



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

Radio Humberside This week, the breakfast presenters Carl Wheatley and Lizzie Rose visited our school. They wanted to celebrate local school life and spoke to some of our teachers and children about what goes on at St Mary Queen of Martyrs. The interviews will be played every morning next week at 7.50am when we are "School of the Week". Make sure you tune in each day from Monday 5th March.

Winter weather The weather this week has been challenging for all of us. In order to protect our children from the worst of the weather, we have only let them out to play at morning break if they have been suitably dressed. Thank you for preparing your children with warm coats, wellies, hats, scarves and gloves. This has enabled them to get some fresh air and enjoy this rare experience of playing in the snow. Please continue to check the forecasts and prepare your child accordingly. Thank you.

World Book Day What a fantastic day we have had today: thank you for your hard work in dressing the children up as book characters. (I know it is a day that many parents dread so thank you for supporting your child.)

School App Thank you for signing up to our school app, I hope you are all finding it useful and informative. As promised, all those who signed up were entered into a draw to win a £50 voucher. Congratulations to Olivia Grace's mum whose name was pulled out in assembly.



This week, the Junior Chaplaincy marked the second Sunday of Lent and the 'Feast of the transfiguration'. We reflected on how we can too can be transformed and shine like Jesus by giving to others. This message was reinforced by the Mini Vinnies, who launched our 'Mission Together' Appeal, asking us to ... 'Be generous to those in need.'

Attendance

This week: 94%

No classes achieved the attendance reward this week.

Less than 96% attendance DOES have a detrimental impact on your child's education.

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

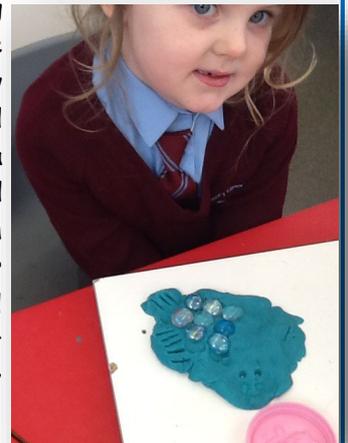
Home Reading

SB/CR	55%	ME	68%
KA	43%	LA	79%
KM	65%	NA	98%
SR	84%	JH	79%
JF	35%	JC	92%
HH	59%		

Date	Event - February
7 & 8	Parents' Evenings
9th	2.30 pm Mrs Allen's Class Assembly
13th	Yr 6 drama day St Mary's College
14th	2.20 pm Mrs Clark's Stay and Pray
20/21	1.30 pm Phase 2 Easter performance
22nd	9.10 am Mass
23rd	9.10 am—Good Citizenship awards 2pm—Good Friday Liturgy BREAK UP for Easter

Foundation We have been so busy you don't notice the time passing. In Foundation this week we have continued to learn some more signifiers to support us with our story telling. In Maths, we have been ordering and sequencing numbers to 20 and beyond. We know one more and one less of a given number and some of us know 10 more and 10 less too. In guided reading we have used our creative skills to make play dough fish. We used a variety of different materials to create scales. We had Angela in from Tesco's 'Farm to Fork' this week for both

FS1 and FS2. We learned about how some of our food gets onto our plate. We all made our own healthy muesli, which we were able to take home and enjoy. We have all really enjoyed the snow this week, especially our FS1 children. It has given us the opportunity to look at the snow more closely and build a snowman of course. We have all had a fantastic day dressing up for World Book Day.



Phase 1 We have had a fantastic week as usual. Mrs Merckel and Miss Adam's Classes enjoyed having story time with the Hull Library Service this week. Miss Read's Class will be having a visit from them next week. In our Topic lessons we have been learning about what it is like to live in Sierra Leone. We looked at the different types of clothing people from Sierra Leone wear and after studying the colour and patterns, we have been doing some tie-dying of our own! We enjoyed World Book Day on Friday. The children looked amazing in their costumes! Thank you for your support in providing a costume for your child to wear. They enjoyed making a film clip based on the fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood and the best one was shown during our World Book Assembly. Everybody had a great day celebrating just how wonderful books are! Reading for pleasure is one of our key messages this year. Please promote this message at home too. Have a good weekend!



Phase 2 The snow certainly added an extra creative element to our week here in Phase 2. The Beast from The East tried but failed to disrupt our learning. During Maths lessons, Year 3 pupils have shown great understanding of statistics as they continue to make progress to the reasoning questions. Year 4s have learnt a lot about equivalent fractions through role play, creative games and written work. In RE, we have explored

the reasons behind Lent and how we should be acting during this period. The rehearsals for our phase performance are coming together really well. Some pupils have even learnt all of their lines already and their acting skills are impressive. We are all confident this will be a show you will remember for a very long time to come! Year 4s got a little taste as to what performing on a stage requires when they attended the Music For Youth Primary Prom. They were in awe of the performers and I am sure it will have inspired many of them to either keep up, or take up, a musical instrument!

Phase 3 Despite the extreme weather conditions, things have continued as normal in Phase 3 this week. In Maths lessons, Year 6 have been studying area and perimeter and are now confident when it comes to calculating the area of a range of shapes. Year 5 have been investigating equivalent fractions with the children developing a deep understanding of concepts being taught. In topic lessons we have been focusing upon the start of World War II. This was an upsetting time for many as, after World War I, the citizens of Great Britain understood the cost of war fully well. On Wednesday, BBC Radio Humberside



visited school to interview several of our students including three pupils from Phase 3. You will find out who they were by tuning in to the 'School of the Week' slot at 7:50am every morning next week. On Friday we celebrated World Book Day. The children looked great in their costumes and we would like to thank parents and carers for their efforts. During the day the children enjoyed creating videos of themselves retelling the story of Snow White and taking part in a range of other activities.