supporting the local community with food bank parcels with the support of various charities and famous brand names such as Kelloggs. As well as raising money for WE Schools, Christmas Jumper Day, Save the Children, McMillian Cancer trust and Children in Need. All of which can be found on our school website or twitter account.



- Andy Burnham visited our school back in 2019. He asked the children to keep up their hard work and share their good practice with many more schools in Greater Manchester. He explained that the work that the children carry out in school with Peace Mala was special, as it ensured they became more tolerant and understanding adults of the future. Sam Stabler (Host) of our anti-hate crime event, invited him to our Peace Mala event back in February. He was unable to attend, so Kate Green attended in his place.

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Sam Stabler, Kate Green, Pam Evans and Martin Russell at our Gorton Monastery event, February 2023

- Kate Green (Greater Manchester's Deputy Mayor), Martin Russell (Unicef), Pam Evans (Peace Mala Founder) and Cllr Rahman (Exec member for Culture in Manchester) attended our Anti-Hate Crime Event supporting our Peace Mala Message in February, 2023. Kate Green thanked our school for tackling hate crime through our peace work and Martin Russell expressed how wonderfully we had linked the Rights and Respecting Articles with the Peace Mala Promise.

Written evidence:

Collective Worship Coverage – teacher drive
Rights Respecting Schools folder –teacher drive
St Agnes Twitter Account

Photographic evidence:

Values and Charters Displays

Class Rights and Respecting Charters

Harvest with a Difference Assembly (Multi Faith Approach)

Chinese New Year Assembly and events

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/parents/join-in/chinese-new-year-event/>

Sessions taught about Festivals celebrated by people of Christian, Buddhist, Jewish and Islamic faiths

Visits to local church, mosque and Buddhist Temple

Multi Faith Events and Community Gatherings

Area Three

By using Peace Mala in the classroom, the school supports human rights and helps prevent bullying and all forms of prejudice.

- Peace Mala is always promoted at the start of each academic year with the International Peace Day on September 21st being celebrated by the whole school. 'The Rights of the Child' are also taught daily through our daily Collective Worship and a variety of assemblies based on the RRSA Charters. Each class has their own set of class charters that they believe fit their class best, these are collated with the children, so their voices are heard. The School Council children then put together three whole school charters, which represented our school the most. These are displayed centrally in the school hall for all children to see and refer to daily.
- The children continue to look at the global issue of war through Collective Worship, the children look at a variety of conflicts such as World War I and World War 2. We encourage sensitive discussions around current issues such as the conflict in Syria and Ukraine. The children look at the impact of these wars and discuss the importance of ensuring that we work together to ensure wars and conflict is reduced, through communication and understanding. The children take part in reflective art workshops to share their hope for Peace, regularly. This is an ongoing part of our promise to promote peace.
- St Agnes children took part in Happy, Safe and Free city-wide art project in June 2022, exploring empathy and understanding for refugees. The project was designed to help our children understand what makes them feel 'happy', 'safe' and 'free', expressing themselves through text artwork. The children made three pieces of art work linked to what made them happy, safe and free. Then came the shocking news that we had to destroy all three pieces of the children's artwork, shredding each piece to illustrate the loss of the basic human needs of happiness, safety, and freedom for refugee children. It was difficult to destroy our artwork, as we had worked so hard on it and the children had been so thoughtful but it helped us reflect on how they felt and the importance of kindness and respect for this group.



As a part of our continuing [#happysafeandfree](#) project with [@BuildBridgeArt](#). We have started our [#free](#) art work. Linked to UN Anti-Racism Day 22, we have been thinking about what it means to be [#free](#) from Racism. Highlighting our commitment to support the rights of all refugees. 🌍🕊️



This week we shredded our past artwork for happy, safe and free project. This will be on display at various venues listed on your flyer tomorrow, as a 'destructive seas' with origami boats of hope floating on top to symbolise the dangerous journeys! [#happysafeandfree](#)



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- The shredded artworks were then displayed at various venues across Manchester as 'destructive seas' with origami boats of hope floating on top to symbolise the dangerous journeys migrants and refugees are forced to make to find a place of sanctuary. Later in the year, the young-artists work will be recycled to create a further exhibition exploring the vast contribution migrants have made to our city. This was by no means an easy job for our Peace Mala children, as you can see.



