



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

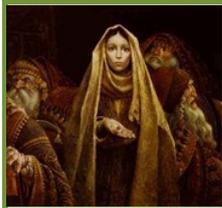
Sport This week has been a busy and very successful one for our sports teams. On Monday, the U11 boys football teams played in a competition at St Mary's College. They played extremely well and finished in 1st and 3rd places. The table tennis team played in a competition on Tuesday and finished 2nd. On Thursday, the Y4 boys 5-a-side team played in a competition at Goals. They finished 3rd and have qualified for the Hull finals. Well done to all our sporting stars and thank you to the staff who accompanied them.

Times Tables Rockstars Congratulations to Harlie Beadle, Grace Tingle-Yates and Drew Docherty who are leading the challenge across the school. Their speed is around 1 second per question. This is fantastic - well done!

Children in Need Today our non-uniform day raised £185 for this worthwhile cause. Thank you for your support.

Tulip Planting On Saturday 24th November, there will be a planting session between 9am and 1pm near the junction of Ennerdale and Littondale, near Grandale close to the shops. Our families have been invited by the local community to take part. Certificates will be awarded to any children who participate.

Cinema treat On Tuesday morning, children from FS2 to Y6 will be visiting the cinema. We are asking for £2 towards transport costs. Please give consent on Parent pay. If you are experiencing any problems, please contact the school office.



Junior Chaplaincy Team - This week, we planned & led a lovely Act of Worship all about being generous with our gifts. The story of the poor widow, who gave everything she had, helped us to reflect on what being truly generous means. Minnie Vinnes - We linked our 'Act of Kindness' to the message of gifts and asked the children to give people their time - a most precious gift.



Attendance

School begins promptly at 8:50 am! If your child cannot attend school because they are too unwell please inform the office by 8:50 am. If your child is off for a period of time we may ask you for medical evidence,

Well done to Mr Neal's class with the best class attendance 100%

Overall school attendance for the week 96%

Date	Event
20 Nov	Whole school trip to Cinema (F2—Year 6)
22nd	FS Craft afternoon with parents 1.30pm
28th	Miss Adams Class Stay and Pray 2.20 pm
30th	2.30 pm Mr Guthrie's class assembly
4 Dec	1.30 pm FS1 parents only Christmas play
5th	1.30 pm FS2 parents only Christmas play
10th	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Craft Day
11th	1:30 pm Year 1 parents only Christmas Play
12th	1:30 pm Year 2 parents only Christmas Play
13th	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Craft afternoon

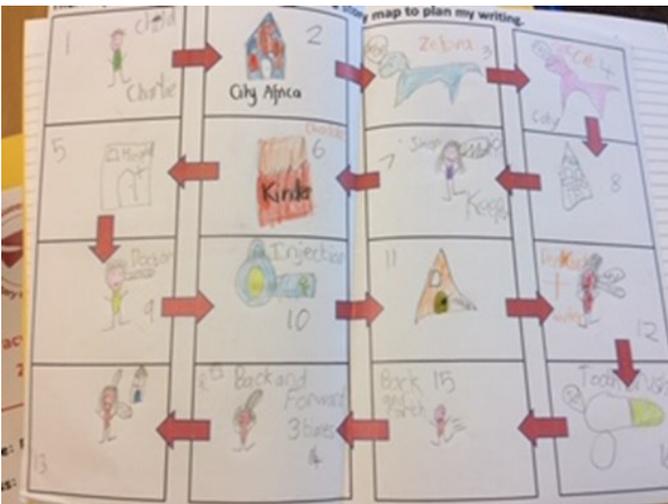


Foundation Reading - Home Reading: SR-32%, AG-52% **Word of the Week:** Altogether - "How much/many do we have altogether?" **Rhyme of the Week:** Please click on the link and help your child learn 'Away in a Manger' for our Nativity <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zi45JkZ+UnM> **Reminder:** Please bring in your child's costume as soon as possible (don't forget to label the costume not just the carrier



bag) if you are unsure about what to provide for the play, just ask at the door and we will be happy to help. This week we have changed our farm shop into a toy shop: the children have had great fun buying the toys, please encourage your child to use money to make a purchase at a shop, real or pretend. F1 children enjoy playing in their waterproofs - please bring them into school so they can access our outside construction and water areas. The children have been learning about Judaism in RE, tasting bagels, making a menorah and listening to the story of Hanukah. We have also been reading traditional Christmas stories from around the world. We are getting very excited about our Nativity on 4th and 5th of

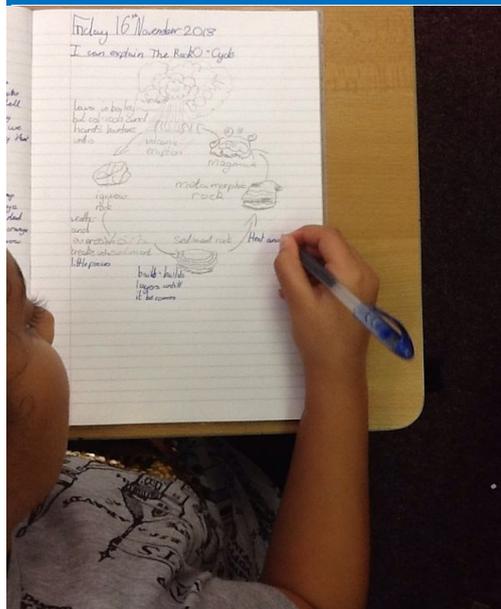




Phase 1 Home Reading: KA-62%, JF-75%, JH-78% Another week has flown by... We have had yet another busy week in Phase 1. We have begun to practise our Christmas songs which we are really enjoying! Year 1 are really enjoying learning the story 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed writing their own version of 'The Papaya that Spoke.' In Science we enjoyed doing a leaf hunt



around the school. We investigated the different colours that the leaves are at this time of the year and we talked about the changing seasons. Finally, a reminder: Please ensure your child completes their homework every week and returns it to school. We have noticed that a significant number of pupils are not returning their books. Completing homework is part of your home/school agreement. Thank you for your support with this. Have a lovely weekend!



Phase 2

Home Reading: JG-64%, CB-48%, ME-73%

What an impressive week! First of all, a huge congratulations to all members of our phase who participated in the many sporting tournaments this week. There were some brilliant results and most importantly there was great team work on show. The Hot Task writing that has been produced across the phase today has been brilliant. All pupils have demonstrated how to use descriptive language in their writing. In our Science lessons, we have developed our study of rocks and soils. Mrs Burke's class even made the rock cycle using white and dark chocolate! Our study of Judaism has been really interesting and all have demonstrated a sound knowledge of the topic. We're looking forward to next week and the opening of our Advent topic.

Phase 3 Home Reading: LA-97%, NA-97%, MN-93%

Phase 3 have been busy as always this week. In topic, we are starting to explore the ancient civilisations of South America. In English, Year 6 are learning how to structure a formal letter of complaint before creating their own letters next week. In Year 5, the children have been writing biographies of Nelson Mandela linked to their class text. Year 6 have been having 'battle of the bands' in timetables rock stars. It has been wonderful to see the children's speed at answering the questions getting faster each day. Please encourage your child to go and use timetables rock stars at home as often as possible. In science next week, we are making periscopes linked to our light topic. If you have any empty cereal boxes, please could you bring them into school to enable us to do this-thank you!

