

## Focus on.....Year 4

What have Year 4 been up to?

This term has gone by in the blink of an eye and Year 4 have made the most of every minute! The children have been working incredibly hard in all their curriculum subjects and have also enjoyed the enrichment days that have been provided by school. It was lovely being able to celebrate the many individual successes of all the children at Parents Evening.

On Tuesday, we had a great time in the hall participating in the many challenges set by Michelle and Johnnie on our Sport Ninja Day. We pushed ourselves to do the best we could and encouraged each other in all the different events.



Recently, after reading 'If The World Were 100 People', we wrote a letter to our Prime Minister to express our concern about the unfair distribution of our world's resources. We were delighted to receive a reply in the post from his Correspondence Officer.

In Geography we have loved learning all about earthquakes and volcanoes. We used this knowledge last week when we took our learning outside for Forest School and tried to build structures that would withstand an earthquake and a tsunami – we had great fun testing them out at the end!!



These are just a few things, there is so much more to celebrate. Please join us at 9.05am on Tuesday when we act out the Last Supper for the whole school as part of our Holy Week reflections.

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

## Time to Reflect



It is Palm Sunday this weekend, the Sunday that begins Holy Week. Please do find time to go to church with your children. In school, starting Monday, each of our KS2 classes will be leading a reflection as part of Holy Week. Y3 – Palm Sunday, Y4 – The Last Supper, Y5 – The Garden of Gethsemane and Y6 – The Crucifixion. Our children always lead us beautifully through Holy Week. It is the perfect time to reflect and prepare for Easter Sunday. Do join us – they will start each day at approximately 9.05am.

## 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	Theo	Aurora	Christian – for fantastic work with 3D shapes.
Year 1	Mia	Dora	Charlie – brilliant reading!
Year 2	Joe	Eva	Violet – always tries her best!
Year 3	George	Layla	Jaxon – amazing science work!
Year 4	Alice	Grace C	Daniel – excellent effort with writing.
Year 5	Jeswin	Ayla	Ferreira – amazing ninja warrior skills ~ only Y5 to complete the bar challenge!
Year 6	Matthew	Georgie	Lexie-Mae – Fantastic effort during assessment week and in all she does.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nearly the end of the Spring term, only three more days for the children and we have certainly packed in plenty! On Monday in assembly, we celebrated St. Patrick's day and were entertained by three very talented Irish dancers – Evie (Y4) Molly (Y4) and Lily (Y6). They were amazing dancing in front of the whole school. This weekend we begin our journey through Holy Week; the week preceding Easter and the final week of Lent which is a really special time. On Sunday will be Palm Sunday and all children taking the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday need to attend 11am mass as there will be a rehearsal after mass. Children's liturgy will be on in Church on Sunday.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

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



## Holy Week Lenten Reflections

On Monday we begin our journey through Holy Week. Parents and carers are welcome to join us in the hall at 9.05am for the reflections. They usually finish by 9.20am.

Our KS2 pupils will help us reflect on Holy Week by leading us through the various events:

Monday 9.05am – Year 3 will reflect on Palm Sunday.

Tuesday 9.05am – Year 4 will reflect on the Last Supper.

Wednesday 9.05am – Year 5 will reflect on the Garden of Gethsemane and then Year 6 will reflect on the Crucifixion.

These short reflections have proved to be very powerful in the past, linking prayer, drama and music in a very thought-provoking way. Can we please ask that when you come into the hall you respect the silent atmosphere that we will have created. The hall will be in darkness and children will enter in silence. Thank you for your understanding.

## Year 4 visit to St Nicholas High School

Year 4 had a fantastic visit to St Nicholas High School yesterday and enjoyed experiencing life at a secondary school. They started the day in the chapel and took part in a peaceful reflection and meditation about Lent with Marie the chaplain, before heading to the Art department with Miss Lowe creating our very own Tom Gates inspired booklet; the children loved creating their own cartoon illustrations and bubble writing. After lunch, they visited the Sports Hall with Mr Armstrong where they took part in a carousel of sports hall activities such as javelin, vertical jump, curling, running and hurdles. A special mention goes to Daniel who managed to hit the stone in curling right into the centre of the target – Mr Armstrong was very impressed! Our children were great ambassadors for St Vincent's and they all had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the staff at St Nicholas for a great day!

"It is a really nice place to go to high school!" Chloe.

"The students were really kind." Zach.

"The classes were really funny and my favourite was Art." Alissa.



## 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
22	21	18	16

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

## Attendance

Reception	88.4%	Year 4	93.2%
Year 1	94.7%	Year 5	<b>97.4%</b>
Year 2	93.8%	Year 6	94.6%
Year 3	97.2%		

**WELL DONE Y5 – BRILLIANT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Parents' Evening and looking at books

It was lovely to see so many of you at our teacher/parent meetings in school on Wednesday and Thursday evening. Thank you for your attendance at these sessions and for your positive feedback. One of the greatest motivators for any child is when a Parent or Carer shows their support by coming to look at their work and talk to their teachers. We are so lucky to have so many supportive, encouraging Parents and Carers. Thank you also to all the staff who put so much preparation into these sessions as well as being available for the extra five hours it takes after school. If you were unable to make Parents' Evening then please speak to the class teacher to rearrange as it is really important to meet with your child's class teacher.

