

Focus on.....Year 2

Year 2 have had a very busy 6 weeks in school and are certainly ready for their half term break!

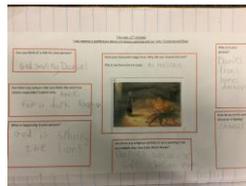
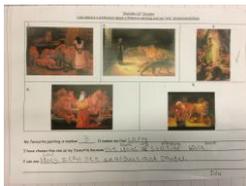
In Art, this week, we have worked with a partner to make a collage based on colour and texture. We used Autumnal objects as our inspiration and tried out different arrangements of materials, including overlapping. Next week we will continue to add to our collages and add detail to the picture. We are excited to see the final pieces.

In RE this half term, we have been learning all about God's Chosen People and our Class Liturgy and Prayer this week focused on the story of Moses. God had a plan for Moses and his people just like he has a plan for our lives too. We thought about the importance of praying and asking God what our plan is. We thanked God for looking after us like he looked after Moses.

We have also found out about 'Daniel' and how God protected him and saved him from being eaten by the lions. We loved this story!

Before we listened to the story we put together 'jigsaws' of paintings that all portrayed the story in different ways. We talked about what we could see and how the paintings made us feel.

During our Music lesson this week, we have worked hard on our Harvest song, and we are looking forward to singing it to you at our Harvest Assembly next week!



Newsletter 6

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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

In this time of conflict let us pray for our global neighbours.

Dear God,
 Speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are one big family.

Old or young, short or tall,
 wherever we live, you made us all.

Help us to share, however hard it seems,
 to make our world fair,
 And live out our dreams.

Amen.



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 |
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| Reception | Nathan | Reggie | Aiden – great input and discussion during CAFOD workshop. |
| Year 1 | Florence O'K | Dora | Mia – for amazing writing. |
| Year 2 | Charlie | Elsie | Ian – working so hard with Mrs R! |
| Year 3 | Henry | Carys | Stanley – for an amazing attitude to learning every lesson. |
| Year 4 | Martha | Mark | William – a lovely, detailed piece of writing in English. |
| Year 5 | Ethan B | Albin | Thomas – fantastic maths work. |
| Year 6 | Max | Finley | Matthew – for an excellent explanation of how our eyes work. |

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have just finished our sixth week back at school – it really has flown by so quickly! We've had another very busy week in school and it's good to see how enthusiastic and hard-working the children are. I have had the delight of teaching Reception on Tuesday and Wednesday and they have been amazing with their phonics, writing letter sounds, making repeating patterns, counting, singing the days of the week, and talking about God's wonderful world. On Wednesday afternoon Reception met up with their Year 4 buddies to share their special boxes and to have stories read to them. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces. I am so proud of our children.

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's



Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will take place on Friday 20th October in the school hall at 2.20pm. Each class will contribute a small piece; this may be a class song, poem or a reflection. We will be joined by Father David and we invite you to join us too. An important part of our celebration is the distribution of gifts. These will be donations of food to organisations within our community. Therefore, we are asking for donations of the following items: JAM, CEREAL, SOUP, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, UHT MILK, TINNED FRUIT/MEAT/VEGETABLES/TOMATOES, DESSERTS - JELLY, RICE PUDDING, TEA BAGS (ESPECIALLY 80'S), COFFEE, CUSTARD, TINNED/MASHED POTATOES, LENTILS, BEANS AND PULSES, BISCUITS, SAVOURY SANDWICH SPREADS, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINS OF MEAT (STEW, CHICKEN CURRY, ETC.), INSTANT COFFEE, LONG LIFE MILK (UHT) DEODORANT, BARS OF SOAP, SHAMPOO, SHOWER GEL, TOOTHPASTE, WASHING POWDER/LIQUID. If you can donate, could you please do so by Thursday 19th October. Children may bring their donations into class where their class teacher will direct them to a harvest box.

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 |
|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 15 | 16 | 25 | 21 |

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

Attendance

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| Reception | 97.7% | Year 4 | 98.7% |
| Year 1 | 100% | Year 5 | 95.3% |
| Year 2 | 96.7% | Year 6 | 93.9% |
| Year 3 | 97.6% | | |

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

REMINDER Parents Evening – 18th and 19th October

Don't forget to book your parents evening appointments via the School Spider Parent's Evening portal before Monday 16th October. Please email Mrs Watson in the school office with any issues.

