

Focus on.....Year 6

Wow - what a brilliant, busy week we've had in Year 6 this week! On Tuesday, we were very lucky to be visited by Professor Wilson to spend the day studying Chemistry with Cabbage. We did some incredible experiments just using red cabbage juice and other chemicals or materials you can find at home. Mrs Bullen couldn't believe the level of our science knowledge and understanding by the end of the day! In History this week, we travelled back in time to 1066 and held our own election for who we thought should have been crowned king after Edward the Confessor died. We thought about why choosing the right king in 1066 was so much more important than it might be in modern times. Our vote went to William of Normandy, but all our candidates did an excellent job! But that's not all! In RE, we have just begun our new topic: Justice. To help us to understand the issues around judging others and how we can be hurting inside but seem fine on the outside, we did the orange peel test. Mrs Bullen gave us all an orange which we named and got to know. Even when muddled up with others, we could recognise our own oranges because they all looked different on the outside (like people). However, when we peeled them, they were much harder to distinguish because, like people, they were all the same inside, regardless of how they looked, but inside they can be very easily hurt which people do not always see - just like people. With all this, as well as creating incredible collaborative poems about the battlefield beaches of Normandy in English, and becoming BODMASters in Maths, I think we've earned a relaxing weekend, ready to go again next week! Phew!



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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



The Gospel this week was taken from Matthew 23:1-12, it reminds us to put our good intentions into practice. Too many people make a show of doing what is right, but instead may make other people's lives difficult. This weekend is Remembrance Sunday, a time when we remember all those men and women who put other people before themselves.

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	Annabelle	Amelia	Christian – fantastic writing about the Big Bad Wolf!
Year 1	AyoOluwa	Amandine	Henry – for joining in with great ideas.
Year 2	Harrison	James W	Evelyn – always working hard and her behaviour is perfect!
Year 3	Oliver T-P	Sebby	Thomas – amazing writing about the circus.
Year 4	Edward W	Max	Amelia – great contributions in class.
Year 5	Sofia	Ayla	Lottie – a fantastic piece of writing in English.
Year 6	Maison	Kyra	Douglas – for making an excellent settlement during forest school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it's been here in school with so many lovely activities going on. On Monday I was in Year 3 observing them write amazing description about an act at the circus inspired by their book 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister. I then observed some children in Reception role playing 'The Three Little Pigs'. On Wednesday, I was in Year 1 looking at their amazing ability at number bonds to ten. I also observed Year 5, 6 and 2 in Artis sessions with Crunchie and saw all the fun they were having. I am so privileged to have these opportunities to see the broad and balanced curriculum in action in all our classes and how impeccably well behaved and eager to learn all our children are.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

Poetry Buzz

After Year 4 and 5's Poetry Day with Paul Delaney a few weeks ago, four children were selected to go and read their poems at a poetry festival on Wednesday evening. The children were fantastic, and it was lovely to hear how well they performed. They all received a very special certificate and poem book from Paul.



'I loved listening to other people's poems – they were really nice to listen to', by Judy (Y4).

'It was so fun and whoever gets chosen next time, I hope has the best time ever – I loved it!', by Annie (Y4).

'There were some amazing poems from some of the younger children which really surprised me', by Ethan (Y5).

'I felt a bit nervous when I came on stage but as I performed, I loved it', by Elliot (Y5).



Year 3 trip to the Whitworth Art Gallery

Year 3 had a lovely time at the Whitworth Art Gallery on Tuesday. They took part in a fantastic drawing workshop lead by a professional artist. Then, they spent time in the afternoon exploring the gallery and sketching artwork that interested them.



Year 1 / 2 Dance Taster

'The dance was really good. I was a tiger!', by Pippa (Y2)

Mini Vinnies at Sharston House

Yesterday, 12 of our Mini Vinnies, Mrs Davies and Mrs Brown visited the residents at Sharston House to do some Christmas card making. We all had a lovely time and brought many smiles to the people we visited. The staff at Sharston were very impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of our children and have invited us back any time we want. The children made many cards which will be sold at Sharston House's Christmas Fair and money raised will be donated to Age UK. As ever, our children were a credit to us - they even sang a couple of songs at the end. Well done Mini Vinnies!



