

How can we practise being at peace with creation?

(My Creative Artwork peice for the competition is on the next slide by Chloe Forbes)







"This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will."

"The quote "The climate is common good, belonging for all and meant for all" has a deep message as it tells us that although God told us to rule over the earth we still need to look after it and continue to share it with the animals as well. The quote reflects my chosen art piece as it shows the bad things we have done to the world. It then includes The Global Goals to show some things that we can do to help our world. The scripture reference Genesis 1:26 " And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild,^[a] large and small" aslo shows this as it tells us not only to rule over the animals but look after them to. Caring for creation demonstrates our 2025 school theme of hope as it gives us hope that the world will continue to flourish and that we can change some of our actions to improve the earth's health and wellbeing.



Living it out

Although here at St Columba's we try our best to be as sustainable as we can, I believe that we could be even better. Something I believe we could improve on is using less plastic. You can find a lot of plastic around the school so we should stop that. One of the small ways we can help reduce the plastic is to stop selling food at the canteen in plastic. Many kids will go and buy things from the canteen and although some of it is even cardboard or paper, there are still things that are plastic. If we completely stop using plastic we are making a big difference and hopefully other schools will also follow. The quotes I chose were "The climate is common good, belonging for all and meant for all" from Latado Si, And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild,[d] large and small" from Genesis 1:26 and "Stewardship of God's Creation" from Catholic Social Teachings. All of these quotes and teachings relate to each other and my strategy to reduce plastic at our school as they inspire us to go forth in these actions to make the world a better place and inspire generations to come.