



# 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

**Winter weather** This week has seen the arrival of light snow and plummeting temperatures. As much as possible and when it is safe, we would like the children to be outside at break and lunch times. Please ensure your child is kitted out for the cold: a thick coat, hats, gloves and scarves will ensure they keep warm.

**Advent** As we begin this special season, the children are fundraising in different ways to ensure we make a difference to people less fortunate than ourselves. If the children wish to send Christmas greetings to their class, they can send a card which will be displayed in their classroom. We would like any money that might have been spent on individual cards to be donated to our CAFOD fund. Thank you for your support with this.

**Parish Christmas Fair** This Sunday from 12pm onwards, the annual parish fair will be held in our school hall. Everyone is most welcome to come and browse the stalls. Children from our Glee Club will be entertaining from 1pm with some Christmas songs.



Love one another.

**Catholic Life** – Our new Junior Chaplains planned & led a fantastic whole school Act of Worship today based on the ‘Feast of Christ the King’. This included some beautiful singing & a thoughtful dramatisation of Matthew’s gospel, teaching the whole school the importance of helping our neighbours. This message was reinforced by the Mini Vinnies’ new Act of Kindness ‘Help people in need’ – a message which we will be carrying through our charitable works for ‘The Apostleship of the Sea’ CAFOD & Emmaus.

## Attendance

This week: **95.6%**

No classes attended the Ice Cream Parlour this week  
Let's try harder for next week!

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

## Home Reading

HH	90%	SB/MO	67%
JC	91%	ME	81%
KA	58%	LA	79%
KM	57%	NA	81%
SR	64%	JH	86%
JF	84%		

Date	Event
Dec 6th	Year 5/6 Trip to Magna 1 pm FOS mince pies and gift wrapping
7th	1.30 pm F1 Christmas Play
8th	Yr5/6 Christmas Craft Day 1.30 pm F2 Christmas Play
11th pm	Yr3/4 Christmas Craft—am
12th	1.30 pm Yr 1 Christmas Play
13th	1.30 pm Yr 2 Christmas Play
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.10 am Mass in school
15th	1.30 pm Yr 5/6 Carol Service
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner and parties
20 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Christmas Liturgy Break up for Christmas
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school

**Foundation** What a busy week! The children are working so hard with our production. They are still trying to remember some of their lines so if your child has a speaking part, please continue to help them with this. Our production is only a week away. We have continued with our Maths, focusing on capacity and ordering images of different amounts. In Literacy, we have watched the story of 'The Snowman' and have been sequencing the story using images. For our topic of 'Winter' this week we have been learning about the Inuits and how they live in their environment, comparing it to ours: FS2 homework is based around this. Our FS1 children have been mixing prime colours to create new colours. They have been adding different materials to create different textures. The children have been so excited with the snow this week. If the snow settles, please encourage them to go outside and experience the feel of the snow and build a snowman like the one in the story.



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**CAFOD**  
Just one world

**Phase 1** Hello from Phase One! We have been busy this week doing many things. We have each made a Christmas decoration to send to the pupils in Freetown in Sierra Leone. We also plan to send them a video of part of our school production 'Manger Mouse' after we have performed it to you. We have begun to practise our performance on the stage and it is coming together. We have sent home letters asking you to help us with your child's costume. The deadline for costumes is Friday 8th December. At this wonderful time of Advent, we are saving money for CAFOD and encouraging Phase 1 children to think about others who are less fortunate this Christmas. This year we are raising money by having a 'Guess how many sweets are in the jar?' competition which is 20p per guess. Your child can guess more than once if they bring in enough money. Your generosity is always appreciated. We encourage the children to donate the money that may have been otherwise spent on Christmas cards but if your child wishes to send one Christmas card to the whole class, this is acceptable - but no individual Christmas cards please. We appreciate your support in this matter and wish to promote the message of love and kindness this Advent season. Have a good weekend everyone!



### Phase 2

As we build up to the first Sunday of Advent, the pupils have produced fantastic work in their RE lessons looking at how churches and families prepare for Christmas. It is an exciting time of the year and the children show a great understanding of the meaning and reasons behind it. Without doubt, the highlight of our week was our Design and Technology day during which the pupils designed and created mountain shelters. With the help of the Royal Institute of Architecture, our ambassador Anthony Currie, and Hull City of Culture, we coordinated an engaging day in which the pupils remained engaged throughout! They learnt about the history of structural design as well as learning about how nature influences buildings today. The final products were such great scale models, I'm sure they would have made Sir Edmund Hillary's ascent a little easier. A huge thank you to all parents who came along in the afternoon or helped bring in the materials.

### Phase 3

It has been another busy week in Phase 3! In class it has been testing week. The children have applied themselves excellently throughout the week with the progress they have made this term being clearly visible. In topic lessons this week we have been using primary and secondary sources of evidence to find out more details about the tragic voyage of the Titanic. In D&T we have been busy making lighthouses from a variety of materials. The finished pieces will look great. Also this week we were lucky enough to be paid a visit by members of the Police and Fire Service who allowed us to study their vehicles as part of The White Ribbon Event.

Next week promises to be equally as exciting as we have our trip to Magna Science Adventure Centre on Wednesday as well as our Christmas Craft Day on Friday. We hope to see as many parents as possible in school for this. We will also be holding a bun sale on Friday an attempt to raise funds for future activities and trips for the phase. Enjoy your weekend!

