

Focus on.....Year 4



What a fun-packed few weeks Year 4 have had to start the year and we have been delighted with the mature, hard-working attitude that they have all shown. In Art, we have been looking at different painting techniques as part of our topic on Still-Life painting. By using shades and tints, our pictures of apples look almost good enough to eat! Our knowledge of States of Matter has developed during science lessons and it has been very interesting to use both experiments in class as well as drama in Artis to explore solids, liquids and gases. Bikeability sessions have also been a highlight and our instructors were very impressed with our biking skills. It has been really exciting to receive our new musical instruments and start our practical music lessons with Love Music Trust. It has also been fantastic to meet our Reading Buddies from the new Reception class; we have loved getting to know them by sharing books together in class and playing with them on the playground. It is going to be a great year!

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

Time to Reflect

by Mrs Davies



This week, 27th September, it was the feast of **St. Vincent de Paul**.

Vincent de Paul, (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660), commonly known as Saint Vincent de Paul, was an Occitan French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity.

Our children display many of these qualities and our Mini Vinnies have certainly been following in his footsteps this week.

Behaviour Awards

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	Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Christian	Lily	Amelia – brilliant effort during phonics.
Year 1	Lillie	AyoOluwa	Freddie – brilliant effort in Rock Steady music.
Year 2	Pippa	George	Milan – writing a fabulous letter and self-correcting!
Year 3	Jenson	Huey	Thomas – wonderful character description in English.
Year 4	Chloe	Evie	Ethan – great effort with writing.
Year 5	Santi	Alice	Olivia Co – a great attitude and fantastic piece of writing.
Year 6	Connie	Lily	Georgie – fantastic creative writing and sentence constructions.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have all been working incredibly hard and it's wonderful to see so many happy faces around school. On Tuesday we celebrated European Day of Languages in all classes as well as having Year 6 and Year 4 bikeability. I've been giving out lots of Head Teacher awards to children for showing great kindness, maths problems and amazing writing- I gave out 10 in Year 6! well done everyone.

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's

Mini Vinnies

On Monday we had our Mini Vinnies commissioning assembly, we were joined by Mrs Bayley, a member of the SVP from our parish. During assembly, our new Mini Vinnies were presented with their badges and certificates and stood up in front of all the children to make a promise to make a difference to the world by saying the Mini Vinnie pledge. One part of the pledge is all about caring for others in our local community by being a friend to those who are alone, in need or in trouble. We wish our 24 Mini Vinnies all the very best for the year ahead and look forward to hearing their news and supporting their many events in the year ahead.

Year 6 Lost Words workshop

This week, Year 6 took part in the Lost Words workshop, which develops children's composition skills using The Lost Words Poems and music as a stimulus. Lost Words is a beautiful collection of poems about nature which focuses on words disappearing from children's vocabulary. The children used spoken word, singing and instruments to compose their own spell song.



Forest School

Reception children had their first Forest School session which included some fun starter games, an exploration of the field and forest school area. They all had a great time especially playing in the hammocks.



Reception Stay and Learn

Next Tuesday 3rd October at 9am, Miss Quinn will be holding an information session in the school hall for parents/carers on Phonics and early reading. Following this, the parents/carers will get the chance engage in activities with the children. The session will finish at 10am.

Bikeability

Well done to all of Year 4 and Year 6 who completed bikeability this week. The instructors were very impressed with their manners and ability.

House Points

House points are awarded throughout the week for all kinds of achievement or for good behaviour in all classes. The house point totals for this week were as follows:

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
21	18	20	18

Well done to this week's winning house – **St. Andrew**

Attendance

Reception	99.4%	Year 4	99.3%
Year 1	97.2%	Year 5	89.7%
Year 2	97%	Year 6	94.1%
Year 3	99.2%		

WELL DONE RECEPTION – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Mission Together

October is the month where we think about the various missionaries around the world. We invite you to pray the Mission Together prayer with your child at home. In the Catholic Church, May and October are months traditionally dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary. Mary, the mother of God, was a loving mother and a model for missionaries.

Mission Together Prayer

May all children
 In the world
 Share love
 Share friendship and live
 In the peace
 Of God's love
 Now and forever
 Amen




Mini Vinnie's Macmillan coffee morning

A huge thank you to all our parents and friends of St. Vincent's who supported the Mini Vinnies in hosting their first Macmillan Coffee Morning, it was a great success and we raised a whopping £364.30, for a very worthwhile cause. A fun morning was had by everyone and our children were an absolute credit to us all. A big thank you to our Mini Vinnies (and their parents) for providing the delicious cakes and biscuits.