Netball



Well done to our netballers who played their second match of the season against Manor Park on Monday. Their team spirit was fantastic and some brilliant goals were scored. We look forward to our next match on Friday 20th October.

Forest School

This week's forest school was the first of the year for our Year 2 class and we explored the different signs of Autumn around our school grounds. We also did some lovely leaf art as well as discuss what different materials that can be found around the school, dividing them into groups and discussing if they could be recycled. This linked nicely to our current science topic.

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week to:

LOOK WHO
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Christian

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Elora

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Evie

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Noah

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Santi

Cafod workshops

This week, Nicola, a representative from CAFOD visited our school. She led a whole school assembly and carried out workshops with each class on the subject of Catholic Social Teaching. Catholic Social Teaching should influence our decisions on how we treat each other and look after the world we have been given.

The nine areas the children focused on were:



Fun Ball Friday Returns!

Our extremely successful **Fun Ball Friday** will be back after half term and will run until Christmas. Each lotto number costs £2 a week, purchased via ParentPay, or you could pay £12 upfront for the 8 weeks and get two draws free! There is no limit to the number of balls you can purchase. It's as simple as that! If your number gets drawn (on a Friday), your child gets to choose a ball and you get to collect a cheque for the winnings from the office the following Monday. Winners are announced in Friday's Newsletters. It's such an easy fun way to raise money for our school and each week someone wins a cash prize and a child wins a ball. What's not to love?! Please sign up and enter the draw today via ParentPay. Good Luck!

A big THANK YOU to those who attended our **AGM** last night. We were delighted to see a few new faces. Attached to this email is the finance presentation from last night which highlights our PTA fundraising events and school contributions over the past 3 years. It also touches on some of our 2023/24 fundraising targets. In short, over the past year we have raised £11,512 and our contribution to school so far has been £7,380. An excellent effort and we couldn't have achieved this without your help so thank you all very much.

In the spirit of coming together as a community, and supporting our school, we have decided to **assign certain PTA events to each Year Group** going forward. This way the organising of events for our school doesn't rest on the shoulders of only a few people. Everyone will now get the opportunity and share the responsibility of helping their class to run an event. Details of which year groups will be running which events will be revealed over the coming weeks.

Please save the date for our **Christmas Fair** this year which will be the evening of **Friday, 8th Dec.** It will be held in our school hall. Timings will be shared closer to the event.

There is quite a lot of news and events coming up as we move closer to Christmas and the end of year so please keep an eye out for any reminders or new information in our Friday Newsletters and/or on your Year WhatsApp Groups. Thank you.

New procedure for Late arrivals and Collections

An email was sent to all families yesterday regarding the new sign in/out procedure for late arrivals and early collections during the school day, which will be implemented from Monday 16th October.

Applications for Secondary School Places

Please note the deadline for all Year 6 applications is 31st October 2023. Apply online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk . If you need assistance applying for a place then pop into the school office and Mrs Watson will gladly assist.

School Photos

The school photographer will be visiting St. Vincent's on Wednesday 18th October to take individual and family group photographs. Any parents who would like their pre-school children to be included in the family group photo, please come along to the school hall from 8.30am.

| The Week Ahead | Start Time | End Time |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Monday 16th October | | |
| Poetry Day | | |
| Y1 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 17th October | | |
| Y6 visit to Quarry Bank Mill | ALL | DAY |
| Y1 'Stay and Learn' – all parents/carers welcome, School Hall | 09:00 | 10:00 |
| Wednesday 18th October | | |
| Individual and sibling school photo's, School Hall | 08:30 | |
| Y1/Y2 Stay and Read Session | 9:05 | 9:20 |
| KS2 Choir after school | 15:30 | 16:30 |
| Parents Evening, School Hall | 16:00 | 19:00 |
| Thursday 19th October | | |
| Rock Steady Music | | |
| NO Y3/Y4 Eco Club with Miss Hyland (due to Parents Evening) | | |
| NO Y1/Y2 board and card game club (due to Parents Evening) | | |
| Y3/Y4 Mixed Football, Knutsford Academy | 15:45 | 17:00 |
| Parents Evening, School Hall (not Reception class) | 16:00 | 18:00 |
| Friday 20th October | | |
| Y3/Y4 Swimming – payment via ParentPay (last one) | PM | |
| Harvest Festival, School Hall – all welcome | 14:00 | |
| Break up for Half Term | 15:25 | |
| 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