

Focus on... Year 3

"In History we are learning about the Indus Valley. They didn't use money but traded one thing for another. A good way to work out how much something was worth was to weigh it using scales. We made our own scales like they had during ancient times. We then weighed different stuff from the classroom to find out what was equal." - Alice and Daisy

"In Trikids we did some cycling on bike stands. It was similar to indoor cycling. We also did running and swimming but used ropes instead. We were then put in teams and had to race each other. My team came second place." - Arthur and Jacob.



Year 3 completed their Sunflowers work inspired by Van Gogh's famous painting. We charcoaled over an original picture then we traced over the outlines which printed the picture. We then used acrylic paint to show the vibrant colours and created a 3D effect by adding tissue paper.



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

Gospel Contemplations by Mrs Holland

The gospel for this week is a very simple message which proves to be the corner-stone of our faith:

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Our children in school particularly enjoy singing a hymn about this, although it has been so long since we have heard their wonderful voices singing in unison, it is hard to remember the joy it brings! It sounds such a simple commandment to keep – to love one another. Yet, it is telling us that we cannot be selective about this. It is our duty to show love and compassion for all of mankind; the poor, the excluded, the marginalised. This is not always so easy in reality, and yet we have a fantastic role model in Pope Francis. Pope Francis really does show us what it is to live out this commandment as he shows us that we are all equal in God's eyes. God truly loves us and he loves all others in exactly the same way.



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	Ella	Loughlin	Thomas
Year 1	Daisy	Ethan	Max
Year 2	Ethan B	Alice O	Oliver
Year 3	Caspar	Isla H	Finley
Year 4	Poppy	Jamie	Ann
Year 5	Jacob	Rafael	Isabella M
Year 6	Imogen	Alex	Lucy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where did this week go (or four days!)? It has been a real pleasure to see the variety of activities our children are doing while walking around school this week. I have given out numerous headteacher awards from writing on inspirational people in Year 6, RE work on St. Pope John Paul in Year 5, reading awards and even maths awards! Everyone has been working so hard; a real credit to their teachers and families.

Have an enjoyable weekend with your family – let's hope the rain stops and that drier weather comes back soon.

God bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the second PTA Fun Ball Friday draw. Today's lucky ball was number 71.

Congratulations to Erin's parents(Y3). They won £76. 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!

TRIKIDZ event.

On Tuesday children from Year 1 -6 took part on this Ironman Triathlon event.

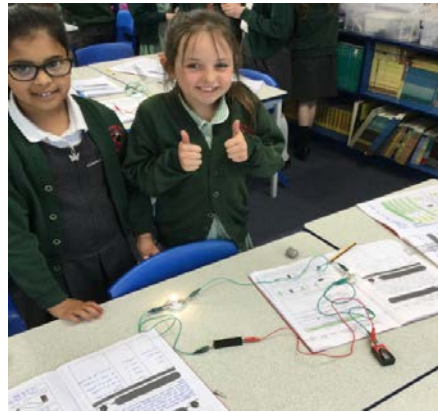
This was a 2.4 miles swim, 112 miles cycle and 26.2 miles run. The concept is that the school (years 1-6) will cumulatively complete the distance over the course of one full day.

For the **swim** element, the children had 'swim bands' which are simply large elastic bands attached to the MUGA. For the **cycle** element, children's bikes were attached to 'trainers' so they didn't move and a speedometer was attached to the rear wheel which measures how far they cycled. For the **run** element, a small course was mapped out and the children ran laps.



Practical Science

Year 4 investigating different components in an electric circuit.



Curriculum Overviews

Details of the curriculum being covered in each class for this term has been sent home and is on individual class pages of the website. Homework timetables are also included on this overview. Please do spend a little time chatting with your child about homework and if you have any resources or expertise that you could offer, please don't be shy – let your child's teacher know!

Parent/ Carer Questionnaire

An email has been sent with a link for you to complete a questionnaire. Please complete the parent/ carer questionnaire to give us your feedback about school by **Friday 14th May**.

Allergies and Healthy Eating Policy

We have sent out again our healthy eating policy which includes food in lunch boxes and what is allowed in school. Please remember we have children in school who have a severe allergy to nuts and sesame. For that reason, do not send in any food in lunch boxes or for morning snacks which contain nuts or sesame. Also children are not allowed to share food from their lunch boxes.

Free 'Mental Health Aware' online training for parents

"Just Drop In" are offering a funded half day Mental Health Aware course to parents living in the Macclesfield Borough (inc: Wilmslow, Poynton, Knutsford) This course will be online and takes place on Saturday 22nd May, 10am - 1pm. Places are available for both Primary and Secondary school parents. If interested please email:

parenting@justdropin.co.uk

Link address: <https://www.justdropin.co.uk/mental-health-aware-1-2-day/>

Birthday Wishes!

So "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who
is

5

Roisin

Look who
is

6

Noah

Look who
is

8

Olivia
Elliott

Look who
is

10

William

Look who
is

11

Giorgio
Tabitha

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 10th May		
Year 5 Forest Schools - come to school wearing clothes for outside learning		
Tuesday 11th May		
Year 4 Clarinet – Please remember instruments		PM
Wednesday 12th May		
Swimming for Y5 & Y6 – Please remember swimming kits		PM
Thursday 13th May		
Friday 14th May		
Reception 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 (Reception gate)	8.55 (Reception gate)	8.50 (KS1 door)	8.55 (Y3/Y4 door)	8.50 (Y3/Y4 door)	8.55 (Y5/Y6 door)	8.50 (Y5/Y6 door)
Home time	3.10 (Reception gate)	3.15 (Reception gate)	3.10 (KS1 door)	3.15 (Y3/Y4 door)	3.10 (Y3/Y4 door)	3.15 (Y5/Y6 door)	3.10 (Main gate)

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.

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>