



Director's Jottings

Dear friends and supporters. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

I'm hoping the following from last term's Easter assembly presentations paint a picture of the impact of this aspect of our work:

We aim to communicate a living, vibrant faith that makes a difference:

"A young boy told me how he had forgiven his brother when he was three for pushing him off of the chair...Another child told us she had just said sorry in her heart." "One boy commented to a friend that he knew why we had put forgiveness and sorry in a cross shape."

We are keen to support those who are Christians in schools through providing a credible, dynamic and inspiring work:

"I'm a Christian too" – Student

"Such enthusiasm! Lovely to see the GenR8 assembly today" – Christian teacher

We are very aware that the messages we bring go beyond the assembly hall:

"The children always enjoy your visits and my own daughter who is in Year 4 talked about it when we got home, without prompting!" – Primary Teacher

We are always excited to hear what we have shared going beyond our time in schools:

"The children were all asked to write letters of forgiveness as part of an assessment activity following yesterday's presentation and it was clear how much they had understood." – Head Teacher

We are keen for what we do to be relevant to schools – educational - as well as exciting for students:

A teacher explained that she wanted to check the students knew the whole of the Easter story. She began to explain when a student interrupted:

"Oh you don't need to tell us, GenR8 were in this morning and they told us!"

And for a bit of self-indulgence:

"GenR8 are awesome". – Student

"Yey it's GenR8, we love GenR8". – Teacher!

And from a volunteer team member:

"Once again a privilege to be a part of such a ministry, thrilling to think what seeds may have been planted – God alone knows - we thank Him for the opportunity to share in this work." – Team member

Can you join us in this vital work?

Pray – Give – Volunteer

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xcellr8

We had a fantastic 8-11's weekend, the best ever (again!) for many on team. Certainly the responses throughout the 'Rocky Road' themed weekend were great with children choosing Jesus and growing in their desire to live for him. Amazing!

Thank you to a wonderful team of adult and young team volunteers

Thank you for making xcellr8 so wonderful and God-focussed for all the children. – *Parent.*

Family News

Back to six! Megan returned from her travels just before Easter and promptly joined us for a week's holiday in Kent! It is great to have her home again, although I'm sure it won't be for long as she begins her search for work. Millie has just passed her driving test. We can't believe we now have three children who can drive! It all serves to remind Rachel and I we are getting older! Thankfully Alfie has started playing football and generally being active again. To date he has not had a major reaction from his knee, pray this continues.

Thank you.

"I like the 'sign of love' station because it reminds me of the fact that whatever I've have done God will love me" - Student

Ongoing response and feedback to our Inspire Prayer Spaces ministry has been fantastic from students and staff alike. As well as the days we run in partnership with local churches, we have seen and been involved with a number of conversations and actions through the impact of this work:

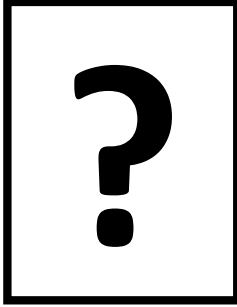
- Schools being encouraged to set up or develop permanent prayer spaces.
- Teachers thinking about the principles of prayer spaces and how this might impact their teaching, for example in Religious Education.
- Churches being invited to consider a pastoral/chaplaincy role in schools.
- Students being emotionally supported in difficult times including the loss of a parent.

Please pray for Liz Currie as she heads up a team of GenR8 volunteers and works with churches and schools to run Inspire.

Particularly pray for exciting plans to run Inspire 'It's Your Move' prayer spaces during our It's Your Move week in July.

"The tablet dissolving is like tearing away all the bad things that have happened to me."- Student

"Those clean hands made me think about having a fresh start."- Student



Are you
the next
GenR8
volunteer?



January saw two teams visit 17 primary schools delivering 22 Cool Choice sessions. Our thanks to Lesley, Jackie and Peter who worked in the teams with me.



Amazingly we received top marks from all evaluations which was so encouraging. Cool Choices encourages year 5/6 students to think about life choices, with the aim of helping them make positive choices both now and in the future. The session includes throughout a Christian perspective to making cool choices.

The response from students and staff has been fantastic.

"Really well organised and resources activities. Teaching well delivered and constantly engaging children" – Yr 6 teacher.

"I learnt that there is more to choices than just whether you want to do things or not" – Yr 6 student.

"Overall brilliant!" – Yr 6 teacher

Financial Support?

Can you consider supporting the work of GenR8 financially through regular monthly giving? If so we would love to partner with you in this way.

GYL – Growing Young Leaders

Pray for GYL - a fun and interactive day on Sat 23rd April - for young people in years 6-8 to begin a journey into leadership. GYL is a new initiative in partnership with Nicola Grieves from the Eastern URC. If you know of someone who might be interested do get in touch.

Children Worker Network

Pray for a gathering of children's workers on Monday 18th April. Pray for Katie from C3 as she helps lead this time.

Train Up – Encounter

Pray for preparations for this day on Saturday 24th September, aimed at those working in children's ministry. It includes workshops covering four streams, 'engage, connect, create, explore'. The day aims to equip children's workers in their ministry with children.

Train Up is a partnership between GenR8, Ely Diocese and Eastern URC.

Simon Peter said... "Lord, who else can we go to? You have words that give life that lasts forever." - John 6:68 NIV

Further Prayer Points

- Preparations for our summer assembly presentation focusing on respect.
- Urgent need for assembly team volunteers.
- Give thanks for Rebecca who has come on board as a bookings co-ordinator.
- Our need for a trustee to join the team in a treasurer capacity.



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