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# **St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy**



# **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

## Message from the Headteacher

We hope you like our new style newsletter which should give you a flavour of our exciting, inspiring curriculum.

After a very tasty, special lunch today to celebrate St George's Day each class took part in Art/Craft, Music and ICT work related activities about British values and St George.

Congratulations to our pupils who gained 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Hull Musical Festival. (Strings & Brass ensemble)



	Attendance		Lates
Year Group	Last week	Since Sept	Last week
F2	97.8%	93.8%	4
Year 1	98.9%	95.9%	5
Year 2	95.9%	96.8%	1
Year 3	96.3%	97.3%	1
Year 4	96%	97.2%	2
Year 5	94.8%	97%	None
Year 6	97.6%	95.9%	5
School	97%	96.3%	

#### **April**

25<sup>th</sup> HU7s Got Talent' rehearsal at 3.30 pm Kingswood Academ 28<sup>th</sup> 'HU7s Got Talent' at 6.00pm Kingswood Academy

#### May

2<sup>nd</sup> May day (off school) 6<sup>th</sup> Dental check whole school

9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs exams

16/17 Sion Mission in school as part of 'Be spirited' week

23<sup>rd</sup> SATs tests—Year 2 26<sup>th</sup> Whole school mass



Home Reading				
SSR	50%	TJ	50%	
ME	16%	JG	57%	
HR	26%	TS	90%	
AB/ CR	38%	NR	66%	
JH	77%	JD/ SB	67%	
LT	50%			

## **Foundation Stage**

We have had a lovely first week getting to know our new F1 children and they have settled in really well to their new surroundings - it's as if they've always been there! All the F1 children have had a very busy week in their new groups. They have been practising their number rhymes every day and can't wait to sing them to their parents/carers during Stay and Play next week. They have also been learning rhyming words and some children have been learning initial letter sounds.

All the children have been enjoying reading the book, The Enormous Turnip. The F2 children have been doing some fabulous acting, pretending to be characters from the book. This has led to some wonderful independent writing. The F1 children have been learning lots of new vocabulary related to the book such as digging, watering, planting, old and young.

We learnt all about St. George this week and did lots of craft activities such as making shields, swords, flags and dragons. The F2 children wrote about St. George and had to use their phonics to help them.

Our new sticker charts are brimming with glittering stickers! The children have been trying extra hard in their lessons so that they can get enough stickers for a prize. The children have been completing the challenges in their play. page 2 Issue 1

## Phase 1

We've had a busy week in Phase 1 this week! We have been making Viking longboats linked to our Transport topic this week which was a lot of fun! The children were treated a music concert on Tuesday by the pupils of our school that attended the music festival. It was thoroughly enjoyable and the pupil's music playing was excellent!

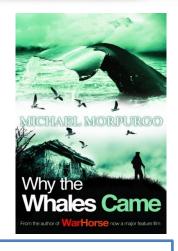
All the pupils in the phase are working so hard at the moment. In Year 2, we have been writing about Neil Armstrong and the moon landing and Year 1 in maths they have been learning how to do missing number sums. We also learnt all about St George on Friday. The classes did a carousel of activities which included learning all about St George, singing the National Anthem and learning facts about the Queen.





#### Reminder!

Please ensure you bring a water bottle to school every day!





### Phase 2

In Phase 2 this week we have started our new text by Michael Morpurgo, entitled Why the Whales Came. The pupils are gripped and have thoroughly enjoyed making predictions about the Bird man! In PE, we have had lots of athletics training outside in the glorious sunshine! We have also had a Badminton coach working with us on Wednesday afternoons to further hone our skills!

Many Year 4 pupils made us very proud by participating in a Music ensemble performing to the whole school! We were very proud of them! As artists, we began our studies of Monet and focused on creating impressions of landmarks in Hull. In Mr Guthrie's class they began to research the local history of Hull as a start to our 'Roots and Routes' topic!



## Phase 3

Everyone in Phase 3 has made their own fossils in Science using clay and plaster of Paris - they turned out really well and looked authentic.

We have been lucky to have experts working with us to improve our PE skills.

Mrs Topliss from Kingswood has been working on athletics and Mr Pratt on
badminton skills

This week we welcomed Mrs Wilbor from St Mary's College in to school to speak to Year 6 children who will be transferring to SMC in September. It was an informative morning and she answered many questions for the children about transition week and beyond.

The Year 6s have been working really hard to prepare for the forthcoming tests - keep it up - nearly there! Early to bed!

Well done to Year 5 for having no lates last week!