



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

After 39 privileged years serving Catholic education, I've decided that it is time to retire at the end of the summer term. I've thoroughly enjoyed my career/vocation, especially at St Mary Queen of Martyrs. It has been an absolute pleasure leading this wonderful Catholic school and working with your delightful children and the hard-working, committed staff. St Mary Queen of Martyrs has a special sort of charm that I cherish every day and I know I will miss everyone. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, respect and thoughtfulness. The new Academy structure will mean the Headteacher position will be replaced by a Head of School at SMQOM. There will also be an Executive Headteacher responsible for St Richard's and St Mary Queen of Martyrs. I will in due course inform everyone as soon as I know who these two significant people will be at the conclusion of the interviews which are due to take place on March 23rd and 24th.

Our Catholic Life This week we have shared the Gospel from the First Sunday in Lent and learned about how Jesus resisted temptation in the desert. As part of our Lenten fundraising we too will be fasting and putting the needs of others before ourselves by supporting 'Mission Together' once more. We have also been thanking God for our beautiful world by reflecting on our Statement of Belief, 'I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world around me.'

This Weeks Attendance

Overall attendance is: **95%**

Classes with NO lates:

Miss Read, Miss Richert, Mr Guthrie, Mrs Broadhead/Mrs Onn

Class attending the ice-cream parlour this week is:

Mrs Ravenscroft

Well done!

Please ensure you phone the school office on the morning of your child's absence.

Home Reading			
SR	90%	NR	48%
JC	43%	JG	52%
HR	52%	DL	80%
KM	45%	LA	75%
ME	40%	JH	84%
SB/MO	80%		

March

- 16th March - Phase 1 - Blade visit
- 17th CAFOD - Bake Sale
- 21st Foundation workshop afternoon 1.30 pm - Parents welcome
- 22nd March 2pm - FOS meeting - everyone welcome
- 27th Parents' Evening 3.15pm - 6.30pm
- 28th Parents' Evening - 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- 30th D&T afternoon for parents
- 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
- 16th Easter Sunday

Foundation

It has been a very productive week in Foundation Stage as we have been so busy learning lots of new things. FS2 have continued working on the text Oliver's vegetables. We have been writing a list of things Oliver found in his Grandpa's allotment. We have looked at the beans we planted last week for our experiment and we have been amazed at how quickly our cress has grown. You should try this at home! We have been finding out all about 3d shapes and looking for them in the environment. FS1 children have been writing their

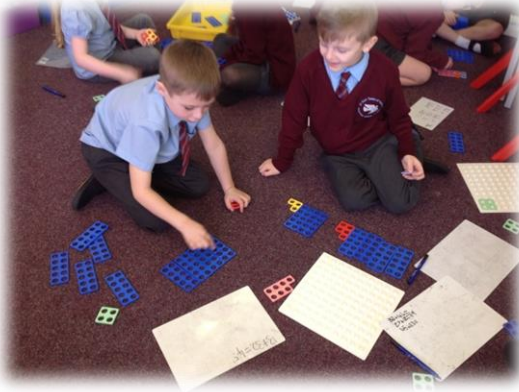
names and numbers. They have also planted cress

and they will be watching it grow. We have taken advantage of the lovely weather we have had this week and have been playing lots of new games with the parachute outdoors. A reminder to all FS2 children, you have another week to complete at least 2 activities in your homework book. Remember to continue with your reading and try to read at least 3 times each week. Have a lovely weekend everyone.



Phase 1

We have had lots of exciting things happening in our Phase this week. Well done to Miss Ravenscroft's class for a fantastic class sharing assembly on Friday which was enjoyed by everyone! The children showed off their learning from their Kings and Queens topic and their Science and RE lessons. During the week, we have been learning about reptiles! In our writing, Years 1 have been writing about dragons and Year 2 have been writing a diary extract! In Maths, Year 1 have been finding 1 more and 1 less and year 2 have been adding 2 digit numbers.



In RE we have been learning about Islam. The children learned that Muslims believe in Allah and the Prophet Muhammad preached that people should be kind to one another. In indoor PE, the children have been exploring and describing different movements. In outdoor PE, the children are beginning to understand attacking and defending skills. In DT, the children have started to think about their design for their fabric faces. Don't forget that you are invited to the D&T afternoon for you and your child on **Thursday 30th April** at 1:30pm. The Phase 1 Blade trip is next week on **Thursday 19th March**. Please return your slips with the £2 cost as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

Phase 2

What a busy week it has been in Phase 2! Thank you to all parents who have been so patient with the amount of trips and outings, it really is appreciated and it was all worthwhile to see our pupils having such a wonderful time! Year 4 were an excellent example on Tuesday whilst visiting Winifred Holtby for their swimming assessment. We have some fantastic swimmers in our year and they were all extremely well behaved. Well done Year 4! The swimming lessons will commence in June so more information will be given about that closer to the summer term. Phase 2 had an incredible day yesterday visiting Hull City Centre and meeting Blade! We met with a Siemens



engineer and learned all about how the blade was built and what an impact it has had in our community. We also visited Hull Maritime museum and Ferens Art Gallery where the pupils asked excellent questions and learned all about their city of culture! It was brilliant to see our pupils so excited and exploring parts of old town they haven't seen before - why not let them take you on a tour themselves!

Phase 3

It's been another busy week in Phase 3! Thank you to all who attended our Aboriginal afternoon, we hope that you enjoyed yourselves. It was great to see so many of you attend and we were really impressed with the quality of art that you produced working alongside your children.

In RE we have been learning about Islam - the second largest religion in the world! We've also had great fun investigating how exercise affects our heart rate in Science. In Design Technology we have been designing questionnaires which will enable us to conduct market research into mobile phone cases. We're really looking forward to making our own cases in the coming weeks.

Please remember that the deadline for Y6 residential payments is next week (16th March). Thank you to those who have completed your payments already!

