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E3 NORTH COAST

TERMLY NEWS

“The true light that gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.”

John 1:9

My wife and I have lived in Coleraine for 9 years now. For about 8 of those years the light over our back door has been broken - that is until last month when we finally got a new light and it is phenomenally bright! After making that walk into the house in darkness for so long, everything out the back looks totally different when illuminated by the light. As Christians, our joy is to be illuminated by the light of the world, Jesus Christ, and shine brightly, reflecting the glory of God and, in doing so, helping ourselves and those around us see everything in a new and more wonderful way!

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ENGAGING



It's hard to know where to begin as this term has had many great things happen for me to tell you about. It has been wonderful to see so many schools restart **assemblies**, either in key stage groups or individually in classes. It has been lovely to be able to be in schools to deliver these, as well as continuing to produce national and local online assemblies. It has been really encouraging to see **SU groups** meeting in both primary and post-primary schools. One highlight of the term in particular has been visiting these groups as many new faces have come along to SU for the first time. We want to give thanks for these spaces in our local schools where young people can come and explore faith and make strong friendships.

EQUIPPING



We have had opportunities to equip local teachers and senior pupils as they live out their faith and share God's Good News in their schools, whether this has been sharing our online assemblies and RE lessons or providing resources to use in newly restarted SU Groups. It was great to host "**Making Your Mark Goes Local**", our pupil leadership programme, in October, as we welcomed senior pupils who are part of SU committees. This was a great night as we considered the challenges of running SU groups at this time, but also the opportunities that can arise. It was great to be able to join in with pupil leaders across the country during this evening, as the event was held simultaneously in several locations. Please pray for these young leaders as they lead in our schools

EMPOWERING



As churches have been relaunching Sunday schools, youth fellowships and youth clubs, it has been really encouraging to see that the desire to connect with our local schools is as strong as ever. I have been really pleased to help create connections between our local youth workers and SU groups. I have loved seeing the benefit that this brings to a local school and how it has helped strengthen relationships between youth worker and the young people in their area. I have also enjoyed producing local online assemblies with some of these youth workers. These have been released to help support schools that are still not in a position to hold assemblies regularly and also to help local youth workers gain a presence in our schools. We look forward to seeing these connections develop as restrictions lessen and schools open up more once again.



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