Parent/Carer Workshop - 27th November 9.00am – 10.30am

Visyon's Families and Communities Team are going to offer a 90-minute Parent Carer Workshop that will provide information, advice and strategies to increase knowledge and understanding and empower parents to support their children confidently and effectively. The Workshop is available to the families/carers of the children at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School and will be held at the school for face-to-face delivery. If you would like to book a place in the Workshop, please email Kate at admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk. Please include a contact number in your email. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis so email the office.



Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (myself as Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Year 6 Forest Schools

It all started on Monday with a great (albeit soggy!) Forest School session with Miss Hughes, which we linked with our history topic on wars throughout British history. We made some fantastic models of settlements and thought about how to build defences for them, as well as creating some of our own amazing 'weapons' which we tested out on the teddies in the woods!



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	19	18

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

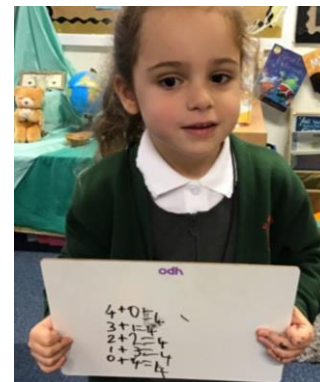
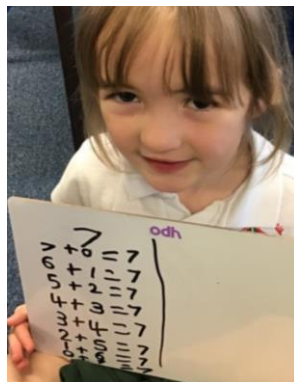
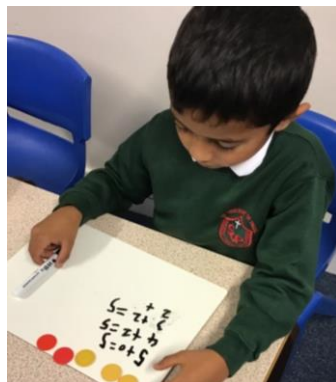
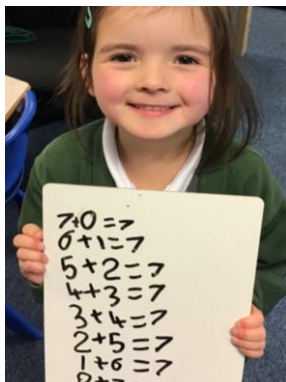
Attendance

Reception	97.8%	Year 4	96.1%
Year 1	95.2%	Year 5	97%
Year 2	95.3%	Year 6	98.5%
Year 3	98.4%		

WELL DONE YEAR 6 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Year 1 Maths

Year 1 have been working hard on the systematic number bonds within 10. On Wednesday I went in and saw how amazing they were. It was lovely to see and hear all the children explain their number bonds.



REMINDER: Odd Socks Day (Monday) and Non-Uniform Day (Friday).



Odd Socks Day is taking place on Monday 13th November to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive socks, all you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school. Parents can wear them at work or at home! It couldn't be simpler. Odd Socks Day will start Anti-Bullying Week, to help raise awareness of bullying. The focus is 'Reach out' and what makes us unique. Friday 17th November is **Children in Need** and 'Friendship Friday', and children can come to school in their own unique clothes. Please donate for this privilege if you can via the Children in Need link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11591>

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week:





PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the second PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the autumn term. Today's lucky ball was number 36. Congratulations to the Parents of Oscar (Y1). Staff, parents, governors and relatives aged 18 and over are all eligible to join. Each week in Friday Good Work assembly the child or grandchild of the lucky winner can choose a ball!! Each lotto number costs £2 a week and is purchased via ParentPay before 5pm on the Thursday before the draw.

Don't forget you have to be in it to win it! GOOD LUCK!

It's that time again when we introduce our **Christmas Raffle Hampers**. You have 3 weeks folks to decide, as a year group, what your hamper will be. Our hope is that every parent from each year group contributes to their class hamper. Please see the flyer attached for information including deadlines.

