

Focus on.....Year 2

In Art we have been exploring maps. We drew a map of part of our journey to school and then used a section of it to make an abstract map, using a stained-glass effect. We think they look great!

In Science we have been looking at life cycles. We sorted pictures and discussed how we grow and change as we get older.

As part of Safer Internet Day, we looked at how technology and the internet can change people's feelings and know how to get help from a trusted adult. We looked at a story of two children who love playing games online. When something happens in their game that makes them feel worried, they realise they need to let an adult know. All the children could say who they would talk to if something happened online that made them feel uncomfortable.

During Mental Health Week we read the book 'Speak up' by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola and thought about ways we can use our voices to speak up for things that matter to us. We have also been looking at the importance of careful listening. We had fun making a string telephone and used it to communicate with each other. This helped us to think about how we should be good listeners in class. We also thought about and celebrated our proud moments. We are trying to think about something we are proud of each day.



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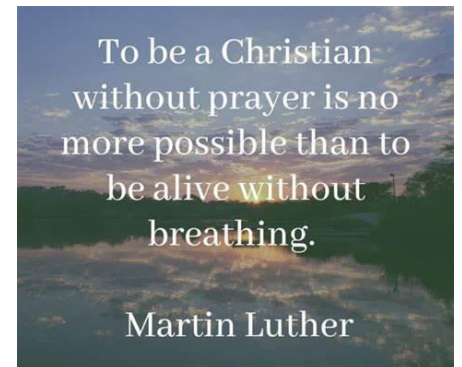
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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
 "That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to Reflect by Mrs Davies

This week we have focused on mental health. Prayer is important - especially when we are busy. I think this quote from Martin Luther sums it up beautifully!



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	Anton	Aurora	Albert – super effort with his phonics sounds.
Year 1	Henry	Florence H	William – trying his best with his handwriting.
Year 2	James	Harrison	Theo F – for being a perfect Y2!
Year 3	Ella	Robyn	AraOluwa – fantastic knowledge on our stone age trip.
Year 4	Molly	Daniel	Maya – excellent attitude to learning.
Year 5	Alice	Theo	Elliot – for putting huge effort into everything he does.
Year 6	Douglas	Leland	Alice – for never failing to give 100% and always being so cheerful.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a magnificent week I have had in school including a trip out! It has been lovely being in classes, teaching our amazing children and seeing how hard they work. It was great to see the Year 6 parents on Tuesday morning for their SATs talk. Thank you to Mrs Bullen who spoke about how you can help your child in the last six months at Primary school – I can't believe how time goes so quick! On Tuesday afternoon and evening I had the delight of going with our Choir to sing at the AO arena in Manchester with Mrs Cox. All the children sang their hearts out and their behaviour was exemplary.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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

Year 5 'Numbers at Work'

On Monday, we were joined by the 'Numbers at Work' team which consisted of employees from Tatton Park, MACE and Manchester Airport. The team worked with our Year 5 class to demonstrate the importance of Maths in our daily lives and how it is used in different professions.

The children were split into groups and worked on tasks such as planning a holiday using a brochure of information and set budget. They also looked at roles, budget and practice in construction using 'marshmallows and cocktail sticks'. Finally, they had to calculate how much iron must be injected into the piglets in Tatton Park's farm.

We had a great morning and our children were surprised at how valuable Maths is in our everyday lives. A big thank you to the team who came in. From the feedback 93% of children rated it Brilliant or Good. 97% understand more about the importance of maths now, and 90% agree that adults use Maths every day. Other comments were around how much fun they had, but resoundingly they wanted longer sessions.



Mini Vinnies in Action

Our Mini Vinnies have been in action again this week spreading some happiness during Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. We made some positivity quotes and they handed them out to children in school and to some of our parents on the playground. We hope you have kept them, or placed them somewhere visible so that you can read them regularly!

Please have a look at the article about our Mini Vinnies in the attached Young Vincentian Newsletter which is distributed far and wide.

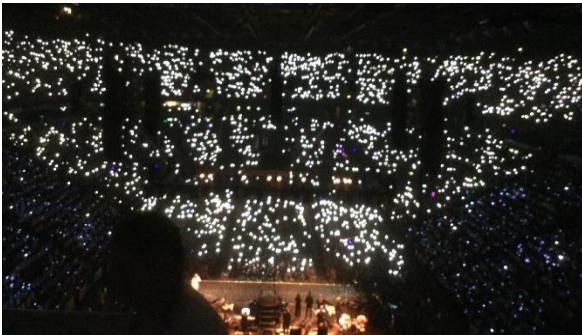


Y3 visit to Tatton

On Thursday, Year 3 braved the snowy weather and went to Tatton Park to learn more about the Stone Age. We learnt more about the tools they would have used for farming, how to start a fire and why they were important, and we learnt about the weapons they would have used to hunt. We enjoyed making our own Stone Age inspired shelter using sticks and animal skins and we even had a chance to dress up like them!