## Ninja Warrior Kids

On Tuesday, we welcomed Jonny Urszulu from Ninja Warrior Kids into school for the day. Jonny was the winner of the Ninja Warrior UK TV show in 2017, and the children loved watching videos of him in action. He was also a three times Hungarian gymnastics champion.

The day started with an assembly focusing on growth mindset, the part physical activity has to play in this and how children can build resilience in all areas of their life. This was followed with each class taking part in several physical challenges as they worked their way around an obstacle course that had been set up in our school Hall! There was a lot of fun, laughter and activity coming from the hall throughout the day!



## Year 5 Road Safety Talk

Yesterday Year 5 had a talk from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service about road safety.



'A man from the Cheshire Fire Service came in and told us about how to stay safe on the roads. He showed us videos of someone helping people across roads and we learnt about different types of crossings, and how to use them safely and correctly. He also measured children's heights to see if they needed to still use a booster seat in a car', by Gianna and Mae.

## Holidays during term time and absence requests

Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated. Please see this policy on our website for further details. Please can you ensure that any absence requests (when possible) are put in writing to Miss Groarke at least 4 weeks before the intended dates of absence. **Please note** Cheshire East Local Authority have informed all schools that Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

## Year 1 trip – Betty Bear

Year 1 went on an adventure with Barnaby Bear this week, to Congleton town hall. We sang our way around the world from Iceland to China and back again. Our teachers were amazed with how well behaved we were and how fantastic our singing was!



## Year 1 / 2 Football Taster Event



The children took part in a variety of football activities lead by the pupils of Knutsford Academy. The children were very excited to represent the school and wear the school sports kits. All the children had a great time.



## PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today's PTA Fun Ball Friday lucky ball was number 7.

Congratulations to parents of Annie (Y4).

We had a great turnout for our **KS1 Disco and KS2 Bonkers Bingo** events last Friday and made a very impressive £387.57! A round of applause for our very talented DJ's & Hosts for the night, Miss Hughes & Mrs Hales and an enormous thank you to the teachers and parents that volunteered too. It was such fun and the kids most certainly had a blast!

A big **THANK YOU** to all our lovely parents that volunteered at our **Book Fair** this week and of course to all the families that bought books and goodies for their children. We did very well, selling £558.60 worth of books. Amazing!

As the school breaks up for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 27th March, we are holding a **Tuckshop** in the playground after school. Please come along and spoil your kids with an end of term treat. If you are unable to be there, there will be an option to pre-order sweets on ParentPay. We have treats for those children with allergies & intolerances too. We look forward to seeing you there.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Tuesday 16th April from 8:30-9:15am, we will be holding another **preloved school uniform sale** in the hall. We will send out a reminder but please come along if there are any extra uniform items you might be wanting. Likewise, if you have any uniform that your children have grown out of and you'd like to donate to our 2nd-hand shop, please drop these off with the ladies in the office. Thank you.

## Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week:

LOOK  
WHO IS

6

Freddie

LOOK  
WHO IS

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Lola

LOOK  
WHO IS

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Jeswin

<b>The Week Ahead – HOLY WEEK</b>		<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>			
<b>Y3 Holy Week Reflection, School Hall</b>		09:05	09:15
<b>Y2 Forest Schools</b>			PM
<b>Y4 Wider Opportunities Music</b> – please remember instruments		PM	
D.R. Sports After School Club		15:25	16:30
Recorder Club		15:25	16:00
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>			
<b>Y4 Holy Week Reflection, School Hall</b>		09:05	09:15
<b>Whole Class Photos</b>		AM	
<b>Netball v Mobberley Primary at St Vincent's</b>		15:30	16:15
<b>Y3 Reconciliation in St Vincent's Church</b>		19:00	
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>			
<b>Y5 and Y6 Holy Week Reflection, School Hall</b>		09:05	9:15
<b>Break up for Easter Holidays</b>		15:25	
<b>PTA Tuck Shop, playground</b>		15:25	16:00
D.R. Sports – After School Club		15:25	16:30
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>			
<b>Inset Day</b> – no school for pupils		08:45	08:55

\* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at [www.drsportsclubs.co.uk](http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk)



## 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.

### SERVICES FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM:

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 9pm.

**Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon. Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm.

**Holy Saturday:** Vigil of Easter at 7.30pm

**Easter Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am. 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

### St Vincent's Catenians Event

Join the St Vincent's Catenian's for a fun St. George's "Champagne and Table Games" Fundraising Event for SVP Society on Friday April 26th from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM at St. Vincent's Parish Hall. Enjoy champagne, table games, soft drinks, and nibbles for just £10. The event is open to all brothers as well as St. Vincent's parishioners and friends. Feel free to bring other drinks and try your luck at the raffle with proceeds benefiting SVP.

Contact [events@knutsford.p17catenians.org](mailto:events@knutsford.p17catenians.org)