On Friday 1st December we will be having an **Own Clothes Day!** In exchange for children wearing what they want to school, we ask that each KS1 child bring in chocolate for our Tombola stall at our Christmas Fair, and each KS2 child bring in a bottle of something (alcohol, toiletries, condiments, etc) for our Tombola stall. Could we please ask that all chocolates and bottles be new, in date and unopened and brought in on the morning of 1st December. Thank you.

Don't forget about our Reception class are hosting a **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop** on the evening of Monday 4th December. This promises to be a lovely evening so please purchase your tickets via ParentPay.

Our **Christmas Fair** is on Friday 8th December from 4:30pm - 7pm. Look out for messages on your Year Group WhatsApp for information. We have assigned stalls to Year Groups and we hope that you all will be happy to help us with this lovely festive event. We cannot run events without your support so thank you.

Next PTA meeting is the 23rd November in the Legh Arms at 7:30pm. Please can we ask that at least 1 or 2 parents from each year group make an effort to attend. We will be finalising responsibilities for our Christmas Fair and it would be extremely useful to have parent representation to relay messages to their particular year group. Thank you.

Healthy Eating Policy Reminder

Morning Play snack	Fresh Fruit or Vegetables may be brought from home. Reception and KS1 will be provided with free fruit via the National Fruit Scheme.		
	Permitted	Restricted Foods (permitted on Fridays only)	Not permitted
Packed Lunches	Sandwiches Fruit and Vegetables Yoghurts and yogurt drinks Healthy 'treats' – like fruit bars, dried fruit etc. Water, Fresh fruit juice, fresh milk, smoothies Cheese Cakes Biscuits Cereal bars	Jam sandwiches Crisps including 'baked'. Popcorn Milk shakes Chocolate spread	Nuts Sesame Houmous Satay Peanut Butter Hot Soup Sweets Fizzy Drinks.

It has come to our attention that some children are bringing in sweets and chocolates in their packed lunches daily, and also crisps on days other than a Friday. Please can I remind you of our Healthy Eating Policy and ask that you check your child's lunch bag before they come to school. Thank you for your support.



Father David and St. Vincent's Church

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

Masses at Lymm: Mass at Noon on Saturday at St Winefride's Booths Hill Rd Lymm, WA13 0DL

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.

PARISH DINNER will be at Knutsford Golf Club on **28 November** 6.30pm for 7pm. The cost will be £20 for a 2-course meal payable on the night. Roast beef, lamb or pork or salmon with seasonal veg followed by a choice of sticky toffee pudding, Bakewell tart, fruit crumble or chocolate torte. If you want to come, email events@stvincentsknutsford.org or speak to John Long.

THE LADIES GROUP The Ladies Christmas Lunch is planned for Tuesday 12th December at 1pm in the Church Hall. The cost is £12 payable by 30 November. Forms available after Sunday Mass from Sheila Flynn or Andrea Ross.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS each Saturday from 11.30am-Noon.

CLOTHES FOR REFUGEES: We would welcome donations of Autumn and Winter men's clothes particularly jumpers, socks and footwear. Leave at back of Church.

The Week Ahead – Anti Bullying Week

Start Time **End Time**

Monday 13th November

Odd Socks Day – children to wear odd socks to school	ALL	DAY
Year 5 Forest Schools		PM
Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music – Love Music Trust - remember instrument		PM
Year 1-6 After School Sports Club – Multi sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30

Tuesday 14th November

Reception 'Stay and Learn' – Maths Focus, School Hall.	09:00	10:00
Y6 Fire Service Road Safety Training	10:30	

Wednesday 15th November

Y4 visit to the Catalyst Discovery Centre, Widnes – permission/payment via ParentPay.	ALL	DAY
KS2 Choir after school	15:30	16:30
Mad Science After School Club	15:25	16:25
D.R. Sports After school Club	15:25	16:30

Thursday 16th November

Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Y5 Music Festival at St. Nicholas Catholic High School - permission via ParentPay.	14:00	19:00

Friday 17th November

Children in Need – children can dress in own clothes. Donations via https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11591		
Y3 Class Assembly, School Hall	09:05	9:45
Y5/Y6 Swimming – payment via ParentPay		PM
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30

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