



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

FOS Unfortunately the Friends of the School meeting has been postponed from Wednesday 15th November and will now be held on 29th November at 2pm.

Remembrance Liturgy Thank you to our extended family members who were able to join us for a reflective and respectful time on Friday, honouring the dead from conflicts.

Race Night Thank you to those who have already supported our fund raiser by sponsoring races and naming horses. Everyone is welcome to this fun-filled event. Turn up on the night and help us raise money for books whilst enjoying a good social evening. Starts at 6.30pm and will not finish too late.



They shall not grow old
as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn them.
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,

Our Catholic Life

This week we celebrated Mass to mark the beginning of our new half term. As always, the children sang beautifully and participated reverently in all the responses.

We also shared in a particularly moving Remembrance Liturgy, including: prayers, hymns and readings.

Attendance

This week: **97.3%**

Mrs Allen's & Mrs Merckel's classes attended the Ice Cream Parlour this week for excellent attendance
Well Done

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

Home Reading

HH	67%	SB/MO	57%
JC	95%	ME	47%
KA	35%	LA	75%
KM	43%	NA	42%
SR	68%	JH	75%
JF	63%		

Date	Event
Nov 17 th	Miss Allen's assembly 2.30 pm RACE NIGHT 6.30 pm
21 st	Whole school cinema treat
Dec 6 th	Year 5/6 Trip to Magna 1 pm FOS gift wrapping
7 th	1.30 pm F1 Christmas Play
8 th	Yr5/6 Christmas Craft Day 1.30 pm F2 Christmas Play
11 th	Yr3/4 Christmas Craft – am
12 th	1.30 pm Yr 1 Christmas Play
13 th	1.30 pm Yr 2 Christmas Play
14 th	9.10 am Mass in school
15 th	1.30 pm Yr 5/6 Carol Service
19 th	Christmas dinner and parties
20 th	2pm Christmas Liturgy Break up for Christmas
Jan 8 th	Children return to school

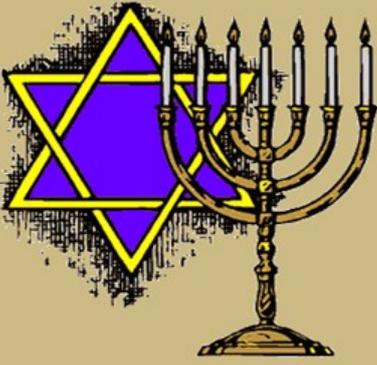


Foundation

Another busy week in Foundation! In our Maths lessons in FS2 we have been counting in twos. We have used a variety of resources to help us count. Some of us have been able to count to 20 whilst counting in twos. In Literacy we have been reading 'Owl Moon' by Jane Yolen. We have had to write a sentence to describe how we would feel walking through the woods. We have started our new topic 'Winter' and have

been looking at our environment in winter. We have started to learn our Christmas songs in readiness for our production next month. Thank you to all the FS1 parents who attended the information sessions to find out how your child is performing in our school. All parents were pleased to see their children making good progress.





Phase 1

We have had a lovely first week back. We hope you enjoyed your half term break with your children. We have lots of exciting things planned for your child this term. We have a special visit by some ex Hull Trawler men planned this month in connection with our topic work. We also have a Christmas Craft day for parents and children on Monday 18th December as well as our KS1 Christmas production at 1:30pm on 12th December (Year 1 parents) and Wednesday 13th December (Year 2 parents). Phase 1 staff would like to decorate our locker area with Christmas decorations from the beginning of December. If you would like to make a decoration at home with your child and bring it into school, we would be delighted

to display it. Your child's homework this week is all about Judaism as we will be studying aspects of the religion next week. After that, we will be teaching your child how to prepare for Advent and the birth of Jesus. A reminder that your child needs a pair of sandshoes at school at all times and PE kits should be left in school apart from the holidays when they can go home for a wash! PE kits comprise of black shorts, white T shirt (indoor) and a tracksuit and trainers (outdoor). Please ensure your child has both kits in their locker as we plan to do PE outside even if it is cold. Happy weekend!

Phase 2

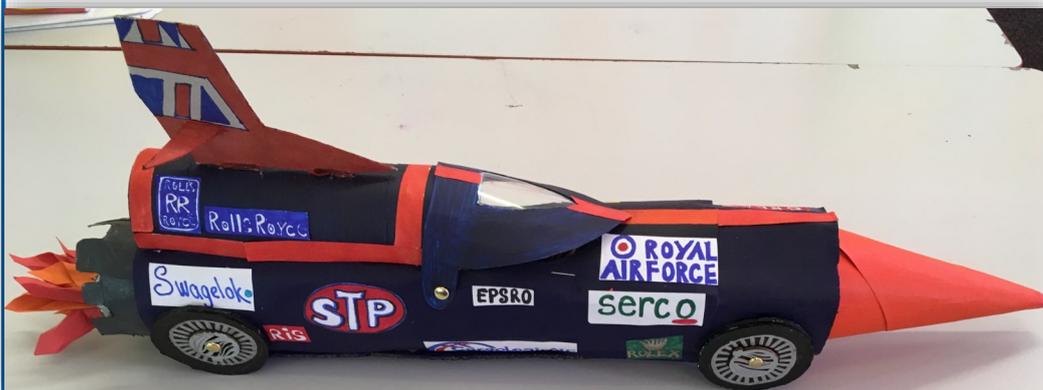
The children returned from their half term break with smiles and fantastic enthusiasm. They fell straight back into their great, productive routine. In Maths we have begun our multiplication topic. Children have been applying their times table knowledge as well as learning how to multiply any number by 10 and 100. Literacy has seen the introduction of two new texts. In Year 3, the children are reading *Greek Myths* by Marcia Williams while year 4 are looking at *The Incredible Book Eating Boy!* Children have enjoyed the opening to the books and the teachers are



looking forward to seeing the work they produce over the coming weeks. A huge thank you to all who helped with the mountain in a shoe box project! Our locker room is reminiscent of the Himalayas as we celebrate the children's work. In D&T we now move on to working with an architect to design and build mountain shelters!

Phase 3

We hope that you all enjoyed the half term break! It's been a busy but successful first week back in Phase 3. First of all we would like to congratulate our children on their fabulous pieces of homework. They were challenged to design and create a product that was streamlined and the results were staggering! In English lessons, Year 6 have been studying the features of diary entries whilst continuing to read the book *Trash*. Year 5 have started their new book *Journey to Jo'burg* which promises to be an excellent read! In Maths lessons, Year 6 have continued to study fractions. This is an important topic in Year 6 and the children are making great strides in getting to grips



with key concepts. In topic lessons we have been studying the history of *The Titanic* and gained an insight into the different experiences travellers on the boat received. In science lessons we have been studying electrical circuits and symbols and are looking forward to creating our own circuits next week.