

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report for Information

Title:	National RE Celebrations Month 2011
Presented to:	SACRE
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1) Purpose of Report:

- 1.1 This report provides SACRE with a brief summary of the events carried out in Hampshire as part of the national RE Celebrations during the month of March 2011

2) Contextual Issues:

- 2.1 This paper supports the Corporate Strategy (maximising well being) by ensuring children's provision in religious education is secure.

3) RE Celebration 2011: exploring values and beliefs for tomorrow's world:

- 3.1 The RE Council of England and Wales launched the RE Celebration month in March 2011. The purpose of the month was to celebrate RE's unique contribution to the learning and lives of children and young people in schools and colleges, to inspire and enthuse teachers, SACREs, faith and belief communities and members of the general public, and to encourage a wealth of events and experiences to show what RE at its best can be like.
3. SACRE's RE Celebrations sub group met on a number of occasions to discuss ideas and ways of promoting RE events in Hampshire schools. As a result, the event was promoted through the RE Primary and Secondary RE Newsletters, the RE website and Moodle site and through the wide distribution of fliers and publicity.

A number of events took place in schools all over the county including:-

- Displays of children's RE work in local places of worship
- Special RE displays being established in school with

- contributions from all year groups
- Visitors and storytellers being invited to schools to speak to children
- Visits to places of worship
- Whole school RE special event days to which parents were invited
- Participating in the many national competitions that were offered on the Celebrating RE website.

3.3 Three Hampshire Primary schools were successful in winning prizes for the pupils' entries into national competitions. Members of SACRE visited these schools for the special awards events that each school held in order to recognise and celebrate their success. The winning schools were:

Hordle C of E Primary School
St Alban's C of E Primary School
Sparsholt C of E Primary School

3.4 Several secondary schools enabled "Question Time" events to take place where panels of speakers were invited to schools and answered questions from students about their faith and beliefs. Volunteer SACRE members were invited to several of these "Question Time" events. The events varied, some day time and other evening events where parents were invited as well.

Fernhill School hosted an event for 5 schools exploring the concept of 'Islamophobia' through enquiry. A short theatre piece (first seen at the Annual Secondary RE Conference in November 2010) was played by year 10 students who are studying RE and Drama as a stimulus for a philosophical enquiry.

An event involving three Hampshire RE departments took place at Winchester University. This event was an opportunity to explore faith responses to sustainability issues. There was an 'enquire' element to this day.

4) Recommendation:

That SACRE notes the report and considers any further initiatives that might be developed from the celebrations month.

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the

Act.)

Document

Location