- Collective Worship Assemblies continue to provide the children with opportunities to hear about the lives and times of historical characters, such as Desmond Tutu or Martin Luther King, who stood up for human rights. The children could reflect upon issues and discuss the real impact aggressive and oppressive behaviours have had on others, historically. Links have been made to the Black Lives Matters Protests in 2020. This was then linked to our Peace Mala promise and our own behaviour in school and in our community, challenging behaviours that may cause oppression of others. We always reflect back and share the experiences and connections that children have with their own communities, so we become more socially aware.
- The Junior Peace Mala Ambassadors usually consist of 12 children (Six children from Y5 and Y6) that are representatives of the Peace Mala for the whole school. These children meet weekly with S Lynton (Peace Mala Lead) and look at ways we can help to build friendships and support pupils during play times and throughout the school day. The children lead and plan any charity events and have an active role in planning any social action that we participate in across the school year. They have regular meetings to discuss the way in which they can use conflict resolution to sort issues and teach acceptance and tolerance too.
- The Junior Peace Mala Ambassadors also play an active role in the planning and sharing of the Peace Mala work across the school and city wide. They lead the various Peace Mala events and assemblies and have an active role in ensuring the work of the Peace Mala remains high profile both in school and more importantly in Greater Manchester. The image below shows the children at the Our Year event leading a speech on what it means to be a Peace Mala school, running their own stall and sharing with other schools why we want more schools to join us in this important work.

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Peace Mala Ambassadors at the Our Year Event, Manchester Conference Centre, 2023

- The children still participate in 'shared prayers' at our various prayer stations around the school. These are to allow the children to share a thought or prayer that they have for others, where others can read their prayers too. This has raised their empathy for others and given the children an awareness of their feelings and at various points or in response to particular events. Many prayers have been written here by the children, in response to the global pandemic.



An example of one of the Prayer Station in School

- All staff and children have participated our work for the Rights Respecting School Award. The assessor felt our Peace Mala work complemented the work of a Rights and Respecting School perfectly.
- We have supported the children with their understanding of different faiths through carefully planned assemblies linked to the Peace Mala and what it means to be tolerant. The school knew the families were devastated by what had happened and wanted to show all communities that surround the school that these violent acts are not acceptable to them. We have encouraged the children to share their worries through the use of prayer stations around the school and when it is felt necessary, offered a place of prayer for children who feel they need it with the Headteacher.

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- Looking at various situations through our PSHE sessions, all children are asked to be mindful of our actions on others, reiterating the Peace Mala Golden Rule of 'Treat Others as You Wish to be Treated Yourself'. Collective Worship was used to introduce various issues that the children may face both at home and at school. Our collective worship is always linked to the Peace Mala bracelet and a special focus was made of how the beads sit side by side, to support the children in understanding, although different in colour and the faiths they represent, their message is the same.



- St Agnes has made a special effort to work alongside schools during 2022-23, working with over 10 schools of which 5 were high schools at our Peace Mala Event at Gorton Monastery. We are hoping all 10 will continue their peace work and join the many schools in Manchester that now have Peace Mala Accreditation.



Faith Leads and Children from the 10 schools involved with our Peace Mala Anti Hate Crime Event, 2023.

- The children at St Agnes are always asked to make links to RRSA and Peace Mala when they consider how their behaviour impacts on others and how we should treat others as we wish to be treated. This included the rights of refugee children who come into our country. As we are a central Manchester school, we have many children who are international new arrivals. We speak about how we can make sure their needs are met and how we can help them settle into our school effectively. We believe that all people should be treated equally and did not believe this was the case for refugee children in particular.

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Tweet taken from our 'Welcoming Little Amal' Project work, 2022



Mellow Yellow Days, Oct 2022 and April 2023

At St Agnes Primary, we talk about mental health to prevent stigma and talk opening about our feelings. We have continued our 'Stay Mellow and Wear Yellow Days' to support our families since the pandemic. We will look at all things linked to mental health on the day and focus on self-care! The Peace Mala Ambassadors plan and support these events.

