



# 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

**Bike/Scooters** Please ensure you take your child's bike/scooter home every evening/weekend to prevent them being stolen, or attracting people onto the site when school is closed. Thank you.

**Visitors to school** We have had a number of visitors in school this week, who were shown around by our school ambassadors, Sam Woyen, Imogen Tingle-Yates, William Schrimshaw and Ava Cane. The ambassadors did a fantastic job in taking them around the whole school and answering their questions. The visitors were also very impressed by the children they saw working in class and commented on the excellent behaviour. Well done!

**Miss Read's Class sharing assembly** Well done to the FS2 children who shared their work with us this afternoon. Miss Read's children impressed us with their storytelling, counting and artwork.

**Home/school links** The school actively encourages close links with parents/carers and the community. We know that students benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one. If a parent or carer has concerns we will always listen to them and seek to address them as quickly and positively as possible. We will always act to ensure the school remains a safe place for students, staff and all other members of our community and therefore abusive, threatening or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! FROM THE JUNIOR CHAPLAINS & MINI VINNIES** Junior Chaplaincy Team - In our first week back, the Chaplaincy Team have been extremely busy, helping to lead a beautiful liturgy based on the Epiphany; and the importance of thanking God for the gift of Jesus. We helped to retell the story using crib figures and songs.

Minnie Vinnies - Taking the theme of gifts, the Mini Vinnies encouraged us to remember to say thank you, especially our teachers who give us the gift of learning everyday.

## Attendance

Parents/carers are asked to make every effort to book medical and dental appointments outside of school hours. Missing registration for these appointments will only be counted as authorised when evidence of the appointment is presented.

**class will receive best class attendance this week— LA 99%**

**Whole school attendance— 97%**

**It is trust wide to scrutinise attendance to ensure that all pupils can fulfil their potential.**

Date	Event
21 Jan	Yr 5/6 trip to Jorvik
30th	2.20 pm - Mrs Burkes' class Stay and Pray
5 Feb	1 pm - Phase 2 topic afternoon with parents
6th	Year 1 & 2 Grandparents afternoon
	2.20 pm - Mr Neal's class Stay and Pray
8th	2.30 pm - Miss Allen's Class Assembly
13th	2.20 pm - Mrs Foster's Class Stay and Pray
14th	9.10 am - End of half term Mass
15th	2.30 pm - Mr Hermann's Class Assembly

**Foundation Reading - Home Reading: SR—77%, AG-61%** Word of the Week: Species (of bears) Rhyme of the Week: Old Mother Hubbard. Reminder: Please remember to label all of your children's clothes. This week in the FSU the children were enjoying playing with the small world castle and the Play-mobile circus. This small-world play is fantastic for their imagination and language development. It is fantastic to see our younger children engage in writing opportunities - please encourage your child to write lists, cards and letters.

Wet sand continues to be a favourite choice of all the Foundation children; here they are pushing the sand through the sieves as fast as they can - the language used here is the beginnings of Science and problem solving.





**Phase 1 Home Reading: KA- 62%, JF- 50%, JH- 92%** We have had a fabulous start to the new term! In Maths, Year 1 children have been learning their number bonds to 20 and Year 2 have been learning how to multiply and divide numbers. In Literacy, Year 1 children have started to read *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon. Last week our Year 2 children wrote their own



poems about the moon and this week we have started learning the actions to a new story called *Cat, Bramble and Heron*. Why don't you ask your child to act it out for you? In RE, we have been learning about special people who help us in Church and we have been learning about the different parts of the Bible. We enjoyed ordering and acting out the story of Zacchaeus. We also enjoyed welcoming Emma-Jo from the Dog's Trust charity in our Phase on Wednesday. We learned lots of information about how to take care of pets. Just a reminder: Please ensure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit as a number of children have not brought their kit to school after the holidays. Have a nice weekend!



**Phase 2 Home Reading: JG- 71%, CB- 90%, ME- 69%**

We say it most weeks, but this week really has flown by! Our phase has begun to explore the Stages of The Ages topic. Using our geographic skills, we have studied how the physical features of the United Kingdom have developed during the time period we are studying. We found out that we haven't always been an island. The water was used to represent the United Kingdom's separation from mainland Europe. Next, we will study the influence this had during the Stone Age as we look at how they developed new skills with new tools. In Literacy, we have written a range of persuasive letters. It is great to see the pupils writing with passion for a set purpose. Already, we are looking forward to going again next week!

### KS2 Film Club Tuesday Night this week - Kubo & the Two Strings

**Phase 3 Home Reading: LA- 93%, NA- 79%, MN- 90%**

Happy New Year and welcome back for the Spring term. What a fantastic start we have had so far. We have started our new Viking topic by looking at the history of invaders and settlers and creating detailed timelines. In Science, we have been learning about different types of reproduction and human life cycles. Next week we will be talking to the children about how their bodies change during puberty. In RE, Year 6 are learning all about the structure of the Bible whilst Year 5 are learning more information about our Diocese of Middlesbrough. Most children have returned to school fully prepared with their full uniform, sandshoes and PE kit, including trainers-thank you. It is vital that PE kits (indoor and outdoor) are in school every day as due to the winter weather PE may be taught on different days of the week.

