



# Academy News

St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy takes seriously its responsibility to safeguarding all children and adults and has a rigorous procedure in place to do so. The Academy does not tolerate bullying and deals with all forms very seriously

## Note from Headteacher

Happy New Year to you all and every blessing for 2017.

The children have all settled back to school and are ready for a new term of learning. Please view all the learning plans for the curriculum content on the website under the tab 'The Curriculum'. We are all very excited about 'The City of Culture 2017' and much of our curriculum content this academic year will link to the history of Hull.

We have another exciting week next week when we celebrate Aboriginal Art/Craft and Storytelling/Drama as part of our Artsmark. We will have a professional artist in our school to work with the Phase 3 children, so hopefully we will have wonderful paintings displayed when you are next in school.

## Attendance

Well done HR, JH & LA's classes who all had no lates this week. Overall attendance this week was very low at 94%. Please ensure your child comes to school every day so that they don't miss out on exciting learning opportunities and the chance to win a tablet or go to the school's ice-cream parlour. SR class had 100% and NR had 99% this week - well done they have all earned a trip to the ice-cream parlour.

### January

20<sup>th</sup> Mrs Allen Class Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> Yr 6 hospital visit

24<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 hospital visit

### February

7<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day

10<sup>th</sup> Miss Richert Assembly

### March

1<sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday

2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Day

7<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 swimming

assessment

### March

10<sup>th</sup> Miss Ravenscroft class Assembly

### April

4<sup>th</sup> Phase 2 Easter Play

6<sup>th</sup> Easter Bonnet parade 9.30

Break up for Easter Holidays

16<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

### May

5<sup>th</sup> Mrs Broadhead assembly

8<sup>th</sup> SATs week

16<sup>th</sup> Yr6 Bikeability



## Foundation

This week Foundation started reading their new non-fiction book 'The Train Ride'. This generated lots of discussion and play about trains, the countryside and the seaside.

In our Understanding of the World lessons we have been looking at maps of the local area, Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire.

In RE we have been remembering how we celebrate special occasions. This week F2 have taken home a new homework book,

in line with the rest of the school. Parents please feel free to comment how your child has managed the homework in the book. Please remember to read with your child at least three times a week, record this in their orange reading record and return to school on Thursdays. Thank you.



## Phase 1

What a busy week we have had in Phase 1! We are all very excited about Hull being the City of Culture and we have been busy making self-portraits as part of Hull's weekly challenges. We will be proudly displaying them in our corridor! In RE we have started our new topic 'Special People' and the children have been talking about who is special to them. Our topic is 'Kings and Queens' and we have been working hard to turn our locker area into a giant castle! The children have been researching English kings and queens using the iPads and have designed some amazing portraits for our displays using a range of materials.



In year 1 the children are looking at fairy tales in their literacy lessons. Our year 2 children had an exciting literacy lesson this week searching for dragon clues around the school.....

## Phase 2

What an inspiring way to begin our new term by participating in Hull's City of Culture challenge. We have made self-portraits, as every other child in Hull is being encouraged to do, and it feels very exciting to be part of such a special time in our City's history. If you haven't yet seen the Made in Hull display outside City Hall please do visit - it is incredible and will inform your child all



about our topic for this term... The Triple Trawler disaster! Please do research this with your child at home; perhaps there are some fishermen in the family who have experiences they can share?

We have also begun our term by discussing our British Values of individual liberty. We asked in our classrooms what the children value? What do they have the freedom to do? How do they feel free? There was some very mature discussion in our classrooms!

I think it means when you have freedom to choose how you act.

### Individual Liberty

Individual Liberty means that you're free to make your own choices.

We all have individual rights.

In Literacy, we are studying poetry. We have practised rhyming and applied it to natural disaster poems... there are some fabulous writers in our Phase!

## Phase 3

Happy New Year! It's been a busy start to 2017 in Phase 3. We have begun studying our new topic - 'Passport to the World'. This links to the Hull City of Culture theme of transmigration. Many of you will have seen the Deep's light show titled "Arrivals and Departures". If you haven't it is well worth a look!

Also this week we have been studying the British value of individual liberty. We had some excellent discussions around the freedoms and choices that we have in this country that many people around the world do not.

Next week promises to be very exciting as we will be taking part in Aboriginal workshops as part of our topic studies. These will include storytelling, painting and culture talks.

