

Focus on.... Biscuit dunking experiment!

As part of our Science curriculum this week, all the children have been collaborating in an exciting whole school Science enquiry, exploring and investigating biscuits! With Winter just around the corner, each class from Reception to Year 6 have used their enquiry skills to find out which type of biscuit is the best for dunking in your milk, hot chocolate or tea. Our trainee scientists tested a range of different biscuits, with each class exploring a slightly different question. For example : What is the effect of different liquids on gingerbread men? Which biscuit lasts the longest when dunked into a drink? Does price and brand affect how many times a biscuit can be dunked? Does sugar content of a drink affect dunking time? The children have had lots of fun questioning, predicting, observing, recording results and presenting their ideas to each other and it has been wonderful to see the range of scientific skills shown from our very youngest to our oldest pupils. Results are currently being collated and will be shared soon, so watch this space!



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

The Gospel by Mrs Holland

The second week of Advent asks us to prepare for the coming of Jesus. We are told of John the Baptist who asks us to prepare for Jesus by repenting our sins. He calls us to examine ourselves, to discover our sins and ask for forgiveness. By doing this we can truly be ready to welcome Jesus. It is such a busy time of year that taking just a moment to ask for forgiveness can seem like a daunting task. However, by taking that time for ourselves, we replenish our souls making us more able to continue with the demands of our lives. Welcoming forgiveness enables us to move forward without burden but it also gives us the strength to do better; to show compassion, love and understanding.

The very first line of this week's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is good news. Let us remember that and be filled with hope, love and peace.

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	Beatrice	Oliver	Alfie
Year 1	Mark	Grace F	William
Year 2	Elliot	Sofia	Santi
Year 3	Henry	Jacob	Elliott
Year 4	Alannah	Poppy	Charlie
Year 5	Steven	Hattie	Daniel
Year 6	Penny	Evangeline	Imogen

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have celebrated the first week of Advent in school. The children have made Advent Promises and there are beautiful cribs and other Christmas displays in each classroom and on corridors. At such a busy time in school as well as at home, it is even more important we take time to focus on the true meaning of Christmas with our children. On Tuesday everyone from Year 1 to Year 6 live streamed into mass with Father David. He also came into School on Thursday to talk to the Year 4 children before they make their First Forgiveness next Tuesday. Please remember all of our Year 4 children in your prayers as they will be making their First Forgiveness next Tuesday in school.

When Father David was in school he visited each class to say hello. He answered many questions about Meg the dog and was so impressed with the children's behaviour and their knowledge of Advent. He was also impressed with the pictures and videos of our Reception and Year 1 children on Tapestry showing children with their Advent candles at home. Thank you also to those families who have sent in photographs of their prayerful times with the Advent candles.

Christmas is definitely coming! This weekend we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation.

God Bless

Bernadette Groarke and the St. Vincent's team



Please remember to email school at admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk or put on Tapestry any photos of your family with your Advent candle

Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Church is open for masses: - Tuesday to Friday – 9:30 am, Saturday – 5:30 pm and Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am. It is still restricted on numbers so please book before attending Church.

<https://www.picktime.com/stvincentdepaul>.

Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be available for booking from Monday 7th December.

Reception - Phonics 'Zoom' and learn session

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to attend the first "Zoom" and Learn session of this year. We hope that you found it useful. The focus on this session was on Phonics and Early Reading to give an insight into how we teach this in school and to give ideas of how to support your children at home. Miss Quinn gave an excellent account of how you can support your child. If you missed the session you can find the PowerPoint on our website, http://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/serve_file/842345

First Forgiveness

Our Year 4 children will be making their First Forgiveness in school next Tuesday afternoon. Although this is a little different from how we normally celebrate this sacrament, the children are well prepared and are looking forward to this very special occasion. Please keep them in your prayers.

Cheshire East is under Tier 2 (high alert) restrictions.

Remember, 'Hands. Face. Space'

Please abide by the rules to keep us all safe in school and so we can all enjoy Christmas with our loved ones.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

New Playground

The children are having a great time on the new zones on the playground. Next week the playground markings should be completed.



Support at home?

Please remember if you need any financial/food support at this time please come and see me. I can make referrals for support to The Welcome, our SVP at church and Caritas charity so if you are struggling please come and see me.

Also, 'We Are Knutsford' are here to help out local families this Christmas who may have been impacted financially from the pandemic. <https://knutsford2you.org/we-are-knutsford-covid-19-christmas-grant/>

Cheshire East Council's Homechoice and Prevention Team also have staff available to deal with homelessness prevention; the officers can give advice to families on a variety of issues e.g. concerns relating to rent and mortgage arrears, debt and the fear of losing their home. Early intervention is something they encourage. They have leaflets and a website. For a referral into appropriate advice and support Phone: 0300 123 5017 Email: cheshirehomechoice@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Can you help?

We are looking for advice from anyone with a knowledge of electrics to help us decide which LED lighting would be best in school. If you are an electrician, please contact Mrs Watson.

Birthday Wishes!

"Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who
is

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Melissa

Rafa

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 7th December 2020		
Year 2 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Tuesday 8th December 2020		
Year 4 First Forgiveness	13.30	
Year 3 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Wednesday 9th December 2020		
Year 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Thursday 10th December 2020		
Year 5 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Friday 11th December 2020		
Year 6 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30

Reception P.E - To the shops!

On Thursday, Reception took a trip to the shops in their PE lesson. They had to get into their cars, put their seat belts on and make their way to the local supermarket. The children made their way to the shops over speed bumps, and had to stop at the red traffic light before picking up their weekly shopping!

The lesson helped to develop the children's agility, balance, and co-ordination.

It was a lot of fun for everyone!

