

## The Mini Vinnie Group at Cheadle Catholic Juniors.

Caitlin:

We are some members of the Mini Vinnie group here at Cheadle Catholic Junior School. We will be talking to you all about our role in school, some of the things we have been doing and how we can inspire you all to live out the Commandment, "Love your neighbour as yourself."



Forward in faith...  
Following in the footsteps of Jesus.



Marnie:

Who are the Mini Vinnies and what is our Mission?

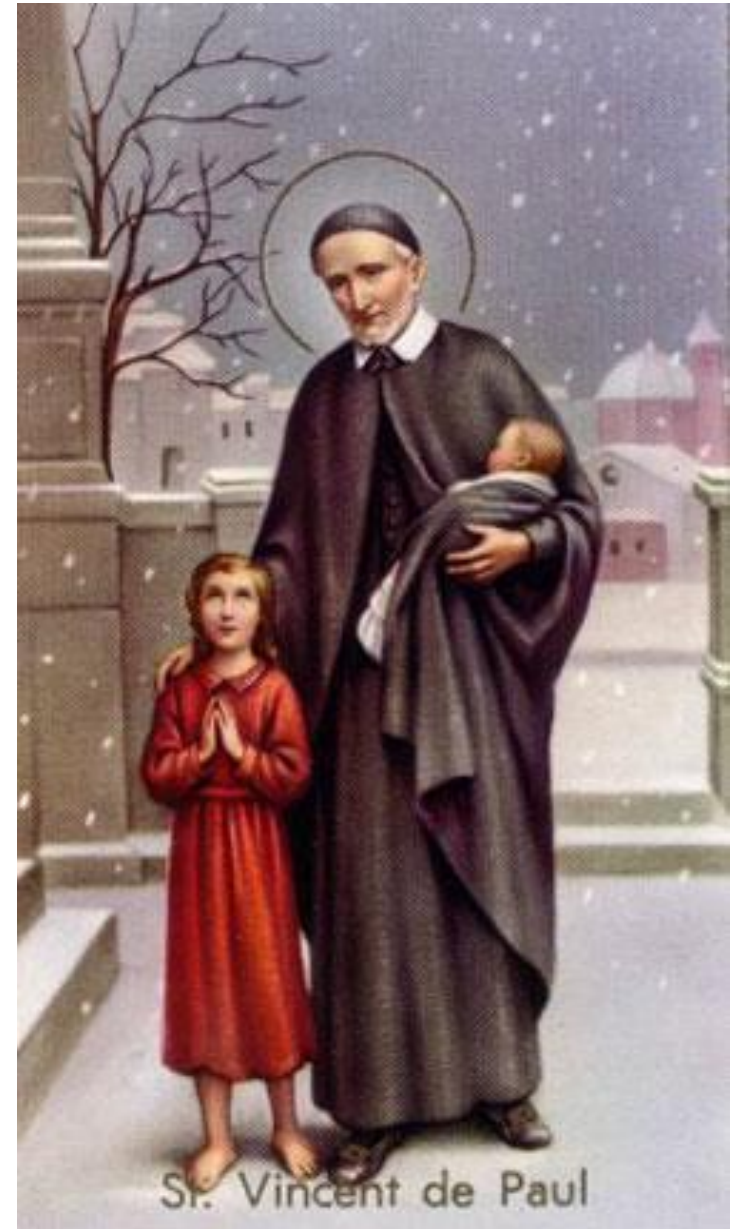
The Mission of the Mini Vinnie group is to seek out and find those in need, to think about the teachings of Jesus and what he asks of us and then to act to improve the circumstances of those who need our help. We all try to be God's hands on earth, following the example of St Vincent de Paul.

Eabha:

The Life of St Vincent de Paul

"Let us live together in great charity and friendliness."

Vincent came from a poor farming family. He was very clever so his parents made many sacrifices to give him a good education. After leaving school, he became a Priest.





