



Faith in Action



The Mini Vinnies have recently been carrying out their Mission Statement very successfully. Through discussions at our meetings, it became very apparent that they had a real drive to make a change for people in our local community. The homeless in particular. They asked each class to bring in specific items.

- Rec- toothpaste
- Y1- toothbrushes
- 2- hats
- 3- gloves
- 4- pens
- 5- socks
- 6- hand sanitizer, wipes etc.

Once everything was collected, the Mini Vinnies used them to create 'Vinnie packs'. Mrs Byrne, one of our Academy Representatives, who also happens to be a link with our Parish SVP conference, came in to school to see what wonderful things were gathered by our very generous families. She was very helpful in suggesting what we could do next with them and has also offered to do more work with us in the future.

Then, on the **13th March**, the Mini Vinnies were lucky enough to attend a workshop called 'Faith in Action' lead by Catherine Bridgewood from the Columbians. Catherine was very passionate about helping the homeless and was therefore so impressed by our wonderful Mini Vinnies and their work. She spoke about how there are 320,000 people currently without a fixed place to live in Birmingham and how we can do so much more with our voices to bring about a change in these vulnerable people's situations. Catherine then helped the Mini Vinnies to write a letter to our MP, Preet Kaur Gill, to ask her to discuss homelessness and its causes in the Houses of Parliament. We were all so inspired by her.

Catherine is even going to help the Mini Vinnies with their Vinnie packs as she works in Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter for the homeless. All of your incredibly generous contributions are going directly to people in need in our local community. Thank you so very much.

