



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 the Interim Head of School

Our House Point system is up and running: the children have earned team points by making good choices. There is a real air of positivity around school, which is lovely. The winning team this week is St Anne. Well done!

Next week we will be collecting for Bags to School - please have a sort out this weekend to see if you have any items to fill the bags. All the money raised goes towards our school visits and keeps the cost down for everyone.

Reading volunteers - if you can spare an hour to hear readers in the afternoon, we would love to hear from you.

FOS meeting - next Wed 27th at 3 pm - please come along and support us as we need lots more parental support.

Macmillan coffee morning - Fri 29th 9 - 10 am, all welcome - please bring a cake if you can.



Our Catholic Life - This week, the Junior Chaplaincy Team led an extremely 'uplifting' liturgy on the power of forgiveness based on the parable of the 'Forgiving King' in Matthew's Gospel. The children responded thoughtfully as always, linking the story to the Prodigal Son and singing beautifully about the power of God's love and forgiveness.

Attendance

This weeks attendance is: **94.7%**

Mrs Hewitt's and Miss Allen's classes all had NO lates this week.

NO class attended the ice-cream parlour this week

Please contact the school office before 9 am if your child is too ill to attend that day, thank you.

Home Reading

HH	59%	SB/MO	61%
JC	70%	ME	21%
KA	22%	LA	79%
CM	25%	NA	68%
SR	19%	JH	79%
JF	48%		

Date	Event
28th	Bags to School Y1/2 trip to The Deep
29th	Macmillan coffee morning 2.30pm Mr Hermann's Class sharing assembly
Oct 6 th	2.30pm Mrs Broadhead & Miss Onn's Class sharing assembly
12/13	9-11am Parent drop-ins
13th	2.30pm Harvest Festival
16th	Parents evening 3.15 - 6.30pm
17th	Parents evening 3.15 - 5.30pm
20th	Miss Read's Class sharing assembly
26 th	FOS after school disco
27 th	9.10 am Mass School Closes for Half term
Nov 6th	School Re-opens

Foundation We have had a very productive week in Foundation. In FS1 we have been designing and making our own planets. The children have been learning some new songs about space. They have been practising their counting to 10 using a variety of resources. In FS2 this week the children have been finding one more/less from a number and looking at long, short and tall objects. They even managed to order

themselves by height from the tallest to the shortest.

In Literacy, the children had to write a list of

items which were hung up on a washing line. The children have been working with their siblings designing a Christmas card. Well done everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.



Phase 1 Another week has flown by! We have been very busy in Phase 1. In Literacy our Year 1 children are really enjoying reading the story Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis and in Year 2 the children are enjoying Wild by Emily Hughes. We are very keen for our children to have a real love of books and we are actively encouraging our children to access a wide range of reading materials throughout our curriculum. We have recently launched a reward system in our phase to celebrate children that read at home. When your child reads with you at home, we are asking you to sign their reading record as evidence. Each day, we will record if your child has read at home. If your child has read every day (Monday - Friday) they will become a 'golden reader' and their reward is wearing a golden medal every day at school the following week (apart from PE). If your child consistently reads with you every day, they will continue to wear the medal the following week and so on. Those children that read every day for a whole half term will receive an extra reward. We are really driving



improving standards in reading this year and as Literacy Coordinator, Mrs Duncan is passionate about ensuring every child has an opportunity to enjoy books. We would really appreciate your support at home with this. In other news, your child has been busy painting fish for our Deep display. It took real skill and concentration as they carefully applied paint to their cotton wool bud. Take a look at our brilliant work!



Phase 2

The children have settled really well and this week and have produced some incredible pieces of work across the whole curriculum. In literacy, pupils learned all of the skills to prepare them for their Hot Tasks. In Year 3, they produced excellent character descriptions while in Year 4 detailed setting descriptions brought Pompeii to life. It is great to see how they are already learning and applying skills appropriate to different writing genres. In Maths, the place value fortnight has come to an end and children now feel much more confident at recognising, ordering and rounding numbers. Some can even round any 4 digit number to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000! Being fantastic geographers and lovers of mountains, the phase explored how to bring maps to life by being creative and adding contours to potatoes! With creative activities and enthusiastic children, this term is going to be an extremely enjoyable one. Once more, thank you for the donations at last week's non uniform day. Our partner school went straight out and bought 30 dozen exercise books for their pupils as well as brand new uniform.



Phase 3

It's been an action packed week in Phase 3! In English lessons the focus has been on descriptive writing as Year 5 have been studying and writing character descriptions while Year 6 have been studying and writing setting descriptions. Negative numbers has been the main theme of the week in Maths lessons in both Year 5 and 6. In topic lessons we've been studying the seas and oceans of The British Isles along with land use patterns. Some fascinating experiments have taken place in science lessons linked to gravity. The children conducted practical investigations aimed at understanding the difference between mass and weight. In RE lessons Year 5 have been studying Mother Teresa's work while Year 6 have been studying the story of The Prodigal Son. Finally in art lessons the children have been refining sketching, shading and texture techniques by drawing fish.