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Written evidence:

Rights of the Child Presentations

Peace Mala Assembly Presentations

Twitter posts and Dojo Posts

Anti-bullying, Mellow Yellow Day - Express Yourself and Mellow Yellow Homes

School Website

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/parents/certificate-of-recognition-for-social-action/>

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/year-1-circles/be-strong-and-courageous/>

Area Four

Peace Mala encourages the school to raise awareness of issues of global interdependence and encourages active compassion by learners that will lead to positive changes locally and globally.

- Linked with our work as a Rights Respecting School, we have used Peace Mala to provide the children of St Agnes with a variety of stories and examples which have given the children an awareness of others both locally and around the world. This led to our work supporting the community on a variety of occasions too. We still invite our families into school to share their experiences to ensure that our children are aware of the different communities that are within our school and the importance of being compassionate when sharing our Peace Mala message with others.
- At St Agnes, Eco warriors continue to work hard across the school collecting/recording waste paper and checking that no lights are left on. The school is committed to reusing, reducing and recycling, using milk cartons for planters and decorations for our alleyways that surround the school made from recycled bottles.
- We are passionate about our community and making it shine for both the community and our families. We shared our concerns about the lack of clean green space for our children to go with our families. We worked with BeLongsight in March 2022 on a Sunday and had local MP Afzal Khan join and support our work.



Tweets taken from the direct work with BeLongsight to improve our green spaces.

- The children were passionate about asking local council leaders about issues that affected them in their local area. Air pollution is something that really concerns them, especially as they worked with our Science Lead, Mr Lammas who found our exposure to toxins was really high. We are working closely with the NHS to become an Asthma friendly school and have asked the council to consider what can be done to improve our pollution levels surrounding the school which is caused by the traffic around the school. We also have just made links with [mumsforlungs](#) for support with this.
- Linked with Peace Mala work with the Manchester Youth Justice Team, we supported Tom and his team's work around inclusivity in the workplace. Tom asked us to train all of his staff and make them aware of our work in the community as well as school. After our session, Tom's team made a commitment to serving food of the world every month linked to a faith

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that was celebrating a festival. We then had some lovely news from Pam Evans, who told us Joy, a member of Tom's staff was so inspired by our children's training and talk on the Peace Mala that she would like to purchase some peace mala bracelets to teach her children at her Sunday School in Uganda. We were so please our work with the Youth Justice Team had meant our message of peace had travelled so far.



Tweet showing Joy teaching her children and running her own Peace Mala Workshop.

- Through the teaching of global interdependence through collective worship, lessons, visitors and engaging in activities, we have ensured that the children are aware that they can make a difference. The children are always asked to make links to RRSA and Peace Mala when they consider how their behaviour and actions impacts on others and how we should treat others as we wish to be treated. This included the rights of refugee children who come into our country. We were concerned with the laws of the UK and how well these affected the children of refugees. We believe that all people should be treated equally and did not believe this was the case for refugee children in particular.
- St Agnes continue to map of the journeys of Inaaya Noor (Dove 9), so the children can watch as she flies spreading the peace mala message. The map of her travel and has been placed in a high traffic area of the school, so all children and visitors can learn more about her travels. We have watched her journey online in assemblies, following her journey on the interactive map on the Peace Mala Website.

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Map of the world showing the children Inaaya Noor's journey

- For a number of years, the children have been raising money for various charities Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day. During the collections for these charities, we discuss our global impact and how we are supporting the rights of the children who may not be as fortunate as us.



Peace Mala Ambassadors, Children in Need Biscuits

- This year, the Harvest collections were donated to Manchester Homeless Support Charity. However, in past years they have been divided between local needs and those further afield. During the celebration of Eid many of our families supported the elderly on their streets and the children shared with the staff how this made them feel and the importance of supporting those who have less than ourselves.
- We have made links with Sunrise academy in America and hope to work with them in the future. The Peace Mala Ambassadors have written to the children and have shared their ideas of what their future plans may look like. They also congratulated them on their achievement and welcomed them to the Peace Mala Family.
- We have had a Royal Seal of Approval for our wonderful work from Prince William of Wales after we sent him an invitation to our Peace Mala event at Gorton Monastery in February. Prince William thanked us for our peace work. The Prince of Wales was very impressed that we are hosting our very own Anti- Hate Crime Event and thanked us for his invitation.

