



SPRING 2020

E3 NORTH COAST

# TERMLY NEWS

*I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:1-3*

What strange circumstances we find ourselves in. Whether we are off school, working from home, or maybe we've even found ourselves facing other difficult circumstances, it can be hard to see the good at this time. Yet we have an ever-present God who loves us and fights for us. He is a God who brings healing and wholeness and delights to hear our prayer. His strength perfects our weaknesses. Take heart! Let us exalt his name together.

**Andrew Neill, E3 Schools' Worker, North Coast**



## ENGAGING



The first three months of the new decade brought so many opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus with pupils across the North Coast. I have been so encouraged by the welcomes I have received in schools. Of particular highlights are the primary SU groups that ran during this term in many of our schools. So many teachers and pupils coming together to open God's word is cause for much excitement and optimism.

I have also been grateful for the opportunities to deliver RE Lessons to Year 8 and 9 pupils in Ballymoney High school. It is so encouraging to see young people engage with scripture and apply it to the world around them.

## EQUIPPING



The new year saw us launch 'Shine Kids', an exciting resource for SU groups. The theme 'TruthSeekers' invited the girls and boys to discover clues that all pointed to Jesus as their saviour, understanding that He came to die for you and me. Included in this was an opportunity to invite pupils who wouldn't normally attend SU and it was great to hear about creative ways SU groups did this.

In light of the Covid-19 circumstances, we have also been equipping schools and families with weekly online assemblies, SU sessions and family devotions. This has been an exciting change to our normal routine and we are glad to be able to offer support at this time.

## EMPOWERING



I have loved getting to meet lots of people this term and talk to them about coming on board for schools' ministry. Whether it be volunteers who would have helped with 'It's Your Move' lessons or working alongside local youth workers to deliver assemblies and SU sessions, I am so delighted to see Churches understand the importance and the opportunities that Schools' Ministry brings.

I have also been encouraged by the number of invitations to speak in local churches about the work of E3 North Coast. In my last termly news I asked Churches to consider how they can support schools. In the coming year questions of how churches can support schools and families will be more important than ever. Get in touch for more information.