



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 our Head of School

Parents' Evenings It was lovely to see so many of you in school this week. If you did not make it, please try to arrange to see your child's class teacher at a mutually convenient time as soon as possible. We value your feedback too so thank you for completing the parent questionnaire. If you have any concerns, it is very important that we are made aware of them so that we can work together to put things right.

Harvest Festival Our Harvest Festival will be held on Monday 15th October at 2.30pm. We are collecting tins and long-life foods for our local foodbanks. Thank you for your generosity so far. If every family could donate one item, we can really make a difference.

Parent Drop-ins for Y1-Y6 On Wednesday and Thursday next week, we have our drop-in sessions. This is an opportunity for you to come into your child's class to see what they are currently learning. We know how much these sessions are enjoyed and valued: it is a great way to strengthen our partnership with you and work together to improve outcomes for our children. Please complete the form that your child will bring home tonight. Due to demand, we can only accommodate you for one of the mornings, not both. In order to prepare for many extra visitors in school, it is important that we know how many people are attending. Please do not just turn up on the day!

Class sharing assembly Mr Evans' class delivered a superb assembly this afternoon. They entertained us with dance, song and a host of facts! A great assembly - well done.



Junior Chaplaincy Team -This week, the Junior Chaplaincy team planned a lovely liturgy about being 'open' to Jesus. We can do this by being open & kind to others. **Minnie Vines** - We linked our 'Act of Kindness' to the Gospel by asking the children to be open by 'listening to others'. We also met with Mr Brown to finish our posters promoting our Harvest Festival on 15th October.



Attendance

School begins promptly at 8:50 am! If your child cannot attend school because they are too unwell please inform the office by 8:50 am on the first day of absence and every day after until they return.

Well done to Mr Hermann/Mrs Allen who received the best class attendance 99% Overall school attendance for the week 97 %

Date	Event
15th	Harvest Festival—2:30 pm All Welcome
17/18th	Parent Drop-ins 9—11 am
19th	Cake Sale at break and after school 3 pm
25th	FOS Disco - Book place on Parentpay
26th	Mrs Allen's Class Stay & Pray 2:20 pm
	School Closes for Half Term
5th Nov	School Re-opens
6th	Bags2School day
7th	Phase 2 Grandparents afternoon

Foundation Reading - Home Reading: SR—55%, AG-52%

Word of the Week: Author Rhyme of the Week: Little Bo Peep - Mr Tumble does a good version with sign language. Reminder: Please return the Dads/Grandads invitation slips back asap so we know how many are attending.



Thank you to all those who have been on nature hunts this week - the children have been using the conkers in lots of activities including Maths and the leaves in art and craft activities - please keep bringing in your findings - as yet we haven't had any acorns! It is also a great opportunity to talk about what they have been doing. We are all enjoying learning our letter sounds and in F2 most of the children are trying to use them to sound out for reading and writing. Outside in our Courtyard class room, the children have loved making in our craft area this week. They've made all sorts from rockets to cameras to ghost catchers - there is no end to their imaginations!



Phase 1 Home Reading: KA-59%, JF-86%, JH-68% !This week seems to have flown by! In Phase 1 we have been experimenting with our baking skills by making salt dough. In Art we used the salt dough to create some fantastic fossils to match our Dinosaur topic - we can't wait to paint them next week! We have also been developing our computing skills by using the editing app 'Pow!'. The children loved using photographs of themselves and their friends to add text, stickers and speech bubbles. PE is always a fun lesson, especially when we can take advantage of the fabulous weather. This week we have been practising ball handling skills and moving our bodies in different directions. Have a fantastic weekend, don't forget to read as much as you can.



Phase 2 Home Reading: JG-50%, CB-90%, ME-85% The pupils in Phase 2 have worked extremely hard this week in every lesson. They have been given the chance to show their creative sides as they continued to produce brilliant Ancient Greek mosaic tiles using clay and the appropriate tools. We're looking forward to seeing the final finished pieces. In Literacy, our presenting skills have been put to the test as the pupils have been producing their own episodes of Newsround! Following the trail of the Incredible Book Eating Boy, they became journalists and witnesses and pieced together brilliant pieces of footage that rivals the BBC! Well done to Mr Evans for a brilliant Class Sharing assembly showing off all they have learnt. We look forward to welcoming you in to our lessons next week for the parent drop ins so you can see just how well your child is doing.



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Y6 Reflection Day - Our oldest children, this week enjoyed a wonderful day full of play, prayer and praise; reflecting on their time at St MQOM; and the next steps on their educational journeys as they prepare for their transition to secondary school

Phase 3 Home Reading: LA-83%, NA-93%, MN-90% Phase 3 have had yet another busy but fun filled week.

Year 6 had a lovely time on their reflection day on Tuesday. They completed lots of activities based around the 'Our Father' and had the opportunity to reflect on their final year in school. In English, Year 5 are have finished writing explanation texts about the solar system and are beginning to explore writing narratives whilst Year 6 have been writing some amazing poems based on Autumnal nature. In our topic lessons, we have been learning about the destruction of deforestation and creating persuasive posters to encourage people to save the rainforests. Please remind your children that spellings are sent home weekly with their homework and should be

