

## Focus on ... Year 5

At the start of the week, we had Forest School where we began our new Geography topic, 'Can I Improve My Map Skills.' We used resources that we could find to create an eight-point compass. We were very creative using sticks and leaves. We then carried out an orienteering activity. Using a map of the school grounds, the children had to find certain trees with markers on and make a note of the letters and numbers on them. In English we have been looking at our new book by Chris Hadfield, *The Darkest Dark*. We have been learning how to write expanded noun phrases and relative clauses to make our writing interesting. Using these skills, children wrote descriptive paragraphs about the setting for the story. In Maths, the children have continued to impress Mrs O'Keefe with their effort and positive attitudes towards some tricky fractions work! For Anti-Bullying week we took part in Odd Sock Day and a poetry workshop where the children wrote amazing poem inspired by this year's theme, Choose Respect. The children wrote poems about celebrating being different and how this makes us feel. Another wonderful week in Year 5 😊



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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:  
**Compassion**



The gospel focus this week was from Mark 12:38-44. It tells us the importance of actions not words. Jesus reminds us that doing the right thing is much better than saying you'll do the right thing but then do nothing. Let us all try to share what we have with others.

## Behaviour Awards

**Conduct and Courtesy Award** – Great attitude with good manners and behaviour.

**Merit Award** – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Gospel value: Compassion	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Felix	Arthur	Frankie – working hard on his writing.
Year 1	Georgia	Lily	Robyn – for trying her best all week.
Year 2	Mia	James	Tyler – for writing his name beautifully!
Year 3	Violet	Benjamin	Harrison – amazing artwork from our trip to the Whitworth Art Gallery.
Year 4	Layla	Henry	Matthew – excellent contribution in maths.
Year 5	Zachary	Chloe	Amelia – fantastic effort joining in with class discussions.
Year 6	Malachy	Ethan B	Michael – fantastic work on becoming a BODmaster.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it's been here in school with so many lovely buddy activities going on. We have marked National Anti-Bullying Week by having a Friendship Week. Our focus this week has been 'Choose Respect' and how unique each one of us is. The purpose of such a week is to celebrate our uniqueness, the gift of friendship and to review our practice in school relating to friendship issues. This year, we also want to remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

We have also talked about children helping children and today we had our own clothes day to give donations to Children in Need, a very worthy cause. So far, we have raised £299. Thank you for all support and generosity. If you would still like to contribute more, please follow the link [Children In Need 2024](#)



I am looking forward to seeing you all at Mass on Sunday when Year 2 and Year 6 buddies will be taking the lead.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

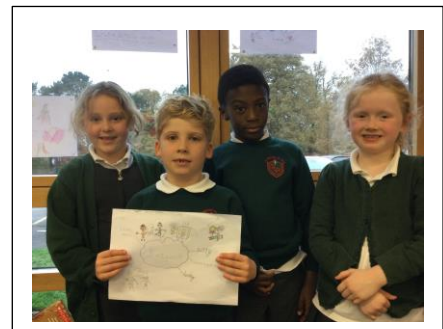
Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

## Odd Sock Day - Respect



On Tuesday, all the children and staff came to school wearing odd socks to show that we are all individual and unique.

In Year 2, we thought about what the word respect means and made posters to show how we can be respectful to each other. We decorated some odd socks and discussed how we are all different and unique and that's what makes us special.



## Anti bullying poster Competition

Thank you so much to everyone who entered the competition launched by the school council before the holidays to design a poster to promote Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for this year, Choose Respect, was represented beautifully by so many children across the school. The school council gathered together and looked at all posters and then voted for the ones they liked the most. It was a tough decision but congratulations to Amelia (Year 5), Ayden (Year 4) and Jessica (Year 1). Enjoy your prizes.



## 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	18	19	18

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

## Attendance

Reception	97.3%	Year 4	96.5%
Year 1	88.4%	Year 5	94%
Year 2	97.7%	Year 6	<b>97.8%</b>
Year 3	96.3%		

**WELL DONE YEAR 6 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Y3 visit to Whitworth Art Gallery

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited Whitworth Art Gallery where we learnt all about using shapes we can see to draw our own pictures. We practised using our imagination and our intuition to create a free-flowing design based on Alison Wilding's work. We were also fortunate enough to then create a structure using these same techniques. We massively enjoyed looking around the gallery and admiring the different pieces of artwork.



## Y4 visit to Catalyst Discovery Centre



'We visited the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and it was great fun. We did our first workshop and got to do lots of experiments which were so fun. At the next workshop we got to make keychains out of material called Capa', by Henry.