CAFOD Family Fast Day

Family Fast Day is on **Friday 6th October** – Year 6 children will be selling paper biscuits next Friday at morning playtime.

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO
IS
6
Amandine

LOOK WHO
IS
7
Theo M

LOOK WHO
IS
8
Oliver

LOOK WHO
IS
11
Daisy

Reading for Pleasure

We cannot stress enough how important the sharing of reading is, no matter whether your child is in Reception or Year 6; the benefits for both of you are immeasurable. So, we are again asking for recommendations from everyone. What books are you reading at home with your child? Please email in suggestions for books you have enjoyed reading together and a photograph of you reading as a family to admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk Every recommendation with a photograph will get a Headteacher sticker and some pictures will appear in the newsletter.



Open Afternoon

Reminder: We will be holding an open afternoon on **Thursday 5th October from 2pm until 3.15pm** for new and prospective parents of children who are looking to change school or are due to start in Reception in 2024 and 2025. Please pass on this information to neighbours and friends in Knutsford. To book a slot please email admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

Mums and Tots at St. Vincent's Parish Centre

All preschool aged children and parents/carers are welcome every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Parish Centre from 10am until 12.

Lost Property

To prevent items of school uniform from going missing, please can all parents ensure that **every item of clothing that your child/ren wear to school is named**. Please also make sure that your child knows where to find the name label in the clothing. This is taking a lot of staff's time looking for and returning unnamed items to children!!



Dates for the Diary...

We will be holding our **PTA AGM on Thursday 12th October, from 6:30pm - 7:30pm** in the school hall. We encourage as many parents as possible to please attend. This is a great opportunity for you all to find out more about our school PTA, who we are and what we do, and it's a great way to meet new people. If you're stuck at home with children, please feel free to bring them along. We'll have an adult on hand to supervise them while the meeting is on.

Friday 3rd November will be Disco Night! We've got DJ Pete Deane in the house! This is a great school event and the kids just love dressing up and dancing with their friends. More details to come closer the time. Kids love the disco!

Knutsford Musical Youth Theatre

The musical theatre group meets every Thursday at the Rajar Buildings, Town Lane, Mobberley 5.30-7.30 pm. It is aimed at children from 7-11. They do a mixture of singing, dancing and acting and work towards a little show at the end of each term. It is a very low key, fun group, great for building children's confidence. Fees are paid termly which works out at approx £5 per session. Some children from St Vincent's already go and really enjoy it but the group is looking to recruit more. If anyone is interested Sue would love to hear from you! Please speak to Mrs Dowler and she will pass the contact details on.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 2nd October		
Mad Science Assembly	AM	
Y3 Forest Schools	PM	
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Tuesday 3rd October		
Reception 'Stay and Learn', School Hall	09:00	10:00
Wednesday 4th October		
Y1/Y2 Stay and Read Session	9:05	9:20
KS2 Love Music Trust After School Choir - sign up via ParentPay	15:25	16:30
D.R. Sports – Netball/Basketball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Thursday 5th October		
Rock Steady Music		
Special Census Day Autumn Lunch	12:00	
Open Afternoon for new and prospective parents/Carers	14:00	15:15
Y3/Y4 taster hockey session, Knutsford Academy	16:00	17:00
Y3/Y4 Eco Club with Miss Hyland – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
Y1/Y2 board and card game club - sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
Friday 6th October		
Y5 class assembly, School Hall	09:05	09:30
Y3/Y4 Swimming – payment via ParentPay	PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies/Miss Liddy - email School office	15:30	16:15
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30

* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk



Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Masses at Knutsford: Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Masses at Lymm: Vigil Mass at 5.45pm on Saturdays and Mass at 10.30am on Sunday mornings at St Winefride's Booths Hill Rd Lymm, WA13 0DL that you are welcome to attend if they are more convenient.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place on Saturdays from 11.30am until Noon in Knutsford.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available after weekday Mass or during Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and at any convenient time by appointment.

ENQUIRY GROUP: Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? The Enquiry Group will start meeting again on Thursday, 26 October at 7pm in the hall. All are welcome to come and learn more about our faith and support those who are seeking to become Catholics. If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr David.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT Friday, 20 October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come and join in the fun. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

CLOTHES FOR REUGEES: Donations of autumn and winter men's clothes particularly jumpers, socks and footwear are welcome to be dropped down at Church.