



**AJOSEPO** is the name of our School charity.

**AJOSEPO** is a Nigerian word meaning *'working together in friendship and as equals'*  
We felt that this was the perfect name, as it described exactly what we wanted to achieve.

Our School Charity helps raise money for **Nigeria, Ethiopia, Local Charities and the Community.**

#### **When did it start?**

- ▶ The St Genevieve's school community has been fund-raising for St Louis Sisters' projects in Brazil, Nigeria, Ghana and Liberia over the last 20 years.
- ▶ In 2010 it was decided to focus on a small number of projects in Nigeria that could evolve over time
- ▶ Since 2010 you have raised over **£180,000**

#### **What were the projects?**

- ▶ The St Louis rehabilitation and out-reach centre for disabled children in Oka
- ▶ The building of a new St Louis Primary School in Ondo
- ▶ The St Louis Primary Health and Maternal Care Centre



### Further Projects - Feeding project in Dawhan Ethiopia

- ▶ The nursery school is the Holy Saviour Kindergarten and it is providing opportunities for the young children of the area. All of the children have to walk distances every day over mountains to go and return from school, as education is valued.
- ▶ There are no buses, black taxis or comfortable family cars for transport. The feeding program has resulted in an increase in children attending the school from 140 to 166 and attendance has been almost 100% since the introduction of the feeding program. It is an oasis in their arid area.
- ▶ For a lot of these children the food provided in the feeding programme is the only food they get!



### We also donate to Charities close to home

Over the last year we have also made donations to the following cancer charities here in Northern Ireland



### Fundraising for Catholics Caring:

- Every Christmas we raise money, as a School and donate to our local community
- This year almost 100 care bags went to the homeless in Belfast city centre.
- Over 50 children were bought their Christmas presents and
- Food hampers were delivered to people in the local community who needed it.



## **Fundraising for Lent 2020:**

This was so different from any other year as the global pandemic Covid19 happened:

- ▶ We have been on lockdown, but realised that many people locally and globally were really struggling to cope
- ▶ The AJosepo committee launched our St Gens 2.6 Marathon FUNdraising challenge during lockdown, inviting the entire St Genevieve's Community, past and present to get involved in any activity involving the numbers 2 and 6 (exercise, art, baking, music etc)
- ▶ We set up a JustGiving page to receive donations, with a target of £1000.
- ▶ We promoted our FUNdraiser through google classroom and on all our social media sites. Our challenge was open for 2.6 weeks

We have been absolutely overwhelmed with the response:

- ▶ We have already passed our target of £1000 with 6 days to go we are at the staggering total of: £1841
- ▶ Our challenges have helped us to keep connected in a FUN way during a difficult period of isolation. The funds we raise will go towards doing good.
- ▶ Together we can make a difference.