

Spotlight on Year 4

'On Monday, Year 4 had forest schools. To begin with we started to talk about the safety outside. After 5 minutes we were told to start to get into pairs. Then we joined up with another pair and went on a hunt to find animal habitats around the school. Once we had finished, we created a food chain using use as animals. After a lot of fun we went back inside.' By Theo B.

Below are pictures of some of our food chains.



On Thursday Year 4 used the outdoor classroom for RE. They dramatized the story of when Jesus met the Disciples out fishing. All the children took an active part in the role play. They were split into groups of 7 and all said they had great fun. They acted out the story of when Jesus appeared to the disciples when they were fishing in the Sea of Galilee. Each group did their own version and enjoyed watching each other.



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*Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to
the full" John 10:10*

Mrs Holland's Gospel Contemplations

'I am the vine, you are the branches' is scripture that we are all familiar with. Through this analogy, Jesus invites us to be united to him. If we allow the vine to run through us, we will bear the fruit of kindness, compassion and forgiveness. When I picture this scripture, I image a strong vine with branches of all different sizes leading from it. Some branches are strong and far-reaching whereas others are a little withered and worn. We are all called upon to do God's work but, at different points in our lives, we may find this easier than others. There are times when we are the strong branches able to reach out to others with kindness, compassion and forgiveness; at other times we may feel a little too worn to do this. It is at these times that we need to rest and allow the strength of God's love to nourish us and make us stronger. However we may be feeling, we are always connected to God and, with time and prayer, our strength will return.



Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out our badges in whole school Team assembly, well done everybody!

Good Conduct Award – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Marissa	Roisin	Oliver
Year 1	William	Grace C	Molly
Year 2	Daniel	Ferreira	Lottie
Year 3	Georgie	Jacob	James M
Year 4	Molly	Elysia	Ava
Year 5	Kane	Bella	Alfred
Year 6	Millie	Georgie	Luca

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your attendance at Parents Evening via Teams and for all the positive feedback to staff. One of the greatest motivators for any child is when a Parent or Carer shows their support and interest in how their child is achieving and what their next steps are. We are so lucky to have such supportive, encouraging Parents and Carers. Thank you to all the staff also who put so much preparation into these sessions.

We would like to wish you all a very enjoyable and relaxing bank holiday weekend – let's hope that the sun comes out!

Miss Groarke and the staff of St. Vincent's

Trikidz Event – 4th May

On **Tuesday 4th May**, Years 1-6 will be taking part in a **TRIKIDZ** event. This is based on the Ironman Triathlon event, which is a 2.4 miles swim, 112 miles cycle and 26.2 miles run. The concept is that the school (years 1-6) will cumulatively complete the distance over the course of 1 full day.

For the **swim** element, the children will have 'swim bands' which are simply large elastic bands. They lie face down on an inflatable gym ball and mimic the swim action, counting strokes to add up the distance covered.

For the **cycle** element, there will be children's bikes attached to indoor 'trainers' so they don't move and a speedometer attached to the rear wheel which measures how far they cycle. The children do not need to be able to ride a bike as they are fastened to the indoor trainers and do not move.

For the **run** element, a small course will be mapped out and the children run laps, with each being counted to accumulate distance completed.

Please can all children come to school on Tuesday, dressed appropriately in their **own sportswear**.

Bags in school

The staff and Governors have discussed bringing bags back into the KS2 but as we need clear access to the KS2 toilets for washing hands, we no longer have space to house them. KS1 are allowed to bring in the small green book bag as these easily fit into their trays. Due to health and safety we can't have bags under tables in classrooms as these become a trip hazard.



The Big Ask

The Big Ask is a survey for children and young people aged 4–17 in England which is being led by the Children's Commissioner for England. This is our pupils' chance to have their say on the things that matter to them. They can tell the Children's Commissioner what their life is like, what they want in the future, and anything they think is holding them back. This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. They'll use what you tell them to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives. This survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes. The link to complete the survey is also here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Church is open and you can go to Mass. There is still restrictions on numbers so please book before attending Church. <https://www.picktime.com/stvincentdepaul>

Remember - Save Your Crisp Bags!

Mrs Duffy is involved in a project with Macclesfield Crisp Blankets. If you have time to cut open an empty crisp bag (any size), wash and dry it, then it can be used to make a bivvi/sleeping bag for the homeless. The bags are sealed together and plastic coated before being sent to various shelters so that both people and belongings can be kept dry. It takes about 100 bags to make one bivvi bag. Unfortunately, neither black bags nor any McCoy bags are suitable for this project. A collection box is on the playground.

Practical action science activities

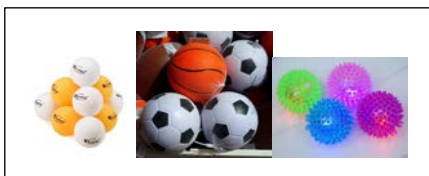
Year 2 were given the Practical Action focus of Floating Gardens. They looked at the problem of flooding in different countries. Year 2 looked at how this would be a problem for farmers when growing crops. They discussed how practical action groups have come up with solutions to problems like this and have made floating gardens in countries like Bangladesh, to enable the farmers to grow crops.

The children worked in groups to design and create models of floating gardens. They used sticks and recycled materials to create their gardens. When the children had finished, they were able to test their creations to see if they floated.



St. Vincent's Pre School Admissions Any parents who have children who are due to start pre-school between September 2021 and September 2022, please ensure that you have completed an application form and returned it to the pre-school to ensure that their name is on the waiting list. If you have any questions, please contact the Pre-school Manager Cath Davies on 01565 651948 or visit their website at www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk where you will find an application form.

PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery



Today was the first PTA Fun Ball Friday draw. Today's lucky ball was number 74. Congratulations to Freddie's parents (Y2). Don't forget you have to be in it to win it! You have until 5pm Thursday to buy your ball (via ParentPay) for next Friday's draw. GOOD LUCK!

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 3rd May		
<i>BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL</i>		
Tuesday 4th May		
TRIKIDZ EVENT - ALL CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL IN SPORTS WEAR		
Year 4 Clarinet – Please remember instruments		PM
Wednesday 5th May		
Swimming for Y5 & Y6 – Please remember swimming kits		PM
Thursday 6th May		
Friday 7th May		
Year 2 Forest Schools – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning.		PM

IMPORTANT: Please remember

Children, parents and staff **must not** attend school if they are feeling unwell or are displaying any of the symptoms that could be caused by coronavirus. The main symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) must get a test.

Start/Finish Times

Please ensure that children are at school for the **correct time** relevant to their class. Please do not come onto school site more than **five minutes** before your allotted time. All adults and children of secondary school age need to wear a face covering and keep to the one way system.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start time	8.50 <small>(Reception gate)</small>	8.55 <small>(Reception gate)</small>	8.50 <small>(KS1 door)</small>	8.55 <small>(Y3/Y4 door)</small>	8.50 <small>(Y3/Y4 door)</small>	8.55 <small>(Y5/Y6 door)</small>	8.50 <small>(Y5/Y6 door)</small>
Home time	3.10 <small>(Reception gate)</small>	3.15 <small>(Reception gate)</small>	3.10 <small>(KS1 door)</small>	3.15 <small>(Y3/Y4 door)</small>	3.10 <small>(Y3/Y4 door)</small>	3.15 <small>(Y5/Y6 door)</small>	3.10 <small>(Main gate)</small>

School drop off and collection

When dropping off or collecting your child please remember to keep two metres apart from people not in your household, wear face coverings and wash/sanitise your hands before and afterwards – all these actions help to reduce the spread of the infection.