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E3 BALLYMENA

# TERMLY NEWS

*“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3: 20-21*

It’s easy for us to plan our diaries, write our to-do lists and pack our schedules full, thinking we know best. But the God we serve is the God of immeasurable wisdom, infinite strength and constant love. He can take all of our plans, and the uncertainty that Covid-19 has brought, and use them in a way that we couldn’t even begin to imagine. All glory to our sovereign God!

**Eve Lowry, Ballymena E3 Schools’ Worker**



## ENGAGING



The first three months of this year brought so many opportunities to share God’s Good News with pupils in Primary Schools across Ballymena through assemblies, SU groups and RE lessons. In our assemblies, we have celebrated Harvest, looked at the life of Daniel and his friends in the Old Testament and thought about the greatest Christmas song through the story of the shepherds and the angels. One teacher said the children were **“captivated”** by the story, what a humbling and exciting response to the Gospel.

I have also been grateful for the opportunities in Post Primary schools in SU groups. God has been answering prayer as these SU groups get started up again after restrictions and lockdowns. It has been a joy to meet so many young people who love learning more about the Bible and how they can shine for Jesus in their school.

## EQUIPPING



It has been a blessing working alongside so many Post Primary pupils this term, equipping and encouraging them as they lead in their SU groups. **Making Your Mark Goes Local** saw over 25 young people from across Ballymena meeting together to plan for the year ahead in their SU groups. When asked for prayer requests for their SU groups at this event, one of the young people asked me to pray that Jesus would be at the centre of all they do. The love these young people have for Jesus has blown me away and I have been challenged by their desire to share His Name among their peers in their schools.

**SHINE**, a partnership between SUNI, Crown Jesus and LMI, has been used in Post Primary schools across Ballymena to equip young people to share their faith and shine for Jesus in their schools. It was so exciting to share at some of these sessions, and to hear the buzz and meet lots of amazing young people.

## EMPOWERING



We are so thankful for the support of Churches and volunteers in the district of Ballymena and I have loved meeting, getting to know and working alongside these people who are passionate about Schools’ Ministry.

I have also been encouraged by invitations to speak in local churches about the work of E3 in schools and praying alongside them. I have been truly blessed and encouraged by attending Church services, midweek meetings and prayer meetings. It is humbling to see and hear of the prayerful and financial support for the project in the area.

We love partnering with Churches and the individuals within them in Schools’ Ministry - if you’d like to get involved, please do prayerfully consider this and get in touch to chat more.