Alice:

One day, Vincent went to visit a dying man who wanted to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Vincent was shocked at the poverty of this poor, old frail person. It was a visit that changed his life: it reminded him of the seriousness of his vocation as a Priest and the need to live up to the teaching of Jesus.

Sophia:

During this time, many people in France were poor and hungry.

Vincent spent his time comforting and supporting the poor and sick.

He showed them the love of God through the acts of kindness he performed and by celebrating the commandments with them. He

lived by the commandment of Jesus to, "Love your neighbour as yourself."



Kate:

Vincent helped homeless children whom he found wandering on the streets. He set up groups in churches to help the poor and visit the sick. He believed that by serving these people, he was serving Jesus. He took him to the poorest of homes, prisons and workhouses and he treated everyone with great love and compassion.

Francesca:

In 1737, Vincent was canonised as a saint, so he is known as St Vincent de Paul. There are many parishes all over the world with a St Vincent de Paul society which carry on his work today.

## Why I like being a Mini Vinnie:

I like being a Mini Vinnie because we get to help other people and charities across Stockport. We get to give people Christmas cards and make an Assembly on it. (Summer year 6).

I like being a Mini Vinnie because I like being closer to God and helping the elderly and helping those in need. (April year 6)

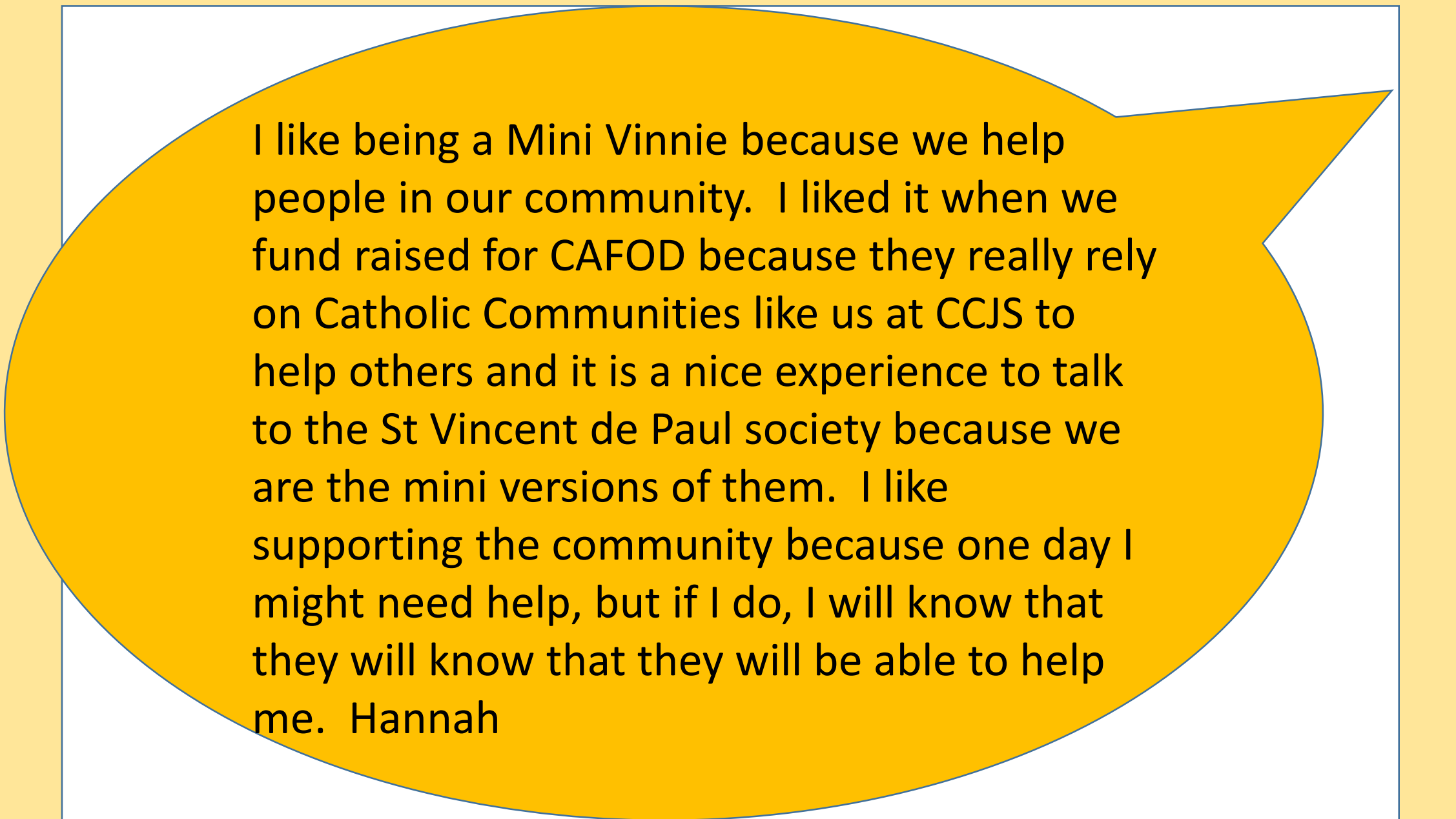


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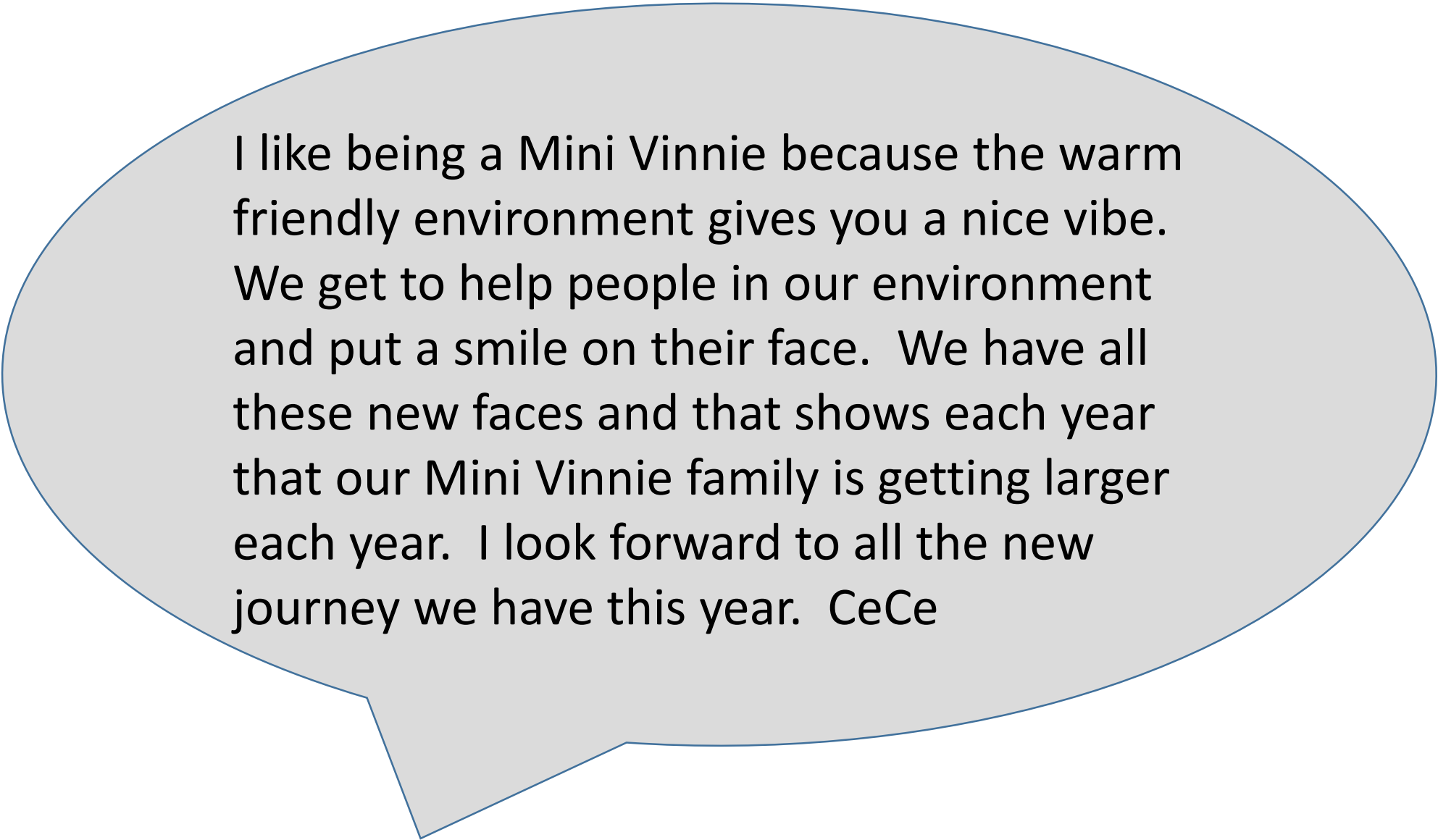
I like being a Mini Vinnie because I love helping people and making stuff for others and it's all for a good cause. Also I feel I can treat others the way I want to be treated and that is what Jesus asked us to do as Disciples. Also being in a good cause means we are making a difference.

