## Focus on.....Year 1

Year 1 have returned to school after the Easter break full of energy for the term ahead!

In DT, we have been constructing our windmills that we designed before the Easter holidays. We have really enjoyed putting them together but, at times, it got a little fiddly and we had to ask Miss Billington and Mrs Lees to help.

We have been wowing Miss Billington with our writing in English. Last week, we wrote a recount of our Easter holidays and this week we have been finishing our 'What am I?' poems. We are going to display them in our classroom so if you get a chance come and have a read of them to see if you can guess what we were writing about. In Science, we have just started our new topic of plants and next week we are going to be planting our own broad bean seeds! We want to look closely at how the seeds start to form roots so we are going to put them in plastic bags and stick them on the window. So, keep an eye out for them on our classroom window.

In Art, we have started exploring and creating sculptures using card. Keep your eyes peeled as we may be making our very own 3D spiders and they might even make an appearance in our class assembly! We have got lots of exciting things to look forward to over the coming term and we are going to be very busy.



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

# **Gospel Values**

Our gospel value this week is **Integrity** 

Integrity means to think and do what is right at all times, no matter what the potential consequences may be. When you have integrity, you are willing to live by your beliefs and standards when no one is watching. It is equivalent to being honest, sincere, genuine, and is fundamental to true character.

The definition of integrity in the Bible emphasises the importance of doing what is right, even when it is difficult or unpopular. It involves being truthful, reliable, and consistent in one's words and actions.



# **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 | Gospel value:<br>Integrity | Conduct and<br>Courtesy | Merit award - comment  |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Reception  | Christian                  | Jessica                 | Nathan – amazing effort and participation in music with Mr Clay.       |
| Year 1     | Amy                        | Peyton                  | Max – for consistently showing us how a Y1 child should behave.        |
| Year 2     | Rose                       | Theo F                  | Alfie – great effort in writing.                                       |
| Year 3     | Oliver T-P                 | AraOluwa                | Layla – amazing simile poem!   |
| Year 4     | Chloe                      | Ethan                   | Martha – excellent work and confidence in French.                      |
| Year 5     | Theo                       | Olivia Co               | Ferreira – showing super understanding of coordinates and translation. |
| Year 6     | Alice                      | Kyra                    | Arthur – a fantastic WWII non-chronological report.                    |

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had with very changeable weather! Many children from Reception to Year 6 have received teacher awards this week for work in Maths, English - reading, writing and spelling and exemplary behaviour – well done to them all. A highlight of the week was Thursday afternoon with the Rock Steady concert directed by Joe. It was amazing to see such talented and enthusiastic children playing in all the bands. Well done everyone who took part.

Have a lovely weekend, hopefully we will have sunshine.

God bless,

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

# Pizza Making

As part of their DT Cooking and Nutrition unit, the Y5 children made their own healthy mini pizzas. We had a great time making the dough and creating a variety of healthy topping combinations.



# **Rock Steady**

On Thursday afternoon, we had our fourth Rock Steady Concert in school. There were 9 bands that performed and they all had the audience clapping and joining in. All the children who took part from Year 1 to Year 6 performed with confidence and big smiles on their faces. It was a wonderful musical experience and opportunity for them to perform to an audience. We are all very proud of what they have achieved. Thank you to Joe from Rocksteady for his enthusiasm and hard work. https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/



### **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 |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 17        | 25         | 17         | 18          |

Well done to this week's winning house is - St. Andrew

#### **Attendance**

| Reception | 96.8% | Year 4 | 96.8% |
|-----------|-------|--------|-------|
| Year 1    | 99.7% | Year 5 | 98.4% |
| Year 2    | 98.3% | Year 6 | 97.7% |
| Year 3    | 96.8% |        |       |

WELL DONE YEAR 1 - AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

# **D.T. Competition Winners**

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the DT competition. The designs were fantastic and so creative! Miss Billington, with the help of the KS1 teachers and our School Council, found it almost impossible to judge a winner. In the end the winners chosen were:

EYFS/KS1 – Leonardo (Year 1) KS2 – Layla (Year 3)

Everyone who took part received a certificate and treat in assembly this afternoon.





# **Outstanding Payments**

Please could parents/carers ensure that all outstanding dinner, swimming and residential/trip monies are paid online via ParentPay, and in advance/by deadline dates. If you are struggling with money issues, please come and talk to Miss Groarke and she will help.

All children in Reception and KS1 receive free dinners as part of the Government Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Free School Meals are also available for children whose parents who are in receipt of certain state benefits. If a parent thinks they may qualify for FSM entitlement, they should contact the school office for further details, or contact the Cheshire East School Meals Services on 0300 123 5012 or online at Free School Meals (cheshireeast.gov.uk)



# **PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery**

Today was the second PTA Fun Ball draw of the Summer Term. Today's lucky ball was number 19. Congratulations to the parents of Annie (Y4).

A reminder to all that school will be open this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, between 10:30am-12pm for **Recycle2Schools** bag drop-off. Bags will be collected on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May so if you can't make Sunday, you can drop them off at school next week. Please will you help us by filling as many bags (plain bin liners) as possible so we can raise some money for our school.

| The Week Ahead                                      | Start<br>Time | End<br>Time |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April                       |               |             |  |  |  |
| Y4 residential visit to Petty Pool                  |               |             |  |  |  |
| Cricket Y2-Y6                                       |               |             |  |  |  |
| Y5 Forest Schools                                   |               | РМ          |  |  |  |
| D.R. Sports After School Club                       | 15:25         | 16:30       |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April                      |               |             |  |  |  |
| Y4 residential visit to Petty Pool                  |               |             |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 1st May                                   |               |             |  |  |  |
| Y4 residential visit to Petty Pool                  |               |             |  |  |  |
| R/Y1/Y2 – Stay and Read                             | 09:05         | 09:15       |  |  |  |
| Rec – Love Music Trust 'Rex the Dinosaur' Workshop  |               | РМ          |  |  |  |
| LMT After School Choir Club – sign up via ParentPay | 15:25         | 16:25       |  |  |  |
| D.R. Sports – After School Club                     | 15:25         | 16:30       |  |  |  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                        |               |             |  |  |  |
| Rock Steady Music Lessons                           | ALL           | DAY         |  |  |  |
| Y5/Y6 swimming booster lessons                      | PM            |             |  |  |  |
| Netball v Egerton Primary at St. Vincent's          |               | 16:15       |  |  |  |
| KS2 Eco Committee                                   | 15:25         | 16:15       |  |  |  |
| Y1/Y2 Little Champs at Knutsford Leisure Centre     | 16:00         | 17:00       |  |  |  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                          |               |             |  |  |  |
| INSET Day – no school for pupils                    |               |             |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at <u>www.drsportsclubs.co.uk</u>

# **Birthday Wishes!** Many happy returns for this week:

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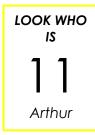
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# Father David and St. Vincent's Church

St Vincent De Paul RC Church, Knutsford (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.

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