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Letter from Prince of Wales, January 2023

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Evidence:

We collaborate

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/parents/we-collaborate-was-a-huge-success/>

Big clean and alleyway decoration-

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/uncategorised/great-british-clean-up-success/>

Poster competition for law changes with regards to Refugees rights-

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/community/school-council/poster-competition/>

Letter sent to the home secretary regarding the laws surrounding refugees-

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/community/school-council/letter-to-the-home-secretary-to-change-the-laws-surrounding-refugees/>

Reply from Afzal Khan from the House of Commons-

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/community/school-council/our-response-from-afzal-khan/>

Area Five

Peace Mala encourages the celebration of cultural, racial and religious diversity through art, music, drama and dance.

- Unlike many schools in Manchester, we are not rich in cultural diversity. At St Agnes, we serve a majority Muslim community across the school with only a few children from the Christian, Sikh and Hindu community. It was important for us as a school to share the wonderful and diverse communities and events that happen in a city as culturally rich as Manchester. For that reason, we made links with Stanley Grove Primary School to ensure our children had the opportunities to work alongside children from array of different faiths, including children with no faith. We made a number of trips to Stanley Grove as a part of our Mushaira work, over the years and invited them into school to share our community outreach work.



We Care for Our Parks - Stanley Grove Stall at St Agnes making Bees from recycled materials

- As a school we continue to arrange special events such International World Peace Day, listened to different faith leaders sharing their hope for peace and made various arts and crafts which are displayed around the school. We have been highly focused on a global hope for Peace in light of the attacks on our city and our hope for a better understanding of all faiths. Teachers discussed how intolerance is the root of many misunderstandings and the children are keen to share their understanding of their own faith. We have loved to see the confidence our Peace Mala work and our RRSA work has given the children.

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Children and Staff from St Agnes Celebrating Diwali, 2022

- Children, families and members of staff are encouraged to celebrate and share their experiences of a range of festivals with others e.g. Christmas, Chinese New Year and Eid-ul-Fitr. We have crafts for parents and the children to complete, these are based on themes and linked to the Peace Mala. The bracelet and the message of each bead is shared during the sessions and the workshops. We use the sessions or events as an opportunity to research faiths e.g. Eid/ Chinese New Year and engage in artwork, food making and tasting, music and dance.
- We encourage the children to take part in crafts, dance and drama throughout the day when looking at a particular festival and then encourage our families to stay after school and participate in activities with their children, so the children can share what they have learned and how it is linked to our Peace Mala Message.
- The Peace Mala Ambassadors taught over 500 people to sign and sing. I'd like to teach the world to sing at the Our Year Event whilst on the stage in January 2023. The song is always used by the school to show that we need to make sure all voices are heard, including those who may not be able to hear our message of peace and coming together.

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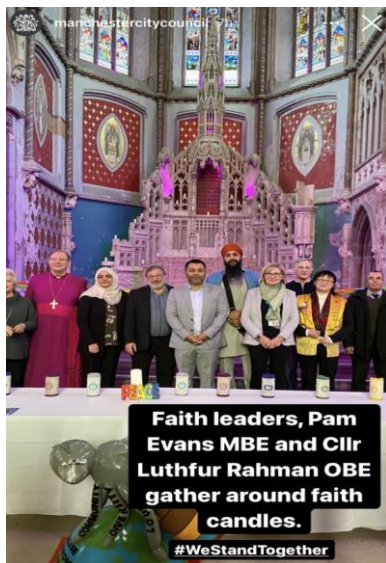
Our Year Event, the Peace Mala Children taught the audience to sign and sing for Peace, Jan 23

- The children celebrated with the Coronation of King Charles III and the Celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II jubilee, with a variety of different arts and crafts. We had a cream tea and the children celebrated what it means to be British through drama, song and art.