'We went to the science centre and got to do lots of fun science activities and experiments. We had a great day and found out that if you put boiling water on a material called Capa you make slime!', by Layla-Grace.

## Y3 Class Assembly

This morning it was Year 3's class assembly. We heard all about the amazing work they have been doing in French, RE, English, and Science – they have learnt so much in the last 10 weeks. They all spoke beautifully and performed so well in front of the school and their families. Well done Year 3, you were brilliant!





## Fun Ball Friday - Congratulations to the

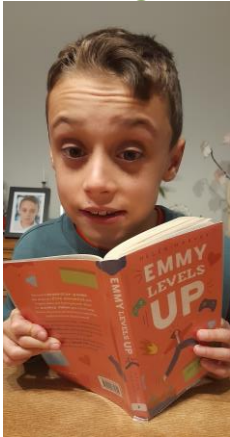
winner this week: Number 15 – parents of Reggie (Y1). You have until 5pm on a Thursday to buy (via ParentPay) your PTA Fun Ball for Fridays draw, at a cost of £2 per ball.

## Author Visit – Kirsty Duncan



Local author Kirsty Duncan came into school on Wednesday to read the children in Reception and KS1 her second book 'The Bear and the Bat go to Bat Town'. Books are available to buy via ParentPay at a discounted price of £6.99 (usual price is £8.99). Books will be delivered to school at the end of November

## Reading for Pleasure



Ethan would like to recommend the book, 'Emmy Levels Up', by Helen Harvey. Here is a picture of Ethan almost reaching the end of the book he got from Knutsford library yesterday! Don't forget to email in suggestions for books you have enjoyed reading together and a photograph of you reading as a family to [admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk) Every recommendation with a photograph will get a Head Teacher Award and pictures will appear in the newsletter.

## Diocesan Building Fund

As of this morning, we have now collected **£1135** on ParentPay for this year's Diocesan Building Fund. This is still a long way off our optimum amount of £3000. Please contribute (a minimum of) £15 for each child you have at the school. Thank you so much for your continued support – your contributions mean that less money will have to be taken from the school budget for this.



## Year 3/4 Mixed Football Tournament

St Vincent's Primary School are the winners! Congratulations to the boys and girls who represented the school so well last night.

The team did not lose a match all night! I am really proud of the team, who were fantastic. Every player gave 100% and the teamwork they showed was amazing! Coach Dave

## Birthday Wishes! Many happy returns for this week go to:

LOOK WHO IS

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Jessica

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Leonardo

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Eva

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Daniel  
Edward C  
Jane

## The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

**Mass 11am at St Vincent's Church. Year 2 and Year 6 leading - everyone welcome.**

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Year 4 Forest School</b>	AM	
<b>Reception Forest School</b>		PM
<b>Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson</b> – Don't forget instruments!	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

<b>Fluenz Nasal Spray</b>	AM	
<b>Reception 'Stay and Learn' – Maths. School Hall</b>	09:00	11:00
<b>Music Ninjas</b> – Piano lessons		PM

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

<b>ARTIS</b> performing arts workshops	ALL	DAY
<b>Stay and Read</b> – Reception, Year 1 & 2	15:05	15:20
<b>Mad Science after school club</b>	15:25	16:25
<b>Year 1 and 2 Junk Modelling Afterschool Club</b>	15:25	16:25
D.R. Sports – Dodgeball/Basketball/Netball (Y1-Y6)	15:30	16:30
'Timid to Tiger' Final Session, School Hall	17:00	18:30

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

<b>Rock Steady Music</b>	ALL	DAY
<b>Eco Committee with Miss Hyland</b>	15:25	16:15

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

<b>Year 4 class assembly, School Hall</b> – parents/carers welcome	09:05	
<b>Y5/Y6 Swimming</b> - Don't forget swimming kits!	PM	
<b>KS2 Choir with Mrs Cox</b> – School Hall	15:30	16:15
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](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.

**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.

**SVP APPEAL:** Can you donate any old foreign coins or notes to support the SVP Children's Holiday Camps for those families living in poverty that cannot afford a holiday. Please place them in the containers provided in the porch at Church.

**THE ENQUIRY GROUP** began on Thursday 14 November at 7pm in the Hall. It will be on every week. This group is for all those who are seeking to become Catholics and for anyone who would like to know more about our Catholic faith. All parishioners are invited to come and share your faith and support those who are enquiring. For more information please contact Father David.