

Focus on.... Remembrance

On Monday in our whole school Gospel assembly, we discussed Remembrance Day and how it is usually celebrated in Knutsford and around the country. This week, our children have spent time focusing on the significance and history of Remembrance Sunday and on the symbol of the poppy. On Wednesday at 11 o'clock we held a two minute silence and the children were extremely respectful and reflective. Thank you to all who supported our fundraising for the Poppy Appeal via ParentPay. It was a great success and we raised £437 selling poppy snap bands, rubbers, pencils, rulers, sharpeners and poppy pin badges.

Take a look at our Reception class and their wonderful Poppy creations and medals.



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

The Gospel Tells the story of the Parable of the Talents. A man gives his servants different amounts of money according to their ability and asks them to use it wisely. Two of the servants increase their money, but one servant hides his coin only to return it when asked. If we replace the idea of money in the parable with the gifts and qualities we have been given from God, we can see the meaning of this parable clearly. **Hiding our gifts and qualities doesn't make them grow; God expects more from us than that.** This may mean taking an active part in parish or school life; for others, it may mean simply reaching out and being there for those in need. The offer of emotional support, particularly at the moment, can be far more valuable to somebody who needs it than any other kind of support. We all have something very special to offer. Don't hide the qualities God has given you – use them and they will grow and benefit others. Never forget that God made you and he made you perfect in His eyes.

Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out badges in each classroom, 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	Roisin	Amelia	Stanley
Year 1	Alice	Hattie	Mark
Year 2	Alice P	Erin	Harry E
Year 3	Douglas	Caspar	Elliott
Year 4	Millie	Molly	Evan
Year 5	Alexa	Isabella	Sienna
Year 6	Luca	Cameron	Georgie

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it's been here in school with so many lovely activities going on. Year 5 and Year 1 had their forest school day and the staff experienced more forest school activities and games that we can develop in school with the children. It has been lovely popping into classes to see all the children in their spots and bright colours for Children in Need. Today is also World Kindness Day when we have been thinking and doing acts of kindness. At St. Vincent's, acts of kindness happen every day, but it is good to recognise the positive effects being kind can bring.

God Bless

Bernadette Groarke and the St. Vincent's team

Children in Need

We've had a lovely day in school today for Children in Need – here are some photographs of our children in their bright colours! Well done everyone we have raised £217.50 via ParentPay, for this very worthy cause. If you have not yet contributed, then there is still time! All proceeds go directly to the Children in Need charity. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1657>.



Harvest festival letter and prayers

It has been lovely for the children to receive feedback from letters sent to older members of Knutsford community. A letter even got redirected to Rothesay, on the Isle of Bute! So many older residents have been delighted to be remembered and thanked all the children and staff.

Here are some extracts from the letter's we received:-

We are very proud of St. Vincent's RC Primary School from where our six Children graduated into their profession. Three Architects, one Accountant, one Designer and one Scientist, and we give extra-ordinary Thanks to GOD Almighty who has done great things in our lives.

It is highly impressive to acknowledge that St. Vincent's RC Primary School turned out great Professionals and our Family are very proud of this great Institution of Learning.

We also thank the School for their care and kindness. We will continue to pray for the process of the School to grow from strength to strength unto grace and unto great heights.

It was re-directed to her here in Rothesay, on the Isle of Bute where she has come to live. Mum has dementia and now lives with me, her daughter. I moved her a couple of years ago to take on a year's sabbatical teaching, fell in love with the island, and stayed. So when mum was struggling with the dementia she moved here and loves it too. She was delighted to be remembered and thanks you all.

I have attached a couple of photos for you to show our lovely island.

TO ALL THE CHILDREN AT ST. VINCENTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Thank you very much for the poems and drawings
you sent me for the Harvest Festival.
The thought and love that came with the
gifts, please me, God Bless you all.



Father David and St. Vincent's Church

There will be no church services for the next few weeks. Mass can be viewed via a livestream service every day (except Mondays) at 9.30am. Click the following link to access this service: <https://tinyurl.com/stvincentslivestream>

Following Mass, there will be the opportunity for private prayer between 10.00am and 11.00am and attendance in the church is permitted for this. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this hour will also be broadcast via the livestream service.

Follow this link for the parish newsletter..... <https://www.stvincentsknutsford.org/newsletters.html>

Friendship Week – We can make a difference

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United against Bullying. Friendship week when we focus on anti-bullying is next week. Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Together, we can challenge bullying.

Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with working together.

Over the weekend please talk to your child about what makes a good friend and how they can make a difference. The website below has some very useful information.

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/>

Is TikTok safe?

Please watch the Panorama programme from 2nd November

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000p3p9>. As a parent I feel that every adult should watch this programme. TikTok is for over 13 year olds but I know that lots of our children at St. Vincent's are using it. Please be vigilant with keeping safe online.

Internet Safety

The internet is a tool that all our children now use daily and we need to teach them how to use it safely and appropriately. As adults, we are all aware of social media, its many advantages and the importance of using it in a positive way and how the internet can be a great resource if used correctly. In school, our children follow SMART rules <http://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/page/e-safety-/29365>. Please check what your child is doing online regularly.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all the families that have donated to the shoebox appeal either online or by bringing a shoebox into school which was organised by our school councillors. It really is a worthwhile cause and if you get chance watch the children who received their shoeboxes last year - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/occ-videos/> it is very heart-warming.



Birthday Wishes!

"Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who
is

6

Daniel
Edward C
Jane

Look who
is

7

Tilly

Look who
is

9

Alannah
Liam

Look Who Is

10

Alexa
Willow

Look who
is

11

Storm

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 16th November 2020		
Playground work starts		
Year 2 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Tuesday 17th November 2020		
Year 3 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Wednesday 18th November 2020		
Year 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Thursday 19th November 2020		
Year 5 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Friday 20th November 2020		
Year 6 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30

Sport by Coach Dave

Basketball was the sports topic of Year 3's PE sessions this week.
Here are some photographs from the lesson.