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- At St Agnes CE Primary School, we usually have 12 Peace Mala Ambassadors in our school, six children from Year 6 and six children from Year 5. As mentioned earlier, the impact of the virus means we now have 7 Year 6 children who have the special job of supporting the children around the school in their times of need, as they represent the most peaceful pupils in our school and show the most resilience in times of conflict and when issues arise. During our meetings we made Peace Promise Posters. These posters would signpost children who needed help to the Peace Mala Ambassadors and would allow the children to choose which one had the right qualities to suit their needs best. These are displayed around the school building.
- The children in Key Stage One and Two had the chance to visit St Agnes Church and participate in a Christingle Service. The children and families who joined us had the chance to make a Christingle and then take the Christingle home. Many of the families who joined us thanked us for allowing them to join in and spoke about how much they had learned on the day. Showing appreciation for the opportunities and time to learn about the faiths of others that differ from their own.
- The impact and importance of the Peace Mala values are seen in our BEE (Because Everyone is Equal). She was placed in Longsight Library in June 2018, then was returned to school in February 2019. She has also been displayed at Manchester's Gorton Monastery in February 2023 sharing the school's Peace Mala Work further.



Evidence :

Collective Worship

Class Dojo

Displays

Children's work in their PSHE Class Workbooks

Posts on our [twitter](#) account – prayers by Peace Mala Ambassadors and Event Promotion

School website <https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/>

Bee, pictured with Pam Evan and Faith Leads, February 2023

Area Six

With Peace Mala the school actively promotes environmental sustainability, healthy eating and respect for all animals and wildlife.

- Children, families and members of staff are encouraged to look after the planet at St Agnes. Let's reduce, reuse and recycle has been a huge focus with us working closely with Biffa and Nick Hunter from Manchester City Council. To change the community that surrounds us for the better and improve the local environment for the children and families.
- We continue to send shipments of old pens to **TerraCycle** for recycling and we are now a hub area for offices and schools in the surrounding area. We save over 20kg of pens from our waste stream and these are then recycled.



- We continue to work closely with BeLongsight and work on projects that continue improving the local area. These are organised and planned by Roxana, Raul and Cath (our Parent Governor), who are passionately striving to improve the local area and provide safe places for our children to play. You can see evidence of our work on their twitter account - [@BeLongsight](https://twitter.com/BeLongsight) - We are BeLongsight, a small group of residents in Longsight working hard to tackle fly tipping and create greener spaces in our community since 2016.
- Our Healthy School work, PSHE and Science curriculum help to develop children's awareness of healthy eating, as does fruit snacks in the Foundation Phase. We are working extremely closely with the families too and have family cookery classes to ensure the messages shared at school can be shared in the home. We pride ourselves on promoting healthy lifestyles to achieving successful workshops for both the children and families.

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- Visits to Manchester Science and Industry Museum, National Trust Parks/Beaches and farms were a part of our educational visits across the year, where children across the school have explored animals and plant life. This includes a huge focus on the reduction of plastic use to support wildlife and the environment for future generations.
- Some wonderful work has been carried out by our EYFS with Manchester Groundwork team to learn more about native birds we might see in our gardens and green spaces around Manchester. The children worked with Lucy and Martha to learn about British birds and then we got to design and make our own! They also made some bird feeders to support wild birds in the area.



- We continue to work with GMP and have had visits from Greater Manchester Police. We are lucky enough to have adopted Oliver, our very own 'Peace Keeping' Police horse used to support behaviour of fans at local matches at both Manchester City and Manchester United ground and have lessons on knife crime and countylines to keep our children as safe as possible in the community. Please see twitter for evidence.
- We have added bird feeders and bug houses to our EYFS area to try and encourage some wildlife onto the school grounds, as the children mainly live in terraced houses with little outdoor space. This has promoted caring for the wildlife in the area both at home and at school.
- We have a school rabbit, Agnes, who is cared for by the children. His home is set up near the library. The children take turns to look after him. They often go for cuddles with him to support their mental health.

Evidence:

Recycling our own writing tools;

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/recycling/recycled-writing-instruments/>

Longsight Street Art Project

<https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/year-5-triangles/st-agnes-ce-working-with-the-community/>

Making Longsight Shine -<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/active+belongsight?projector>



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Area Seven

With Peace Mala the school encourages Peace Education by forming a School Peace Council and engaging in peace activities.

- It has been a busy few years for our Peace Mala children. They have been invited to many events by Manchester City Council. They have visited a number of schools and shared their passion about Peace Mala with a variety of professionals from the NHS, Social Services and Manchester Council Employees.



