

Everyone at OLS engages with all charity initiatives at school. We wanted to find out more about the different types of volunteering taking place at school and within the wider community. We decided to try to obtain the *Volunteer for All award* for our school. Last February, students from the Le Chéile Council and the Saint Vincent De Paul committee took part in a workshop about volunteering to celebrate the diversity and voluntary work in our school through exploring what volunteerism is, and exploring that no matter someone's background, circumstance, or who they are, that we can all make a positive contribution to the places in which we live.

With the help of Localise, we also created a school volunteer charter - looking at the rights and responsibilities as volunteers in the school.

As part of the award, we also asked the whole school to complete a survey about the volunteering they carry out within their local communities.

From the survey, our findings showed that the students at Our Lady's are heavily involved in volunteering projects both within the school and the wider community.

