

EAZ HELPS PUPILS EASE INTO ST. CUTHBERTS

To ease transition from Key Stage 2 to 3, St. Cuthbert's Catholic Community College developed a literacy transition unit based on the novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo.

Although literacy based, the unit was cross-curricular and covered a variety of curriculum areas: geography, design technology, art and drama.

The project was designed by AM Carney, Transition co-ordinator at St. Cuthbert's and was the result of numerous planning sessions with Y6 teachers across the EAZ.

Mrs. Carney said, 'The reason the project was so successful was that both Y6 and Y7 staff had ownership and were fully committed to delivering the unit of work.'

In addition to easing the pastoral transition of pupils, it also provided the Year 7 staff with examples of pupils' extended writing. This proved to be very useful when planning units of work and setting targets for the pupils.

One pupil said, 'I enjoyed doing the activities because they were fun and interesting to do. It helped me to settle in at St. Cuthbert's because I had been introduced to the work by my Year 6 teacher.'

St. Cuthbert's is planning to use the unit for the third year. Mrs Carney added, 'I would like to thank the EAZ, all the Y6 teachers and St. Cuthbert's staff for all their hard work in making the project a success. It is greatly appreciated and I look forward to working with you again.'