Young Voices 2024



On Tuesday, our Choir took part in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena, in Manchester, along with over 8000 other children from schools across the region. As well as performing a selection of songs, the children also got to watch performances from dance group Urban Strides and the young and very talented drummer, Nandi Bushell. The evening was a fantastic experience for us all, and Miss Groarke and I were incredibly proud of how our children behaved throughout the day and night.

'I absolutely loved it! The drumming girl was amazing! I loved the song 'Sky full of stars' because the arena did look like that. Thank you, Mrs Cox and Miss Groarke, for taking us.' Judy (Y4). 'I had a fabulous time!' Martha (Y4). 'It was so fun! I was dancing and singing so much I kept on dropping my light down the seats but I got them back luckily!' Alice (Y4).

Competition Winners

In assembly this week the winners were announced of the different competitions organised by the choir. Congratulations to Joel (Y5) who won the signed basketball, Ethan (Y5) who won a free term of Rock Steady lessons, Evelyn (Y2) who guessed 166 sweets in the jar and Amelia (Y3) who guessed the name of the dog Barkley. (Jessica her sister picked up her prize). The choir raised £169 towards the cost of the coach to the AO arena. Thank you everyone for taking part.



Safer Internet Day [Safer Internet Day 2024 - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/)

On Tuesday was Safer Internet Day - 'Connect, Reflect, Protect.' 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online.' We have been discussing this theme in assemblies and in the classrooms. I cannot stress how important it is for you as adults to have discussions and to put in boundaries about the use of technology in the home. It is easier to put in boundaries now at primary school, the earlier they are in, the easier it is for children to accept. [St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School: Safeguarding and E- Safety \(stvincentsknutsford.co.uk\)](https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/)

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. David	St. Andrew	St. George	St. Patrick
19	20	18	21

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

Attendance

Reception	94.2%	Year 4	98.4%
Year 1	98.6%	Year 5	96.1%
Year 2	96%	Year 6	95.4%
Year 3	93.2%		

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – GREAT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!



Mental Health Week

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

We have been celebrating 'Children's Mental Health week' – the theme this year is 'My Voice Matters.' Mrs Hales, our KS2 ELSA, visited Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 and talked to the children about different emotions and how important it is to recognise and be able to talk to someone about how they are feeling. We also discussed empathy and the need to look out for each other too. Mrs Hales gave each child a paper blossom flower for them to tell us what makes them happy. These flowers have been pinned to our corridor display tree. If a child is feeling sad, they can visit our 'Happy Tree' and see ideas from other children that might help brighten their day.



Chinese New Year – Year of the Dragon

Reception celebrated the Chinese New Year this week by taking part in lots of different activities including a dragon dance, Chinese writing, patterns, dressing up and eating Chinese food. Happy New Year to all who are celebrating.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery Today was the fifth PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the Spring Term. Today's lucky ball was number 10. Congratulations to parents of Harvey (Y6).

Dads Darts Darts is back @ The Lord Eldon this March! Can anyone stop Chris "The Cheat" Jones from completing the first Trilogy in the trophy's long history? We all certainly hope so. Join us on Friday, March 15th at 7PM. Secure your spot for £10 per ticket, via ParentPay from Monday 12th February. The cost of the ticket includes a chance to win the infamous raffle. Bring extra cash on the day for more special prizes! New Dads are welcome, the general standard is terrible so don't worry if you can't play! See you all on the 15th March. Cheers Chris & Ben.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 12th February		
Y1 Forest Schools	PM	
Y4 Wider Opportunities Music – please remember instruments	PM	
D.R. Sports After School Club	15:25	16:30
Recorder Club	15:25	16:00
Tuesday 13th February		
Shrove Tuesday		
Year 2 visit to 'Great Fire', Weaver Hall	ALL	DAY
Y5/Y6 parents meeting for Robinwood Residential, School Hall	09:00	09:30
Wednesday 14th February		
R/Y1/Y2 Stay and Read Session	9:05	9:20
Ash Wednesday – Service of Ashes		14:30
D.R. Sports After school Club	15:25	16:30
KS2 Love Music Trust Choir	15:25	16:25
Thursday 15th February		
Rock Steady Music	ALL	DAY
Kirsty Duncan – Author visiting KS1 and Reception		PM
Y3/Y4 Sports Hall Athletics, Knutsford Academy	14:45	17:00
Friday 16th February		
Year 4 Class Assembly, School Hall – parents/carers welcome	09:05	09:30
Y3/Y4 Swimming	PM	
Break up for half term	15:25	
D.R. Sports – After School KS2 Football	15:25	16:30

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

Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week:

LOOK WHO IS

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Loughlin

LOOK WHO IS

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Albin
Emma

LOOK WHO IS

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Douglas



Father David and St. Vincent's Church

[St Vincent De Paul RC Church, Knutsford \(stvincentsknutsford.org\)](http://stvincentsknutsford.org)

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

Masses at Lymm: Vigil Mass at St Winefride's, Booths Hill Rd, Lymm, WA13 0DL at 5.45pm on Saturdays.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS each Saturday from 11.30am-Noon