Grace:

I like being a Mini Vinnie because you get to help out with the elderly and put joy in their hearts. Also, you can learn how to be a respectful person to other people and to organise different charity events. The trips are also very successful because you have fun but also learn more about St Vincent de Paul.



I like being a Mini Vinnie because we help people in our community. I liked it when we fund raised for CAFOD because they really rely on Catholic Communities like us at CCJS to help others and it is a nice experience to talk to the St Vincent de Paul society because we are the mini versions of them. I like supporting the community because one day I might need help, but if I do, I will know that they will know that they will be able to help me. Hannah



I like being a Mini Vinnie because the warm friendly environment gives you a nice vibe. We get to help people in our environment and put a smile on their face. We have all these new faces and that shows each year that our Mini Vinnie family is getting larger each year. I look forward to all the new journey we have this year. CeCe

I like being a Mini Vinnie because I love learning about St Vincent de Paul and about the homeless, so I know what to do better and so I can be a better person in my future life. Erin

Mini Vinnies help lots of people in need and I like helping people. We do many food collections and organise a lot of school events. We also have meetings every week to talk about our current project we are doing. At the moment we are making Christmas cards for elderly people at St Chads and Christ Church who might feel alone this Christmas. Bethany

Annabelle:

The Mission of the Mini Vinnies follows the example set to us by St Vincent de Paul. Here are some of the things that we can do:

Feeding the Hungry: Mini Vinnies have organised food bank collections, reverse advent calendars and have had a talk led by Mrs Emmerson who explained how a food bank works.

Bella:

Clothing the Naked: We have encouraged families to recycle old, unused or small items of clothing and shoes to the needy. We have also encouraged the children to give what they no longer need to Charity shops.

Grace:

Helping the homeless: We have learnt about the difficulties faced by homeless people. The foodbank collections help in this way too. We have also written letters to our local MPs to support families who are struggling with the cost of living crisis.

Summer:

Visiting the sick: As mini Vinnies, we demonstrate care to our sick relatives and friends. We pray for those who are sick and write get well wishes to our neighbours and sick in the communities.

Eabha:

Supporting Elderly and Homeless people: We have created and written cards and well wishes to the elderly Parishoners in our Parishes.

## Our Mini Vinnie Pledge

As a member of the Mini Vinnies, I promise to make a difference in my world by:

Caring for, respecting and loving myself.

Strengthening my friendship with Jesus by talking to him every day and talking to others about him.

Caring for others in my school and community by being a friend to those who are alone, in need or in trouble.

Making my family happy by my help, respect and showing kindness and consideration.

Caring for and enjoying God's world.

Treating others the way I would like them to treat me.