



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 Headteacher

Welcome: A big welcome to our new two member of staff - Mrs Merckel (SEN Leader and Year 2 class teacher) also Mrs Kelsey (Safeguarding Leader). We hope they will be very happy and we know they will both be great team players.

World Book Day: Thank you for the huge effort in organising and making dressing up clothes for 'World Book Day'. We have been impressed by the detail, especially the home made costumes. We are trying to spread the message that reading for pleasure is fun. I know you all encourage your children to do this, but don't forget they love being read to also!

Sierra Leone: Miss Tindall and Mr Guthrie presented a wonderful video diary to the children explaining their time and journey in Freetown. It was a judicious mix of happy, settled times of joy and intervals of graciousness for what we take for granted in the UK. The video diary is presently on our school Twitter feed - please watch it with your children.

Ash Wednesday: We had a mass service on Wednesday to mark the start of Lent. Please talk to your children about what sacrifice or good act they can do during Lent to help others and to make them grow as a child of God!

This Weeks Attendance

Overall attendance is: **96.5%**

Classes with NO lates:

Mrs Merckel, Mrs Clark, Mr Hermann, Miss Richert, Mr Guthrie, Mrs Broadhead/Mrs Onn Mrs Allen

Classes attending the ice-cream parlour this week is:

**Ms Read's class
Mr Guthrie's Class**

Well done!

Home Reading			
SR	80%	NR	52%
JC	65%	JG	55%
HR	32%	DL	80%
KM	50%	LA	81%
JH	81%	SB	67%
ME	28%		

March

- 7th Yr 4 swimming assessment
- 8th Show case - Aboriginal Art at 1.30
- 9th Phase 2 - Learning Day about Hull's history and the Blade.
- 10th HR class Assembly
- 16th March - Phase 1 - Blade visit
- 27th Parents' Evening 3.15-6.30pm
- 28th Parents' Evening - 3.15pm - 5.00pm
- 31st Irish dancing display at 2.15pm

April

- 4th Phase 2 Play Yr 3 parents @1.15
- 5th Phase 2 Play Yr 4 parents
- 5th Easter Bonnet parade 9.30
- 6th Whole school mass am
- Easter Liturgy at 2.15pm
- 6th **Break up for Easter Holidays**

Foundation

Welcome back everyone! We hope everyone had a lovely half term break. Our new topic this term is Growth and we have got this half term off to a good start with setting up an investigation as to what plants need to grow. We have been gathering together lots of bulbs and seeds which we will be planting next week to make our outdoor area look really lovely during the summer. In F2 this week we have been writing sentences based on our new text 'Oliver's vegetables'. Ask your child to retell the story to you. We have also been looking at regular 2d shapes and ordering numbers to 20. F1 children have been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They have been creating artwork using a variety of materials.

The children have been learning some new songs all about growth. Thank you to all the parents who attended Miss Read's 'Stay and Read'. Mrs Clark's class is next Wednesday at 2.30 pm. We have had a really good day dressing up as our favourite book characters. We have all created a book mark and completed a poster about ourselves as who we are today.



Phase 1 Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a lovely break with your children. Welcome to Mrs Merckel this week who is our new full time teacher in Phase 1. This term is full of lots of exciting learning opportunities for your child including a visit to the Blade on **Thursday 16th March** and a parent D&T afternoon on **Thursday 30th March** - get practising your sewing skills! This week, we celebrated Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special time in our liturgical year. At school, we teach children that it is a time to make positive changes such as doing good acts for others, praying more, giving to charity, saying sorry etc. Have a conversation with your child and see what they know. Perhaps you could make a Lenten promise together? We all really enjoyed *World Book Day*. The children had a fabulous time doing reading based activities and celebrating their work in the *World Book Day* assembly at the end of the day. Our new topics this term are 'weather around the world' and 'sport in Hull'. More news to follow next week!



Phase 2 We hope you have all had a lovely half-term, welcome back! We have had a very busy first week back. We have started our new science topic on Light and Shadow - if you could put your investigative skills to the test in this weeks' homework it will help your child greatly for their next lesson. We celebrated Ash Wednesday at St Mary Queen of Martyrs Church as a whole school and are about to begin our new RE topics studying the liturgical season of Lent. World Book Day has been a fantastic celebration for our Phase, we have seen some incredible characters wandering the corridors! We have used our ICT and written skills to explore our favourite books further!

Mr Guthrie and myself arrived safely back from Sierra Leone during half term after an incredible trip to work with Empowering Children School in Freetown. What an experience! An assembly was held on Thursday to share our video diary and many photographs with the children and to allow them to ask questions. Thank you to all of those children who contributed, it made a huge difference and the pupils were delighted with their gifts and new equipment. We want to ensure our schools continue to work together and can share cultural experiences long into the future!



Phase 3 Welcome back, we hope you have all had an enjoyable week! This has been a busy week as there has been so much on! On Wednesday we visited church for a mass in recognition of Ash Wednesday. As you will know, this signals the start of Lent which is a very important time in the Christian calendar. Year 6 have enjoyed studying the famous poem 'The Highwayman' in Literacy, and have produced some excellent writing. In topic lessons we have been studying Australia. As you will know it is our Australian and Aboriginal afternoon next Wednesday and we hope to see you there. Finally, we have had a fabulous day today celebrating World Book Day. We have been hugely impressed by the effort that went into the costumes!

