



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 Interim Head of School

Thank you for all the suggestions for names for our House Point teams. There was a wide range of suggestions and I thoroughly enjoyed reading every single one. The most popular ideas were to use the names of saints linked to our school, so the teams are going to be called after St Oswald, St Anne, St Mary and St Cuthbert.

Thank you also for your generosity today: we have raised a magnificent £308 to send to our partner school in Freetown, Sierra Leone. This means that we can fully equip 30 children with uniform, exercise books, shoes and pens and pencils. I know it will have an immediate impact on their lives. Thank you.



Our Catholic Life - We have begun our new school year with a wonderful 'Mission Day'. Using prayer, Scripture & song to inspire us, we produced some extremely thoughtful artwork based on our School Mission Statement - joyful faces in Phase 1, peaceful doves in Phase 2 & loving hearts in Phase 3. We then celebrated our responses in a beautiful liturgy led by the Junior Chaplaincy Team & Mini Vinnies.

Attendance

This weeks attendance is: **96.9%**

Miss Allen, Mrs Hewitt and Miss Read's classes all had **NO** lates this week.

CM, LA, SR and SB classes all attended the ice-cream parlour
Well done!

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

Home Reading

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HH	Starting Next Week	SB/MO	29%
JC		ME	21%
KA		LA	68%
CM		NA	89%
SR		JH	68%
JF		38%	

Date	Event
18th	School photographer in School
28th	Bags to School Y1/2 trip to The Deep
29th	Macmillan coffee morning 2.30pm Mr Hermann's Class sharing assembly
Oct 6 th	2.30pm Mrs Broadhead & Miss Onn's Class sharing assembly
12/13	9-11am Parent drop-ins
13th	2.30pm Harvest Festival
16th	Parents evening 3.15 - 6.30pm
17th	Parents evening 3.15 - 5.30pm
20th	Miss Read's Class sharing assembly
26 th	FOS after school disco
27 th	9.10 am Mass School Closes for Half term

Foundation

A great start to our first full week in Foundation. The weather has been kind to us and the children have been able to explore the outdoor area. We have

been looking at all the plants which flowered at the end of last term and how they have changed. We have begun to learn about space and have been finding out about the moon. The children have watched the first landing on the

moon and have been reading *Aliens Love Underpants* by Claire Freedman. In FS1 the children have been designing and decorating their own underpants like those in the story. FS2 children have been creating their own aliens and describing them. In Maths we have been recognising numbers and matching objects to the correct numbers. Thank you for supporting our Non-uniform day today. We know our friends in Sierra Leone are very grateful for all we are doing for them.



Phase 1

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have had a lovely summer break. The children have settled into their routines and they are getting to know their new teachers. The corridor displays are looking fantastic. We have turned our locker area into the Deep. Remember to keep the home school projects coming in so we can display them. If you have not sent your slip and money into school for the Deep trip, please do so as soon as possible. The trip is on Thursday 28th September.

Some of you may remember that we had a 'Grandparent's afternoon' in the summer term and our Phase 1 children gave their Grandparent a sunflower seed in a pot as a special gift. Imogen's Grandad looked after his plant and it grew and grew and grew...until a recent storm snapped it! Take a look at the photograph to see how tall it grew!

A reminder that all children in Phase 1 must wear sandshoes inside school and during PE, they must also wear a full PE kit including trainers. Thank you for your continued support. We have lots of lovely things planned for this term and we look forward to telling you all about it!



Phase 2 We've had a brilliant first full week back in school. The children have engaged well with our mountain topic and we have been very impressed with their knowledge! In art we have completed our cold tasks as we borrow techniques from the Japanese artist Hokusai to create sketches of Mount Fuji. During Maths, children have shown us their place value and ordering skills. In literacy, Year 3 have begun

the exploration of their Orion and The Dark book while Year 4 have learnt about the 'gentle' Vesuvius in Escape from Pompeii. Our topic permeates into almost every lesson and Mr Evans even had his children looking at dance moves that link to climbing mountains! Barmmy Boy, a producer from Freetown, worked with Year 3 on creating a song in Creole on the topic of deforestation following the devastating floods. Our children have set a fantastic first impression.



Phase 3

It's been a busy first full week of the year in Phase 3! In English lesson we have started to read the books "Trash" (Year 6) and "Leon and The Place Between" (Year 5). Both promise to be excellent reads. In science lessons we have been investigating balanced forces. In one experiment we even used Maltesers!

Our new topic "All At Sea" is also underway as we began studying the oceans of the world this week. Thank you to those parents who attended the Year 6 residential meeting. We are really excited about our visit in 2018 and would love all children to attend. A letter covering the main points from the meeting will be sent out next week as we appreciate not all parents were able to attend. Finally thank you for the donations towards our non-uniform day on Friday. The money raised will help those people affected by the recent floods and mudslides in Sierra Leone greatly. We have strong links with Freetown, Sierra Leone and are glad that we can help during this difficult time.

