



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

Attendance: We are appealing to all our families to try to support our vision in ensuring all the children attend school every day. We do understand children sometimes have time off school if they are ill, but we have groups of children who are absent far too much with their attendance falling below 90%. It is these families who are contributing to whole school weak attendance. However, more importantly, these children are missing out on continuous learning and their education suffers! We know you will support our vision for improved attendance.

FOS: The FOS are organising the Easter Bonnet parade for KS2 and Key Stage 1 on April 5th at 9.15am and the Egg Decorating Competition for Key Stage 2. Please have your decorated eggs in to school for w/b Monday, 3rd April. The theme is the City of Culture.

Our Catholic Life

Please find time to discuss 'The Travelling Crosses' with your children. We teach the children the importance of prayer, saying sorry and caring for others in this Lenten period. **Do they know the Easter story?** Who betrayed Jesus? Who helped Jesus carry the cross? Who sent Jesus to death? Who did the crowd set free instead of Jesus?

This Weeks Attendance

Overall attendance is:

96.3%

No class attended the ice-cream parlour this week. But many pupils who have attended school this week have received little treats, this will continue for the next 2 weeks,

DON'T MISS OUT AND COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

Home Reading			
SR	81%	NR	45%
JC	70%	JG	66%
HR	48%	DL	80%
KM	48%	LA	81%
ME	53%	JH	91%
SB/MO	77%		

March

- 27th Parents' Evening 3.15pm - 6.30pm
- 28th Parents' Evening - 3.15pm - 5.30pm
- 30th Phase 1 D&T afternoon for parents
- 31st Irish dancing display at 2.15pm

April

- 13th Decorated Egg competition
- 4th Phase 2 Matilda Yr 3 parents @1.15
- 5th Phase 2 Matilda Yr 4 parents @1.15
- Easter Bonnet parade 9.30 pm
- 6th Whole school mass am
- Easter Liturgy at 2.15pm
- 6th **Break up for Easter Holidays**
- 24th Return after the Easter holidays

May

- 5th Mrs Broadhead assembly
- 8th SATs week

Foundation

Yet another week has gone by and we have done so much. We continue our topic of Growth and the children in FS2 have revisited their experiment to check on which plants are growing. We have covered addition and subtraction in Maths this week. Our children are becoming strong mathematicians. We have completed a story map to support the children re-telling the story of The Hungry Caterpillar. Why don't you ask them to tell you this story? In FS1 the children have been encouraged to write new letter sounds they have been learning. They continue with counting rhymes and can recognise numbers to 10.

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who attended our workshop this week, some lovely work was completed. We had some fantastic feedback regarding the afternoon. If anyone would still like to donate a plant for the children to plant in our garden area just hand it in to a member of staff. **FS1** have another Stay & Play coming up on **Tuesday 4th April 2017**. We look forward to seeing you then. A reminder that our Stay & Read for Mrs. Clark & Miss Read will continue after Easter on alternate weeks.



Phase 1

This week our Year 1 children have been learning their times tables in their Maths lessons. Year 2 children have been subtracting multiples of ten. In their writing, the Year 1 children have been continuing with their dragon theme. Year 2 have learned how to write a recount and they wrote about their school trip to the 'Blade' last week! In Science, the children had to label the features of an iguana as we are learning about the differences between birds and reptiles. They made a clay model of an iguana which they really enjoyed! In RE we have made a Lenten promise. Please ask your child to talk about it with you at home. We will be doing lots to celebrate Lent in the coming weeks. We will be doing Holy week art work and will be marking Good Friday through a special liturgy. Our DT projects are coming along nicely and we look forward to your help and involvement on **Thursday 30th March at 1:30pm**. Due to this activity being in classrooms, we are not able to accommodate younger siblings. Thank you for your understanding. Just to remind you that it is our Easter Bonnet Parade on **Wednesday 5th April at 9:30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there. Get busy making your bonnets! Thank you for all your support.



Phase 2

Phase 2 have been incredibly busy this week working on our light and shadow topic in Science. We created our own puppet theatres to investigate how shadows are made and how they can change. We have started our study of the liturgical season of Easter in RE and are learning about the signs and symbols from Holy week. We have been planning and evaluating our own collective worship in each class too and it's wonderful to see our pupils working independently! Our production of Matilda is having an amazing impact on our pupils' writing. Use of vocabulary in story writing has significantly improved not to mention their speaking and listening skills - we have superb performers in our Phase!

Matilda performances are Tuesday 4th April at 1:30pm for Year 3 parents and Wednesday 5th April for Year 4 parents. We can't wait to dazzle you all! Thank you for the support you have given your children and our staff so far.

Parents' Evening is on Monday and Tuesday next week after school. If any parents require an additional appointment with Miss Tindall (Phase Leader) please contact the school office.



Phase 3

In topic lessons this week the children of Phase 3 have produced some excellent fact sheets based around the geography of Australia including its location, climate and population. In science lessons we have been researching drugs and have learnt how they can affect the body in both positive and negative ways. All children have sat tests this week within maths and literacy lessons. We have been impressed by the effort displayed and it has been clear to see how much progress has been made since Christmas! We hope that the Year 6 children found the testing particularly useful as they prepare for their SATs.

We'd like to remind you that we are holding our parents evenings next Monday and Tuesday evening. We hope to see you all and are looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you. If you have not yet returned your slip indicating which times you can attend please contact us so we can indicate a suitable time for you to meet with your child's teacher.