The Junior Peace Mala Children training the Youth Justice Team, Sept 22

- Our children were asked by Marie Corran MSP Partnership Manager to support MSP development day on the 6th December and share their wonderful work at the Irish Conference Centre in Cheetham Hill. Attending were a variety of professionals who work with children.
- Rachael Callon Senior QA Safeguarding in Education, invited us to share our work at the RRSa Min Exhibition and Network Event on the 13th December. St Agnes' CE currently has 7 Peace Mala Ambassadors who are based in both of our Year 6 classes. The children planned and prepared lessons/ assemblies and activities, as well as act as the voice of issues that they see in the playground. The children shared how they used the Seven Peace Mala Areas and Right Respecting Charters to make concise changes to the way in which operate as a school, bringing peace for all
- Our Year 2022, we were asked to perform at the Our Year conference, Jan 2023 (one of only two schools) at the event to perform. We shared our peace mala work and then taught the audience how to sign and sing.



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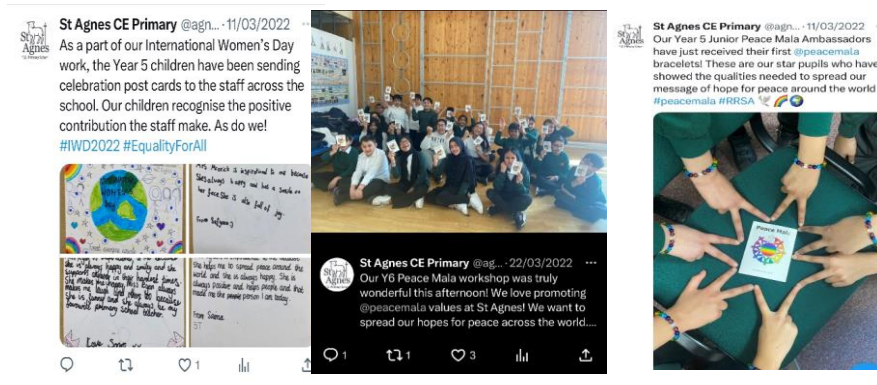
Anti-Hate Crime Event, Gorton Monastery, 6th February 2023

- Our big day arrived and on the 6th February, the children finally saw all of their hard work come together at Gorton Monastery. Over 10 schools attended and many members and leaders of the faith represented. Our biggest honour was having Pam Evans in attendance. The event was a huge success and all children left with a goodie bag filled with 'Too Great to Hate' items. The event was kindly funded by Manchester City Council.



Pam Evans, Bishop Mark Davis, Nadra Bukhari, Hardiv Singh and the staff and children of St Agnes CE at the event.

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Some examples of the Peace Mala Ambassadors Role within School.

- Children have to apply for the role of Peace Mala Ambassadors and then have weekly meeting with the Deputy Head looking at various things including issues such as mental health and wellbeing conflict resolution and environmental matters.



The Junior Peace Mala's Shredding the Whole Schools Art Work, June 22

- The Peace Ambassadors attended a number of events that have been mentioned in the areas above, to ensure that the message of peace continues to be spread and this included a Peace Mala speech at Co-Op Academy at their Opening Gala March 23



Sharing what it means to be a Peace Mala School, Co-Op Bellevue, March 23

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- Our Rights Respecting School aids continue to work in the restoration of peace in the busy life of our school. All children have the charters displayed in their classrooms, the children are passionate about their rights and the rights of others.
- Children are invited to say a prayer at the front of the school assemblies and film them in our virtual assemblies. These are often taken from the Peace Mala Prayer Book and linked to the Peace Mala Bead of which faith we are covering each week. eg. Our environmental work would be linked to the second green bead for the Earth Religions



- Peace Mala Bracelet Making - The Peace Mala Ambassadors run our workshops on the making of the bracelets and their meaning with the families at community events. They are confident in their delivery and use the booklet to share what each bead means with the parents.

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Evidence:

Documents- small steps to peace planning

Assembly rota to show how Peace Mala is threaded and linked with our Curriculum and through our assemblies

Children's own prayers areas in class and prayer books

Prayer stations across school

Peace Mala action plan

Peace Mala Ambassadors

School Councillors (12 children)

School Peace Keepers (30 Year 5 children)

Police Horses Visit <https://www.st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk/nursery/meet-our-new-friends/>

Interview with the children at the Peace Centre

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/children-been-given-education-peace-14295025>